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Insecurity in Afghanistan has internal roots, claims Pakistan's UN envoy

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The ambassador of Pakistan to the United Nations Maleeha Lodhi has claimed that the ongoing instability in Afghanistan has internal links, a claim which comes in contrast to the US and Afghan officials statement regarding the sanctuaries being used by the terrorist groups to stage attacks in Afghanistan.

Speaking to a UN Security Council Debate, Lodhi claimed that the sources of insecurity in Afghanistan lie within Afghanistan.

She claimed that the twenty terrorist groups are operating in Afghanistan and said “The Afghan government would be better advised to focus more seriously on its persisting challenges and embark on a course correction.”

The Afghan officials are saying that the leadership councils and sanctuaries of the two groups have remained intact despite Pakistan launched major offensives against the terror groups.

The US President Donald Trump also strongly criticized Pakistan regarding the terror sanctuaries as he was announcing the new US strategy for South Asia.

“For its part, Pakistan often gives safe haven to agents of chaos, violence, and terror. The threat is worse because Pakistan and India are two nuclear-armed states whose tense relations threaten to spiral into conflict. And that could happen,” he added.