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Afghanistan strongly reacts at misrepresentation of info by Pakistan on prisoners swap

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The Afghan government strongly reacted at the misrepresentation of the information by Pakistan regarding the prisoners including the alleged swap of prisoners as well as that of the alleged Indian spy Kulbhushan Jhadav.

“This is an information statement and to correct the record on the comments addressed by H.E. Khawaja Muhammad Asif, the Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, at the Asia Society in New York on September 26, 2017 referring to his dialogue with the Afghan delegation and in particular National Security Advisor of Afghanistan, Mohammad Haneef Atmar,” the office of the National Security Council said in a statement .

The statement further added that National Security Advisor Mohammad Haneef Atmar met with H.E. Minister Asif on 21st September in UNHQ in New York.

According to the Office of the National Security Council, the two sides had detailed discussions about the bilateral cooperation mechanisms, trilateral mechanism, and QCG. The two sides also discussed sanctuaries in Pakistan and exchange of the top five Taliban leaders detained in Pakistan. There was no mention or reference of India or an Indian citizen.

“Above stated, National Security Advisor Mohammad Haneef Atmar is hopeful that the records of the meetings are reported accurately and facts are not misconstrued for confidence building in the future,” the statement added.

This comes as curtailed local media outlets quoting Asif reported that the Afghan national security adviser has proposed and agreed to prisoners swap in exchange for the release of the alleged Indian spy Kulbhushan Jhadav.