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Agreements amidst occupation illegal

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Opposing strategic cooperation agreement between Afghanistan and United States, leader of Iqtedar-e-Islami Engineer Ahmad Shah Ahmadzai, has said such agreements have no legal status amidst occupation of the country.

Talking to Afghan Islamic Press here on Friday, Iqtedar-e-Islami chief rejected the US-Afghanistan strategic cooperation agreement and described it "a big national treason". "Afghanistan is currently under US and NATO occupation and has no independence. In such a situation, signing strategic agreement is tantamount to prolonging and legalising the occupation. That is why this document has no legal and moral status to the people of Afghanistan," Engineer Ahmad Shah Ahmadzai stated.

Declaring President Hamid Karzai and his allies as national traitors, he said "Signing the agreement is a massive national treason. The document is tantamount to selling out Afghanistan to United States. Therefore, the people who still stay in the Karzai groups and supporting him are big traitors and Allah, the nation and history would never pardon them."

To a question he said, "It is correct that two countries ink agreements for good relations. But it is only in a situation when the two countries are free and independent. Afghanistan has been occupied by United States and NATO for the last 10 years and has no independence. In such a situation, inking strategic agreement means a deal between a master and his slave." Engineer Ahmad Shah urged Afghans rise and launch protest campaign against the agreement.

"Any Afghan who is opposed to the occupation of the country should launch protest demonstrations, meetings and rallies against the country sellout deal and show the world by condemning the agreement that Afghans are strongly opposed to the pact or allowing bases to Americans in Afghanistan."

Engineer Ahmad Shah Ahmadzai was deputy head of Professor Abdul Rab Rasool Sayyaf's Itihad-e-Islami during jihad against former Soviet Union. Sayyaf is one of the firm allies of President Hamid Karzai.

Meanwhile, a statement issued by National Unity Front and Opposition to Foreign Forces' Military Bases strongly condemned the strategic agreement between Afghanistan and United States.

The five-point statement available with AIP termed Afghanistan as an occupation country saying "Afghanistan has been occupied by United States and Hamid Karzai is powerless before them. Americans ignored different demands of the government during the past 10 years. So, this agreement is between the two countries in which one issues order and the other is compelled to obey it."