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Karzai wants CIA to continue funding Afghan presidential palace

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Afghan president Hamid Karzai has urged head of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to continue its financial aid to Afghan presidential palace.

While speaking during a press conference on Saturday, president Karzai said CIA has been providing financial aid to Afghan presidential palace since the formation of the transitional government after the fall of the Taliban regime.

Without elaborating further regarding the exact amount of money received from CIA, president Karzai confirmed that the head of the CIA has vowed to continue its financial aid to Afghan presidential palace.

He said, “I discussed the issue with head of the CIA in my office this morning and urged him not to cut the funds due to recent media reports since we need the funds to continue, and head of the CIA has assured that the funds will not be halted.”

President Karzai also admitted that CIA has been providing funds to Afghan presidential palace since the formation of the transitional government.

Karzai said that the funds are spent through the national security council and some portion of the funds are handed over to political elders while some parts of the funds are spent for the treatment of patients, construction of hostels and arrangement of scholarships for the students abroad.

The New York Times for the first time reported that millions of Dollars have been funded to Afghan presidential palace during the past ten years however a number of the Afghan lawmakers oppose CIA's fund to Afghan presidential palace and urged that the funds should be spent through designated institutions.