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Taliban to carry more attacks on foreigners in Afghanistan

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The deputy commander of foreign forces warned that further attacks by Taliban are expected on international community in Afghanistan in the coming months.

This comes as Taliban recently carried out at least two high-profile attacks on aid organizations.

Lt. General Nick Carter, Britain's top military officer in Afghanistan told Reuters in an interview, "I think we should expect (the Taliban) to attack international forces and internationals more generally."

Referring to Taliban's summer offensive, Lt. General Nick Carter said, "There's definitely a sense that the Taliban would like to appear to compel the international community's withdrawal, and certainly ISAF's withdrawal."

The Taliban militants group in April announced its summer offensive and vowed to carry out attacks on Afghan and coalition security forces, government officials and diplomatic institutions across the country.

Senior officials speaking on the condition of anonymity said a number of foreign organizations including non-military foreign organizations have received more targeted threats than usual over the past week.

The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the group announced its summer offensive, and a number of coordinated attacks including attack on the International Organisation of Migration in Kabul and attack on Red Cross compound in eastern Jalalabad city, which left dozens killed or injured including foreign nationals.

At least 17 people were killed this week after a Taliban suicide bomber detonated explosives in front of the Supreme Court. Besides Taliban fighters carried out attack near the Kabul airport that lasted almost for four hours before they were gunned down by Afghan security forces.

The comments by Top British military officers comes after Afghan defense officials late in May announced that ATaliban militants have deployed a large number of fighters to Afghanistan after closing its religious Madrasas in Pakistan.

The officials also added that Taliban group has increased its psychological war and claim that NATO troops have been defeated in Afghanistan and that Taliban group will gain power after 2014.

Defense ministry spokesman Gen. Zahir Azimi said Taliban group is expecting a victory in 2014 and therefore has deployed all its fighters in Afghanistan in a bid to take control of the power after NATO troops leave Afghanistan.