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Taliban chief Mullah Mohd. Omer dismiss Afghan presidential elections

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The Supreme Leader of the Taliban militants group in Afghanistan, Mullah Mohammad Omar on Tuesday dismissed the upcoming presidential election in Afghanistan, and called it “a waste of time.”

Mullah Mohammad Omar in a statement released on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitre said, “As to the deceiving drama under the name of elections 2014, our pious people will not tire themselves out, nor will they participate in it.”

He said, “Our pious and Mujahid people know that selection, de facto, takes place in Washington. These nominal rulers are not elected through the ballots of the people. Rather they are selected as per the discretion of Washington! Participation in such elections is only a waste of time, nothing more.”

In regards to the Afghan peace process and Taliban political office in Qatar, Mullah Mohammad Omar said, “The developments following the opening of the Political Office of the Islamic Emirate proved that Islamic Emirate is independent, strong and unwavering in its decisions.”

Mullah Mohammad Omar said, “It was also proved that the Islamic Emirate has shown and is showing honesty and commitment to resolve problems of its oppressed people in the light of Islamic principles and national interests. But the invaders and their allies are creating obstacles in the way of resolving problems by making various pretexts.”

He insisted, “We have already said that the Islamic Emirate does not think of monopolizing power. Rather we believe in reaching understanding with the Afghans regarding an Afghan-inclusive government based on Islamic principles.”

“Of course, the Islamic Emirate considers it its religious and national obligation to liberate the country from the occupation. When the occupation ends, reaching an understanding with the Afghans will not be a hard task because, by adhering to and having common principles and culture, the Afghans understand each other better.” he said.

The statement by Taliban group leader comes amid reports regards Afghan officials and Taliban group representatives meeting which has already taken place informally in an attempt to agree on conditions for formal talks.

Senior members of the Taliban group and Afghan high peace council have reportedly met last month in in Dubai, a city in the United Arab Emirates.