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Taliban postpones second round of peace talks due to Mullah Omar's death

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The second round of peace talks between the Afghan officials and the Taliban group has reportedly been postponed amid Mullah Mohammad Omar's death.

The second round of talks on Afghan reconciliation process was due to be held in Pakistan at the end of this week.

However, the foreign office of Pakistan said Thursday that the talks were postponed due to Mullah Omar's death report.

“In view of the reports regarding the death of Mullah Omar and the resulting uncertainty, and at the request of the Afghan Taliban leadership, the second round of Afghan peace talks, which was scheduled to be held in Pakistan on 31 July 2015, is being postponed,” according to Reuters news agency citing a statement by the foreign office of Pakistan.

The Taliban group in Afghanistan has not confirmed or rejected reports regarding the death of group's supreme leader so far, although the reports have been independently confirmed by ARG presidential palace and White House.

Reports regarding the death of Mullah Omar emerged earlier yesterday suggesting Pakistan have confirmed the death of Mullah Mohammad Omar to the Afghan government.

The issue was reportedly discussed during the cabinet meeting following the confirmation by Pakistani authorities, it has been reported.

However, the Presidential Palace formally confirmed Mullah Omar's death citing credible sources confirming Mullah Mohammad Omar, leader of the Taliban died in April 2013 in Pakistan.

Officials in White House also said Wednesday that reports suggesting the death of Taliban Supreme Leader Mullah Mohammad are credible.

The White House Deputy Press Secretary Eric Schultz said the United States has concluded that reports confirming Mullah Omar's death are credible.