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## Afghan Taliban issues statement for the Central Asian countries

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The Taliban group in Afghanistan has issued a statement for the Central Asian countries amid concerns that the ongoing violence in Afghanistan could destabilize the Central Asian States.

Insisting on group's policies to refrain from interfering in other countries' internal affairs, the group said "Its policy towards other nations is based on "لا ضرر ولا ضرار" (Do not harm nor accept harm) which has been repeatedly announced in the statements by the Islamic Emirate as well as in the Eid messages of its leader."

The statement further added "Hence in accordance with the stated policy, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan wishes to assure the Central Asian countries and all its neighbors that – contrary to the enemy propaganda – the Islamic Emirate does not seek to interfere in the internal affairs of others nor will it allow anyone to use the land under the control of Islamic Emirate against anyone else rather we seek to live alongside others in an atmosphere of mutual understanding."

The statement by the Taliban group comes as there are concerns certain militant groups are attempting to infiltrate into the Central Asian countries by expanding their insurgency activities in Afghanistan.

The leaders of the States are mainly concerned regarding the attempts made by the loyalists of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group to expand foothold and operations in Afghanistan and the region.

In the meantime, the Afghan officials are saying that foreign insurgents belonging to the regional countries, including Tajikistan are fighting along with the other militant groups in Afghanistan.