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## Doha Agreement; End of Western border skirmishes?

The agreement between Pakistani Defence Minister Khawaja Asif and his counter part was mediated by Qatar followed by Turkey on Oct 17, 2025. The purpose of this agreement was to resolve the border skirmishes between Pakistan and India. Pakistan repeatedly informed the Taliban Government that different terrorist groups are using the Afghan Land against Pakistan.

These terrorist groups include Fitrak-Al-Khurasani, TTP, and Fitrak-Al-Hindustan, BLA, BSF, Majeed Brigade. These terrorist group killed innocent citizens and targeted the Armed Forces of Pakistan multiple times. Pakistan retaliated in October 2025 to curb these terrorist groups, and attacked the militant camps residing within the territory of Afghanistan. Many countries offer ~~for~~ mediation for the ongoing ceasefire between Pakistan and Afghanistan; Qatar mediated for ceasefire between Pakistan and Afghanistan - called Doha agreement.

The agreement was successfully signed between the Defence Minister of Pakistan Khawaja Asif and his Counter part. Initially both agreed for ceasefire at the Durand line - border between the two states; however, the Afghan Taliban government again showed their concerns about the Durand line - internationally accepted border. This border was signed at the time of British rulers and the King of Afghanistan followed by other Kings of Afghanistan. The Taliban ~~first~~ government

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claim that the signature was between British and Afghan King; and is not applicable to the current Pakistan after partition without any solid reason. According to ~~Vienna Act~~, of article 36 of Vienna act the successor state ~~boundary~~ is compelled to accept the boundary marked by its predecessor. So, Pakistan accept the Durand line as an international border as a successor state of British. The UK also accept the Durand line as an international border, US also accepted it. Due to this issue every ruler of Afghanistan ~~can~~ raise question on the legality of the Durand line as an international border - even Afghanistan itself accept it as de-facto border. Therefore, for complete solution regarding the Durand line, a stable government diplomatic negotiation between Pakistan and Afghanistan is mandatory - as ~~Pakistan~~ <sup>it</sup> is very difficult for Pakistan to engage at both eastern and western border.