
NO THREAT TO ANY COUNTRY FROM AFGHANISTAN: MOFA

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Reports indicate that Turkmenistan Defense Ministry has started recruiting new cadets for its army to prevent a possible threat to its borders by militants in Afghanistan.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Libertys Dari website published a story on Wednesday which quotes sources from Turkmenistan Defense Ministry as saying that the authority has employed conscription, which requires the registration of all men under 50 years of age, in order to form a reinforcement unit.

The Afghanistan-Turkmenistan border is 804km in length, starting from Gulran district in Herat in western Afghanistan to Shortepa district in Balkh province in the north of the country. Some parts of the provinces sharing the border with Turkmenistan are insecure, including some areas in Shortepa district.

We assure all neighboring countries that no country will be threatened from Afghanistans territory. Our (Afghan) forces are fighting terrorism in Afghanistan and terrorism is being defeated, Ahmadi explained.

Analysts suggest that the move by Turkmenistan will not have an impact on the security of Turkmenistans borders with Afghanistan.

I dont think it will have an impact because the terrorist groups who are in Afghanistan and whom we are fighting, are a global threat, military analyst, Mirza Mohammad Yarmand said.

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