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## **TALIBAN DECLARES CEASE-FIRE IN AFGHANISTAN FOR EID, AS PRESSURE BUILDS FOR PEACE TALKS**

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The Taliban announced a temporary cease-fire Tuesday as pressure builds to bring the militants and the Afghan government together for direct peace talks now months overdue.

The Afghan government welcomed the move marking the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha and ordered Afghan government forces to respect the truce. But the gestures of goodwill come as violence across the country remains high, despite the signing of a peace deal between the Taliban and the United States in February.

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