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AFGHANISTAN TO FREE 400 TALIBAN TO START PEACE TALKS

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The Afghan president, following a recommendation by a traditional Afghan council, pledged on Sunday to release the remaining 400 Taliban prisoners to pave the way for peace talks aimed at ending the nearly two-decade-long war.

"The Taliban must demonstrate they are not afraid of a comprehensive ceasefire... there is no great bravery required for war, but for peace," Ashraf Ghani told the Loya Jirga, which began on Friday.

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