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[Former ambassador of Taliban to Pakistan, Mull Abdul Salam Zaeef rejected the reports of talks between Taliban and Afghan government in Saudi Arabia](#)

Former ambassador of Taliban to Pakistan, Mull Abdul Salam Zaeef , who recently visited Saudi Arabia also and said, "The Saudi Government had invited me, former foreign minister of Taliban Abdul Wakil Mutawakil and Mauliv Arsala Rahmani for performing Umrah."

He continued that a delegation of Afghan government led by former chief justice of Afghanistan Maulvi Abdul Hadi Shinwari was also in Saudi Arabia at that time to perform Umrah.

"We attended an Aftar dinner on the invitation of King Abdullah on 29th September which was also attended by delegates from several countries including the foreign minister of Oman," Zaeef told Afghan Islamic Press, adding that no discussion was held on the Afghan issue on this occasion.

He said that they did not represent Afghan government or Taliban.

"As per my information no talks were held between Taliban and government," the former detainee of Guantanamo said.

"Our tour was only aimed at performing Umrah and we did not represent any one. The meeting with King Abdullah was only restricted to Aftar dinner," Zaeef added.

On the 7th anniversary of US attack on Afghanistan, the former Taliban ambassador declared the US attack on Afghanistan as a "big mistake and cruelty" and said, "At that time, I was ambassador to Islamabad. We had not closed doors for talks. We repeatedly asked Americans to provide us proof of any Afghan and Osma Bin Laden's involvement in the 9/11 attacks so that we can take action against them. But the US could not and decided to attack."

He said Taliban had condemned the 9/11 attacks in US.

Asked what was the solution of the problem, Zaeef said, "I believe talks should be held without putting any condition by either sides. Putting condition by Afghan government for talks with Taliban is not right. The government's condition means to recognize the government which Taliban will not accept."

