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ISLAMABAD - (AP) Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani says there is a conspiracy to oust the country's civilian government.

His comments Thursday reflect growing tension between the government and Pakistan's powerful army over a memo scandal that forced Islamabad's ambassador to the U.S. to resign and is even threatening the president.

The secret memo was sent to Washington in May asking for help in averting a supposed coup by the Pakistani army in the wake of the American raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

Gilani's statement is a sharp turn, just days after he rejected the notion of a standoff between the army and the civilian leadership over the scandal.

The Supreme Court has initiated a hearing into the memo and has demanded a reply from President Asif Ali Zardari.

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