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Islamabad (Reuters) - Pakistan's prime minister on Friday urged leaders of the Afghan Taliban movement to enter direct peace negotiations with the Kabul government, in a possible sign that Islamabad is stepping up its support for reconciliation in the neighbouring country. The prime minister, Yusuf Raza Gilani, said in a statement that it is his "sincere hope" that the Taliban and other groups respond to his appeal.

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