

Federal government imposes ban on Pashtun Tahafuz Movement

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The federal government has imposed a ban on the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM), citing threats to national peace and security. The interior ministry has issued a notification declaring the movement “unlawful” under Section 11B of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997. The announcement from the Interior Ministry stated that the PTM poses a “significant danger” to public order and safety in the country. Manzoor Pashteen, leader of the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM), was invited by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur to the upcoming Pashtun Qaumi Jirga, set to take place on October 11. The invitation was issued during a meeting between the two leaders, where Pashteen emphasized the importance of unity among Pashtuns. According to Pashteen, Gandapur expressed his support for the Pashtun cause and assured that the provincial government would collaborate with the jirga. The chief minister confirmed that the

government would have representatives present at the gathering. Preparations are underway for the Pashtun Qaumi Jirga in the Khyber tribal district, with Pashteen stating that arrangements at the venue have been finalized. He noted that various communities and organizations will participate, with separate tents set up for each group