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## Pakistan again rules out talks with outlawed TTP

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ISLAMABAD:

The Foreign Office (FO) ruled out any negotiations with the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) on Thursday, a day after the Afghan deputy interior minister advised both to resolve their issues through dialogue as the violence in Pakistan “is spreading to Afghanistan”. Responding to media persons’ queries at her weekly news briefing regarding the suggestion, FO Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said Pakistan expected the Afghan authorities to take urgent action against the terrorist outfits and their leadership for the crimes they are committing and terrorist incidents they are responsible for in Pakistan. She said Pakistan remained committed to fighting against all the terrorist outfits, which have targeted Pakistan and attempted to derail its friendship with China. Mumtaz clarified that Chinese projects in Pakistan were functional following a security

audit and enhancement of security measures. The spokesperson vehemently condemned the last night's terrorist attack in Iran. Expressing solidarity with the Iranian people, she said Pakistan would like to work with Iran to find joint solutions to terrorism. On the question of Palestine's fresh bid to gain membership to the UN, the FO spokesperson said Pakistan recognizes the state of Palestine and will support any such move at the UN. Condemning the ongoing Israeli atrocities in Gaza, she called for international accountability of Israel for its crimes against humanity.

Expressing concerns over the Indian occupation authorities' decision to deny permission to hold Eidul.

Fitr prayers at Eidgah in Srinagar, she urged the Indian authorities to respect the rights of the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) to peaceful assembly and to freely practice their religion.