

Kabul won't be attacked, assures Afghan minister as Taliban inches closer

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Acting Interior Minister Abdul Sattar Mirzakwal said [Pajhwok Afghan News](#) is saying much the same.

The Taliban statement said the country's capital Kabul was the largest and most populous city where no one's life, property and dignity will be harmed and the lives of Kabulis will not be in danger.

The Taliban instructed all their militants to stand at the gates of Kabul and not to try to enter the city.

"We do not intend to take revenge on anyone. All those who have served in military and civilian sectors in the Kabul administration are forgiven and safe. All should stay in their own place and home and not try to leave the country," Taliban said in a statement, accessed by various news agencies, and urged the Afghan civilians to not leave the country.



A US Chinook helicopter flies over the city of Kabul, Afghanistan, Sunday as Taliban fighters wait at the outskirts of the capital city for a takeover. (AP)

Despite the pledges, many rushed to leave the country through the Kabul airport, the last route out of the country as the Taliban laid siege on every border

crossing.

It isn't the taking of Kabul by force that many fear; it is the return to life under the Taliban Sharia regime.