

## Afghanistan worries over Pakistani clashes

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KABUL, Afghanistan-- Afghan President Hamid Karzai denied allegations from Pakistan's military branch that militants in Pakistan were getting assistance from Afghanistan. Karzai also expressed concern about a recent surge in fighting in Pakistan's border territory of Waziristan, saying violence would impact both countries, the BBC reported Friday. Authorities said more than 200 militants and scores of Pakistani soldiers have died in the fighting. Afghan leaders have accused Pakistan of providing a safe haven to Taliban militants and their allies, including al-Qaida. Now, Pakistan officials are accusing Afghanistan of the same thing. In his interview with the BBC, Karzai said links to Afghanistan in the recent fighting upsurge in Pakistan's Waziristan could be made but denied allegations that militants were getting help from his country. "Do we have money to supply, do we have guns to supply, do we have reasons to support extremists that we are fighting here every day?" he asked.

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