

# *Taliban fires rockets at Afghan presidential palace*

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Kabul, August 22 (RHC)-- In Afghanistan, officials say the Taliban have fired rockets at the presidential palace while Afghan President Ashraf Ghani was delivering his holiday message for the Muslim celebrations of Eid al-Adha. One rocket landed near the presidential palace, while a second hit near the U.S. Embassy and NATO compound.

The Afghan military responded with a heavy bombing campaign. The attacks come after the Afghan president offered a 3-month conditional ceasefire with the Taliban, slated to take effect on Tuesday.

In more news from Afghanistan, up to 2 million people are at risk of running out of food within the next six months, as a historic drought spreads across the majority of Afghanistan. At least 80,000 Afghans have been forced to leave their villages in search of water so far.

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