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Kabul, June 21 (RHC)-- In Afghanistan, the Taliban are pressing a military offensive as U.S. troops continue to withdraw ahead of a September 11 deadline.

On Sunday, Taliban fighters seized control of the provincial capitals of Kunduz and Faryab, taking Afghan soldiers prisoner and seizing military equipment. In total, the Taliban have seized more than 50 districts

across Afghanistan in recent weeks.

In response, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani fired and replaced his defense and interior ministers. Ghani is scheduled to fly to Washington, D.C., for talks with President Biden at the White House on Friday.

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