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Title: Chasing peace: On allowing Taliban to share power in Afganistan

The article at hand talks about the raging issue of the civil war in Afghanistan as the author explores various aspects related to it. A press conference recently held by Russia in this matter is a testament to the fact that the world is concerned over the state of Afghanistan.

And while nothing much was expected out of this, Russia's plan was to bring both sides to the table and initiate the peace talks. The Afghan conflict is a complicated issue because it affects not just Afghanistan and the US, but countries such as India and China, as well.

All these countries believe Afghanistan needs to be steadied now. But while the US starts pulling out its troops from the war-torn nation, it is not clear what will happen after it is all over.

The Taliban has threatened to take offense if the US fails to withdraw its troops before May 1. But the US is skeptical of the after-effects of its actions because nobody believes they can trust the Taliban.

However, all the sides also want the Taliban to play a major role in shaping Afganistan's destiny. This, the author believes, is not something that should be kept in the hands of the Taliban and the Taliban needs to be forced to make some compromises.

Words to look out for

Accord:

- **Synonyms:** agreement, pact, deal
- **Antonyms:** disagreement, conflict, dispute
- **Word usage:** It is difficult to come to an accord when the concerned parties are fighting all the time.

Stalemate:

- **Synonyms:** deadlock, impasse, logjam
- **Antonyms:** solution, resolution, explanation
- **Word usage:** The game ended in stalemate after a feisty affair.

Extremism:

- **Synonyms:** radicalism, immoderacy, fanaticism
- **Antonyms:** moderateness, temperance, sobriety
- **Word usage:** The extremism reign of Saddam was finally over after a brutal war.

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