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Russia and Taliban Have Joint Interest to Fight IS — Foreign Ministry

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Russia's interests coincide with the ones of the Afghan Taliban movement concerning fighting the Islamic State, Russia's Foreign Ministry department head Zamir Kabulov said Wednesday, the Interfax news agency reported.

Kabulov also said that Russia has already established channels to exchange information with the movement.

The Taliban is an Islamist movement shaped in Afghanistan in the 1990s. It was in power from 1994 until 2001. The Taliban voiced its support to Chechen separatists during the second Chechen war. The movement was recognized as a terrorist organization by the United Nations in 2003.

IS is a terrorist organization banned in Russia.

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