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Shafiqullah Tahiri, Head of Media Relations Department of Afghanistan National Directorate of Security (NDS) speaking to a news conference in the capital Kabul today (07 September 2011) did not directly rule out accusations of torture of prisoners in Afghan jails stated in a UN report expected to be published soon.

Tahiri however said that the NDS has been treating the prisoners in its custody properly and in accordance with the international conventions for protection of rights of prisoners.

Tahiri added that if the UN has evidence on the alleged torture of prisoners at NDS detention, they should present it to us and we will investigate it and will take necessary legal action accordingly.

He went on and said that the NDS is against the NATO decision to halt transferring of detainees to Afghan detention centres.

He also said that the NDS personnel over the past one month have arrested a five-member terrorist group who had planned the assassination of Kandahar mayor.

He said that in a separate security development last week the personnel of NDS had arrested an individual named Mohammad Faruq in the capital Kabul who was spying for the intelligence of one of the neighbouring countries of Afghanistan apparently referring to Pakistani ISI.

He added that Fauq was assigned by the intelligence of an Afghan neighbouring country to collect secrets about NATO military bases in Afghanistan and then sell it to the said intelligence agency.

Attendance:

The news conference was attended by journalists of all major TVs and newspapers and a number of international journalists.

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