

Hamid Karzai urges closer US-Islamic cooperation

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President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai on Sunday called on the Islamic world, the United States and the West at large to work together to promote tolerance and share resources and knowhow in order to achieve welfare for all.

Addressing the opening session of the 10th annual US-Islamic World Forum, Karzai urged both sides to join forces to eradicate extremism, settle conflicts peacefully and correct the unfair stereotypes about Islam in the West.

The US-Islamic relations must be of mutual benefit, Qatar News Agency (QNA) quoted the Afghan leader as saying.

The sharing of resources and knowledge is a must if both sides are to prosper and progress, he stressed.

Regarding the Afghan prisoners illegally held by British forces at Camp Bastion in southern Helmand province, he urged the United Kingdom to transfer around 80 of them to Afghanistan within the next two weeks.

The forum, held under the patronage of Qatari Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, brought together a number of distinguished policy makers who will discuss a range of issues relating to developments in the region. (KUNA)