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LAHORE, Pakistan - (AP) Pakistan's prime minister says his country wants to rebuild ties with the United States despite Islamabad's ongoing retaliation for deadly airstrikes on its troops by the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani told The Associated Press on Monday that he believes a new relationship with Washington, one that is more acceptable to Islamabad, was "doable" and "won't take long" to achieve.

Gilani also says Islamabad remains committed to bringing Afghan insurgent leaders into peace talks with Kabul.

That may reassure international leaders meeting in Germany to discuss the future of Afghanistan.

Pakistan boycotted the talks because of the Nov. 26 airstrikes along the Pakistan-Afghan border that killed 24 Pakistani troops.

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