



## UNITED VOICES FOR AFGHANISTAN (UVA)

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To: Donald John Trump - The President of the United States of America,

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Dear President Trump,

We listened to your recent meeting with the Security Council regarding the on-going atrocities committed daily by the Taliban, ISIS and other terrorist groups, against the innocent people of Afghanistan. We appreciate your words which are the expressions of your deepest feeling to the victims and the families of the recent suicide attacks by the notorious terrorist organisations in Kabul. As you see hundreds and thousands of people are killed, maimed and disabled mercilessly including men, women and children for over three decades. After the 9/11 terror attack in New York and Washington, and the military invasion of USA on Afghanistan to remove the totalitarian regime of Taliban which was providing a safe haven for the Al-Qaeda terrorist groups in Afghanistan, the people of Afghanistan were optimistic that the Bonn conference and the American installed provisional government will pave the ground for a transition from lawlessness and brutality to the rule of law and security.

More significantly people were looking forward to seeing a government in which all citizens of Afghanistan will feel free and secure and be able to live in an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity. Obviously after the direct involvement of the American administration and its allies on the issue of Afghanistan, our people hoped for the best, believing a change was about to take place. Particularly when they heard the *western nations were using three slogans that still resonate in their ears: good administration without corruption, rehabilitation of Afghanistan as well as ensuring public security, human rights and women rights, eradication of narcotic and opium cultivation processing and trafficking.*

In December 2001 in an American sponsored International Conference on Afghanistan in Germany, Karzai was selected, to serve a “six-month” term as chairman of the Interim Administration. Thus Karzai became a dominant figure after the removal of the Taliban regime. He was in power for almost 13 years as the most corrupt leader in the history of Afghanistan under the cover of a democratically elected president. In fact he was acting as an advocator of Taliban as he was part of the Taliban’s faction and lobbying for them.

Mr. Ashraf Ghani, however, in this regime was the Minister for Finance and a prominent figure as the coordinator of all financial aids and donation of billions of dollars by the USA and its ally’s taxpayer’s money. He was in fact, behind the scene as the shadow president with enormous financial power.

## Background Information and the Consequences of the Deceitful Slogans

Utterly opposite to the eye-catching mottos, the Afghan people are witnesses to a devious intrigue taking place in their country. They are disappointed by US and its allies in relation to installing, funding and supporting Karzai and then Ashraf Ghani and their teams. Now Afghanistan is considered as one of the most corrupt and insecure countries in the world. With the establishment of a new government, the United States and other international sponsors announced the birth of a “post –Taliban” order and the restoration of peace, security and stability in Afghanistan and in the wider region. Pledging billions of dollars in aid, international donors promised to reconstruct the torn fabric of Afghan life. With the assistance, the new government promised to rid the country of armed men and poppy fields and revitalise the country through development. The historical break announced by the new regimes (Karzai & Ashraf Ghani) and their international backers now appears less convincing. Afghanistan today is ranked as the highest opium producer and drug trafficking country on the earth planet.

Lack of intention for peace in the war-ravaged Afghanistan appears to be a part of the strategic goals of major power players. These powers seek their own interest in the protraction of war insecurity and instability in this country **no matter how many innocent people of Afghanistan are killed, maimed, wounded, drug addicted, displaced, refugees, unemployed, starved to death and traumatised in their nasty proxy war.**

After the military invasion of USA in retaliation to Al-Qaeda’s attack on New York and Washington in 2001, the fundamentalist regime of Taliban collapsed in less than one month. They (Taliban) took a safe haven in Pakistan, the close ally of USA and NATO, where they were initially incubated under the behest of ISI for conducting systematically and uninterrupted subversive activities in Afghanistan. They have been engaged in inhumane and atrocious actions of killing people by various means including suicide bombing, road side mines, assassinations, explosions, kidnapping, sexual assaults and other inhumane behaviours.

However, the Taliban was removed from power; the security and instability have not come to Afghanistan after the invasion and occupation of coalition forces. This is contrary to what Tony Blair, the then British Prime Minister overstated, “as I have said before, history will make its own judgement on our policy but the priority for the moment has to be to support the long-term reconstruction of the country and improving security, which we are doing with a UN mandate.”

The rhetoric was proved as an outrageous demagogue. The presence of American forces neither ensured peace and security in Afghanistan nor in Iraq. Conversely it has deeply affected most people throughout the country. Previous wars had been relatively remote from everyday life for most ordinary people. The current game by occupied forces and its sponsored government is different. It touched every body’s life one way or another, whether they are soldiers or civilians, men or women, adults or children. Some of this impact was not expected, some of them was planned as the development of the situation shows.

## Is the regime responsible for the deterioration of situation in Afghanistan?

The deterioration of situation has internal and external factors. The internal factors have significant impact on the cause of deterioration of security in all aspects of people's life including social, political, cultural, economic, financial, health, trust and confidence. It is important to consider the following internal factors to realise the major causes of insecurity in Afghanistan:

1. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the former leader of Hizb-e-Islami, devastated the capital Kabul when fighting for power in 1992. His mentors, ISI and certain pro-Taliban and terror groups within the Afghan government manipulated and removed his name from UN black list of war criminals. The ISI and its agents inside the government of Afghanistan including Mohammad Hanif Atmar the National Security Advisor, Mohammad Masood Stanekza the Director for National Security and Ashraf Ghani the President are behind the terror attacks. Hekmatyar has been a major player for the ISIS-Taliban project to the North of Afghanistan. He is one of the most disreputable perpetrators of genocide, war crime and crimes against humanity in Afghanistan particularly in Kabul. The Kabul regime signed a peace agreement with him which paved the way for Hekmatyar to make a political comeback despite a history of war crimes and after years in hiding under ISI protection and safe harbour. Since Hekmatyar has joined the government, the level of atrocities has gone up by multiple-folds.
2. It is a terrible situation. The crimes against humanity has been escalating as the government's high-ranking officials are involved in collusion with terrorists. ***The conspiracies are multidimensional and evidently engineered by certain circles of the high-ranking government officials who have racial, tribal and political affiliations with Taliban.***
3. It is well known even to the ordinary people of Afghanistan that it would not be easy to target people if the terrorists are not supported, advocated and coordinated by the high-ranking officials with the behest of Ashraf Ghani and his close associates within the security forces in the government.
4. ***Based on evidence by the security analysts and experts, the regime is behind all repeated atrocities to prolong its domination and maintain in power.*** Undoubtedly, this government is totally incompetent to put a curb on the unbridled violence and the daily mass killings of our innocent people.
5. It is not any more an ulterior secret that the ***suicidal attacks are masterminded by the top government officials*** with access to anti-bullet vehicles and authorities who facilitate deployment of terrorists anywhere and at any time they want.

## People's perception on the current situation

1. Even a layman in Afghanistan realises by now that his/her country is being exposed to another protracted proxy war. The foreign countries in collusion with Pakistan and its agents in the Afghan government put an enormous effort into planning, organising and controlling the terror groups under the name of Taliban, ISIS, Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups. The illegitimate and stipulatory government or so-called Unity Government, nick named '**terror government**', based on undeniable evidence, pushes the country knowingly and unknowingly into instability particularly the Northern provinces. The Northern provinces of Afghanistan are designed to deploy the so called Islamic State (ISIS) and their sick aim to destroy our country and disturb the stability of Afghanistan's neighbouring countries, mainly China, Russia, India and Iran.
2. The people of Afghanistan believe that their country is under occupation and ethnic cleansing is going on with the support of the so-called unity government, made by the former US foreign minister, Mr. John Kerry. The current government is just installed to implement the long and short term programs of the USA. Therefore, it is not recognised as being representative of all people in the multi-ethnic society of Afghanistan.

## Ashraf Ghani's dictatorial powers, authoritarian orders, tribal mentality and behaviour are also the cause of internal crises

1. Ashraf Ghani and his team are trying to move the presidential power into a totalitarian tribal dominated regime. On many occasions they menaced other political and ethnic groups with foreign forces. The current continuous atrocity is being coordinated from the inside and outside governmental circles.
2. This situation is intentionally pushing the country toward instability by the government by creating conspiracy against those individuals who are supported by people and possess popular backing. The recent collusions against General Dostum, the Vice President and Mr Atta Mohammad Noor, the Governor in the Balkh province, stand as vivid examples that the regime is trying to exclude those who had significant influence in terms of popular support in the election. The Balkh Governor has been part of the agreed unity government and General Dostum had secured over one million votes for Ghani. Consequently, he was elected as the first VicePresident. Both Mr. Noor and General Dostum have been allies of the USA and NATO in the war against the local, regional and international terrorist groups.
3. Mr. Noor has been working on the rehabilitation, reconstruction, prevention of opium production and putting a curb on the spread and activities of narcotic-drug traffickers, the mafia and contractors who are connected to the foreign companies. He has been engaged in maintaining law and order and made every effort in repelling the

terrorist groups and mafia from infiltration in the secure regions who are seeking to disturb the daily life of our people.

4. The regime is providing inaccurate, biased and misleading information to the international community, covering up the terrorists' identity and trying to show them as a combat force. It is also channelling military resources to them through their agents in the government. As a result of this dual faced policy, the national army personnel feel disappointed and discouraged. They are not fed properly, and whenever they are besieged or attacked by the terrorist groups, they are denied of receiving logistic and combat assistance and aerial support in time.
5. It needs to be pointed out that the Balkh issue has been artificially created by a gang of mafia being installed in Afghanistan. They are the ones who are doing nothing but using a divisive policy to engage our people in internal disputes. That policy is for the benefit of terrorists.
6. The Ghani regime is trying to assist Taliban to increase their daily insurgency for two reasons. Firstly, to show that the situation is getting worse, to gain increased financial assistance for their fake, non-existent and imaginative schools, educational institutions, and security posts. Secondly, to justify to American authority that the Insurgency is getting out of control and the government needs American troops to be dispatched to Afghanistan. It is a preparation for the next election to swing it in favour of their favourite candidate.

### Who are the terrorists and how do you define Terrorism?

Terrorists are beyond all norms. They do not recognise any law. According to Yona Alexander, director of the institute for Studies of International Terrorism at the State University of New York, terrorism is the threat and use of both psychological and physical force of violence in violation of international law, by state and sub-state agencies for strategic and political goals.

Taliban and their supporters are terrorists who are being deployed within various government institutions including the security organisations. Those prisoners who have committed crimes are released from prisons. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and Haqani notorious criminal gangs have committed time and time again terrorist acts that have killed and injured hundreds and thousands of people. Hekmatyar has committed heinous crimes against humanity by launching thousands of rockets on the citizens in Kabul, killing, maiming and disabling physically and psychologically over hundreds and thousands innocent people.

Being selective on who gets the label of a 'terrorist' is nothing but a fake combat against terrorism for prolonging the war and long-term occupation of Afghanistan to plunder its unique and assorted mineral reserves, and benefit from the cultivation of poppies and trafficking of opium.

## Do the people of Afghanistan need the assistance of the USA?

1. The people of Afghanistan surely need a long-term commitment from the United States to assist them in establishing a government responsible for ensuring equality, social justice and equal opportunity for all citizens without any discrimination on the basis of gender, political opinion, religious belief, racial and ethnic affiliation, favouritism and nepotism.
2. The aids need to be monitored and ensured that it will be allocated in various sectors of economy with proper accountability and transparency. The monitoring process will safeguard a productive and sustainable development of Afghanistan, providing employment opportunities for the young generation, a potential workforce. The aid and assistance should not be allowed to plunder as before by a circle of mafia, NGO's and corrupt government officials using their financial power to try to reign for years.
3. But American should avoid of any type of interference in the election and also avoid of any type of preference in the interest of any particular candidate.
4. However, it will be welcomed if in case of any dispute between the political factions; America plays an impartial and just role in the act of mediating and bringing peace and settlement between those who are at dispute.
5. USA should refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of our country. Otherwise, it could not be interpreted anything else other than being occupied by USA as a colony. The Afghan people will never be prepared to be submitted to foreign forces acting as occupation authorities.
6. The recent visit *of Zalmay Khalilzad, the Afghan American former ambassador to Afghanistan, a major supporter of Karzai and Ghani. Mr Khalilzad's irresponsible talks indirectly threaten the major critics of the regime and have been interpreted by many Afghan political analysts as a gross violation and interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan.*

If he has visited Afghanistan officially on behalf of the US administration, it should have been officially announced by the American authority. Otherwise, the overwhelming majority of the people of Afghanistan are infuriated of his behaviour. He needs a warning not to interfere in the internal affairs of a sovereign country. His talks will be construed as American interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan which will cause public up-rising against the occupation forces.

Why has Afghanistan become more unstable than ever before, despite the presence of American and NATO troops? Have the allied countries been defeated in the war against the terrorist groups or are they intentionally manipulating the situation to prolong the war for their long term strategic goals, justifying unrest for their long stay in Afghanistan. If the

USA is trying to make a peace deal with the Taliban, why are they not prepared to make a similar deal with Al-Qaeda, Hezbollah, ISIS and Boko-Haram? If America cannot seek its interest in peace with the terrorists groups, then why does it want Afghanistan to make peace with a group of criminals against humanity? The Afghan politicians submit to you the above questions to respond logically and appropriately.

### What the people of Afghanistan want from America and its allies?

We the undersigned representatives of academic unions; religious scholars and spiritual societies; youth organisations; women organisations; writers and journalists unions; sports unions; students societies; sociocultural societies; cultural and artists unions; community and health service providers; aids and charity non-profit organisations; professional societies; businesses and national investors unions; civil societies; Media groups; workers and farmers unions; political-social-economic analysts associations; political parties; and the overall citizens and other foundations inside and outside of Afghanistan draw your attention to:

1. Adopt impartial approach towards all legitimate political parties in Afghanistan;
2. Respect to political life, national interest, national –political determination, national-political independence and the national demand of the people of Afghanistan;
3. Decisive support of the people, the National Army and all security forces of Afghanistan without considering any privileges and prejudices based on their ethnic affiliation;
4. Sincere and true combat against terrorist groups without any exception;
5. Elimination of terror headquarters, their training centres and institutions inside and outside the borders of Afghanistan;
6. Support freedom of speech and express of opinions;
7. Termination of contracts with businessmen, companies, smugglers of narcotic drugs connected to the local, national, regional and international mafia as well as the proprietors of black market and underground economy;
8. Launch a just, decisive and genuine combat operation against cultivation, propagation and trafficking of narcotic drugs;
9. Support establishing an interim administration;
10. Support the modification of the National Constitution of Afghanistan;
11. Assist the interim government to truly and decisively fight against terrorism, drug trafficking, money laundering as well as financial and administrative corruption;

12. Support the change of the current absolute presidential system in Afghanistan to a non-central presidential or a prime ministership (Federal system) based on the demand of the majority of the citizens of Afghanistan;
13. Support the establishment of nine States in the framework of a State Affairs Department;
14. Support the electronic National Identity card within the first six months after the proposed interim government sets up;
15. Support conducting a population census in view of being assured of the nation-wide security which is considered a prerequisite for the census field operation, accuracy of data collection and training of enumerators;
16. Support national gathering (Loya Jerga) for ratification of the new national constitution for Afghanistan;
17. Support a transparent and just presidential, local and provincial councils and parliamentary elections void of any sort of rigging and fraudulence within the first year after the set-up of the interim administration. The election should be conducted in parallel with a referendum on the selection of the national flag colour, national emblem, national language, national terminology and the official name of Afghanistan;
18. The financial and military assistance which has been given by the USA and its allies to the regimes of Hamid Karzai and the so-called national unity government of Ghani-Abdullah should be assessed accurately and transparently to find out the roots of corruptions in these regimes;
19. Resolve the territorial and boundary dispute (Durand Line) between Afghanistan and Pakistan through International Court of Justice; and
20. Support the newly elected government of Afghanistan to ensure a nationwide peace and security, political stability, financial and military capability to pave the ground for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Afghanistan.

## Conclusion and suggestions

The above points will ensure a durable peace and tranquillity in Afghanistan. It will pave the ground for a smooth and just transition of power, end of terrorist activities and a peaceful future for the people of Afghanistan. Afghanistan will not be used as a centre of terrorism against any country. It paves the ground for cooperation and friendship with the people of Afghanistan and the people of America, neighbouring nations and the world. The continuation of the turmoil situation and crises will provoke a national up-rising which will not be in the interest of peace in the region and in the world.

We are sure American administration will need the support of the people of Afghanistan. Indication of any type of favouritism to the current government being considered as an illegitimate, isolated, failed and totally unpopular will not help fight and finish terrorism. It will also provoke anti-American sentiments to the verge of a national uprising.

We people of Afghanistan call on you to reconsider assisting the team of Ashraf Ghani and Karzai and to protect the people of Afghanistan, especially those who are vulnerable innocent civilians from the upsurge of suicidal terror attacks masterminded by the government. People are increasingly worried for themselves, their families and children. It has been for so long that USA has not demonstrated a decisive commitment to fight against Taliban and other terrorist groups. If your troops are stationed to protect a puppet regime which have propensity to terror groups of Taliban for the reason of ethnic affiliation. Then that runs counter to the values of America and your administration if it follows a path that upholds and defends the principle of fairness, justice and freedom on which America was built. We hope you stand on the side of the people of Afghanistan. Otherwise, you will find the overwhelming majority as powerful opponents of any effort to undermine the gains. We people of Afghanistan hope to halt helping this government which do not believe to promote peace, justice, equality. They are mercenaries of Pakistan and directly involved in implementing their programs.