Living in Peace is our right!

Peace is achievable in Afghanistan, if all parties that are in conflict, take concrete steps to bring peace with honesty and truth, and consider the joint-accepted Islamic, national and global values. Meanwhile, we will never access to longtime peace without justice. The experiences has had showed that peace with helpless cannot bring welfare, but instead it increase the new conflicts more and more.

In addition to the government, Islamic scholars are also to do their Islamic and National tasks for bringing peace in accordance with Islamic law and other applicable laws in Afghanistan, because they are responsible to accountable against God and people. The responsibility of Islamic scholars will not be briefed in Friday Prayers in mosques.

Due to urgent need of all citizens of Afghanistan to peace and security and its linkage to social welfare, achieving such an important matter requires to try up to bring a bright future and social welfare for citizens of Afghanistan.

The event organizer has collect the views of citizens during the three-day Peace Photo Exhibition, and after categorizing and titling for the government, civil society and the international community, main views and comment that are as following:

Our suggestions from the Afghan Government:

- The government is to priorities Justice as a core matter, and the legal suggestions of victims should be considered in the peace process, and the government is to ensure that the negotiations are in a transparent manner without helpless, and from any of political deal has been avoided, corruption and any other issues that reduces people’s trust should be eliminated;

- The government needs to be committed to implement the Action Plan on Peace, Justice and Reconciliation and to respect, promote and protect human rights, in order to increase the Afghan citizens trust in regard to peace process.

- The government should strengthen the judicial sector and to end the culture of impunity and punishment, till those citizen who are Victims of War can take decision in regard to criminals. The legal suggestions of victims should be respected and to be addressed, And a dedicated structure should be provide care and support for the rights of Afghan citizens,
The government should reconsider the structure, work and plans of the High Peace Council and form a Council to be acceptable for the victims, opposition, government, neighboring countries, the international community and the countries that are supporting Afghanistan, and the role of civil society organizations and human rights should be considered.

Our suggestion from CSOs in Afghanistan:

- In order to implement and secure justice, rule of law, peace-building, institutional reform and national legislation largely, CSOs are to do awareness, promotion and advocate based on justice, and it can be at social, national and international level.
- Civil society is support of the rule of law must try in mobilizing and raising awareness about the benefits of peace and justice through tribal elders, religious scholars and influential people and convince the international community to accept and support the people voice;
- Civil society organizations should monitor the Afghan government and international institutions, in order to consider the principle of transparency and consider people suggestions in peace process, till we have a real peace based on justice. As well as civil society organizations should monitor the transparency of the process of peace talks with the opposition and try for networking between the people, government and international institutions and to ensure positive peace efforts;
- CSOs should be as eyes and ears of several million people who has no access to education, health facilities, housing and other requirements of modern life, and try for positive change in the lives of citizens in order to increase people believe.

Our Suggestions from International Community:

- The international community must avoid supporting any non-transparent negotiations and instead should monitor conventions that the government is committed to implementation of them and support the implementation of the Action Plan on Peace and Reconciliation. And pay more attention to the people suggestions in peace process and must not support the culture of impunity;
- The international community must support and strengthen the humanitarian assistance to the Afghans who lost their life and property and establish a systems in which these assistance reach to the hands of needy people and keep them away from falling into the hands of criminals and warlords, in order to make the views of the people positive toward internal and external support.

- The international community and in particular the neighboring countries of Afghanistan should end their negative policy against Afghanistan, and should really support peace process in transparent manner, because Afghanistan with peace is for benefits of area and world.

About the Peace Photo Exhibition:

During 25 to 27 November 2015, WBRAO organized its first Peace Photo Exhibition in Baghe Babur of Kabul city. The program was financially supported by Open Society Afghanistan (OSA). The program aimed to encourage youth and photographers to reflect the positive impacts of infrastructures, rule of law, civil values, sport, freedom of expressions and education in Afghanistan.

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