2021年10月22日 午後2時一 フォーリンプレスセンター主催 アフガン平和構築に向けた日本の貢献とは

**Foreign Press Center Japan host:** 

"Japan's Contributions to Peacebuilding in Afghanistan" (22 Oct 2021)

東 大作教授

上智大学グローバル教育センター

Dr. Daisaku Higashi

Center for Global Education, Sophia University in Tokyo

### Road Map

- 1) My engagement with Afghan Peacebuilding
- 2) Collapse of the Afghan Government on Aug
- 15, 2021, and the consequence of Peace Process
- 3) Current Situation in Afghanistan (sanction, draught, corona) and Engagement with the Taliban by other states.
- 4) What could be the Japan's engagement with the Taliban from now on.

# Intro. 1993-2004 Program Director at NHK (Japan Public TV Network)

#### **NHK Special**

- "Why Did We Go to War: Dialogue of Former Leaders in the Vietnam War" (1998)
- "How Far Will the Chain of Hatred Continue?: Palestine and Israel" (2002)
- "Struggle of South Korea to Avert Nuclear Conflict" (2003)
- "Rebuilding Iraq: Challenge of the UN" (2004)
   Silver Medal from UN Correspondents
   Association

#### Academic and UN

- 2004-09: MA and PhD in Political Science at University of British Columbia in Canada (Field Research in Afghanistan & East Timor in 2008.)
- 2009-2010 Dec: Team leader for reconciliation and reintegration in UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)
- 2011-12 Aug: Associate Professor, U of Tokyo 2012 July: Completed Ph.D. from UBC in Canada

#### Academic and UN 2

- 2012 Aug-2014 Aug: Minister-Counsellor in Japanese mission to the UN in New York
- (Directing the Japan's activities on Peace Building Commission and Mediation)
- 2014 Aug-2016 March: University of Tokyo

# Challenges of Constructing Legitimacy in Peacebuilding: Afghanistan, Iraq, Sierra Leone, and East Timor (Routledge, 2015)



#### Academic and UN 3

2014 Aug-2016 March: University of Tokyo 2016 April: Professor, Sophia University in Tokyo (tenure position)

Research and Lectures on South Sudan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, and East Timor

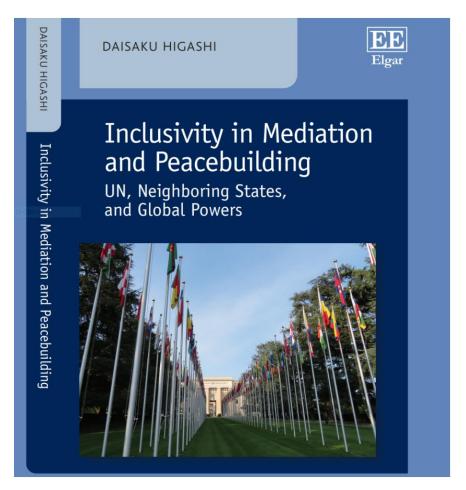
(I was assigned by Japan Foreign Minster to go to Iraq and South Sudan in 2018 and 2019 to make intellectual contribution to peacebuilding by lectures and dialogue with top leadership.)

#### 「内戦と和平一現代戦争をどう終わらせるか」 (中公新書) 2020年1月 Civil Wars and Mediation (Chuko Shinsho, <u>Jan 2020</u>)



## Inclusivity in Mediation and Peacebuilding (Edward Elgar of UK, <u>Jan 2022</u>)

Cases Studies of Afghanistan, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, and East Timor



## "Civil Wars and Mediation" (2020, Jan) My proposals

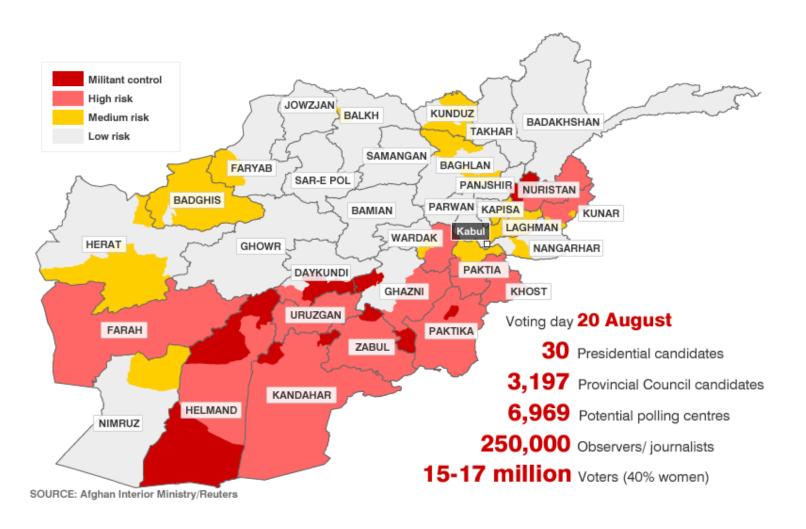
- Japan can make a contribution to facilitate
   dialogue by different conflicting parties by
   utilizing its trust as a peaceful nation, which
   has not invaded other countries for 75 years.
- Japan can also facilitate the global dialogue by member states, UN agencies, NGOs, and experts to address global challenges, such as pandemic and global warming.

(Global Facilitator)

## アフガニスタン地図(Afghan Map)



## Afghanistan 2008 (Field Research in Kabul, Kandahar, Wardak, and Kapisa)



## Afghanistan (Kandahar) 2008



## Afghanistan (アフガニスタン)2008



## Afghanistan (アフガニスタン)2008



## Afghanistan (アフガニスタン)2008



#### アンケート調査 (カンダハール州) Opinion Survey in Kandahar Province (2008)



## アンケート調査 (Opinion Survey)



### 個別インタビュー(Individual Interviews)

ジア農村復興開発省 大臣 (Minister in MRRD) ョヘムISAF文民代表 ISAF Civilian Representatives





# Opinion Survey and Individual Interviews

- 50 in Kandahar (from 6 districts)
- 102 in Wardak (2 dis)
- 108 in Kapisa (2 dis)

About 50 villagers gathered in one spot.

**260 Opinion Survey in Total** 

70 Individual interviews with ministers and others





## Majority of Afghan People Supported Reconciliation, as well as Afghan Gov officials, UN, and ISAF

(Results of Opinion Survey in 2008)

98% of respondents in Kandahar (Pashtun)
98% of respondents in Wardak (Pashtun)
70% of respondents in Kapisa (Tajik)
supported the coalition government between President Karzai and the Taliban.

## My Proposals (Report to UN DPKO in 2008 and Book "Peacebuilding" in June 2009)

- 1) <u>Create New Reconciliation Program and</u>
  <u>Committee</u> funded and supported by all key actors: Afghan G, ISAF, US, UNAMA.
- 2) Create New Reconciliation Fund
- 3) Job Creation and Job Training Centers
- 4) Remove the Taliban leadership from Sanction List if entering the Program
- 5) Talk with Afghan Taliban leadership to have political settlement.

### **Proposal and Policy 2**

2009 Nov: The Japanese government announced that it would support the reconciliation and reintegration as one of three key strategies for assisting Afghanistan.

Japan pledged 50 million USD as seed money for reconciliation trust fund in 2009.

#### Japan Economic Assistance to Afghanistan

For many years, Japan was the second highest in contributing to Afghan economic cooperation. (By OECD)

	<u>Firs</u>	<u>t Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Forth</u>
2008:	US	UK	Germany	Japan
2009:	US	Germany	y Japan	UK
2010:	US	Japan	Germany	Canada
2011:	US	Japan	Germany	UK
2012:	US	Japan	Germany	UK

#### Japan Economic Assistance to Afghanistan

#### Top donors to Afghan economic assistance

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Forth</u>
2013:	US	Japan	Germany	UK
2014:	US	Germany	/ Japan	UK
2015:	US	UK G	ermany	Japan
2016:	US	German	y UK	Japan
2017:	US	Germany	y UK	Japan

# Japan hosted Afghan donor conferences for reconstruction in Tokyo twice

#### 2002

Chaired by Ms. Sadako Ogata, for nation-building

#### <u>2012</u>

Strategy for long-term reconstruction





#### **Establishing Mechanism in the end of 2010**

(I worked for UNAMA from Dec 2009 to Dec 2010 as a Team Leader for Reconciliation)

- Afghan High Peace Council (negotiating with top leadership of the Taliban)
- Afghan Peace and Reintegration Program
- APRP Trust Fund funded by <u>USA</u>, <u>Japan</u>, <u>UK</u>, <u>Australia</u>, <u>Germany</u>, <u>Estonia</u>, <u>Italy</u>, <u>Denmark</u>, <u>Finland</u>, <u>Netherlands</u>, <u>Spain</u>, <u>and South Korea</u> (<u>About 200 Million USD</u>).

### Afghan Peace Process (2010-)

2010-2018: US, Afghan G, Taliban, and Pakistan attempted to have sustainable negotiation, but failed quickly many times after they started.

2018 Oct: US started the bilateral negotiation with the Taliban

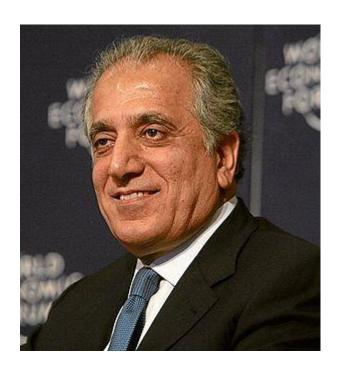
## Sustainable Negotiation between US and Taliban in Qater (Picture: March 2019)



## **Chief Negotiators**

Zalmay Khalilzad (US)

Mullar Baradar (Taliban)





### Afghan peace process 2

2020 Feb: US and Taliban agreement (US force would withdraw in 14 months, and the Taliban will do its best not to allow Afghanistan to be a harbor for international terrorist groups) 2020 Sep: The Afghan Government and the Taliban started the peace negotiation to discuss "ceasefire," "transitional government," and "future governance".

## I Hosted Series of Online Seminar on Afghan Peace Processes

14 Jan 2021 (1st session)

Challenges of Current Peace Talk in Doha

Nadir Naim: Former Vice Chair of High Peace Council

<u>P. Due</u> (Director, UNHQ)<u>Tsuji</u>, (Director, MoFA)<u>Prof Higashi</u>

[Seminar] Sophia Institute of International Relations

#### A Series of Seminars on Afghan Peace Process: 1st Session

Sophia Institute of International Relations is planning to host a series of seminars on Afghan peace process, together with Sophia Institute of Human Security. The thesis of the first session is " <a href="Challenges of Current Peace Talk">Challenges of Current Peace Talk</a> in Doha."

#### Keynote Speech: Mr. Nadir Naim

Chairman, Kabul Institute for Peace Former Vice Chair of High Peace Council in Afghanistan



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#### Commentator: Mr. Peter Due

Director, Asia and Pacific Division, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA) and Department of Peace Operations (DPO)



Dates Due

#### Commentator : Mr. Akihiro Tsuji

Director, Second Middle East Division, Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



Akihiro Tsu

#### Facilitator: Dr. Daisaku Higashi

Professor, Sophia University in Tokyo
Former Minister-Counsellor to Japan mission to UN
Former Team Leader for Reconciliation in UNAMA



Date & time: 14 January 2021: 21:30-22:50 (Japan)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar (US action and Peace in Afghanistan)

12 May 2021

Speaker: Habiba Sarabi,

Female Member in Afghan

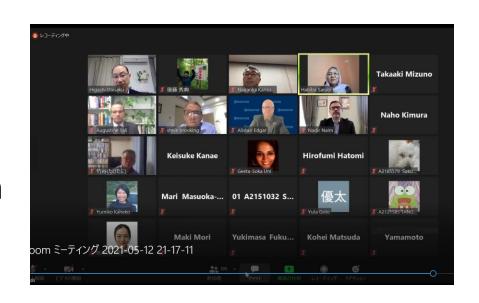
**Government Negotiation** 

Team with the Taliban

Steve (UNAMA, Director in Peace and Reconciliation)

Nagaoka, Deputy-Director in Middle East(MoFA)

**Prof Higashi** 



#### **Planned**

 I and Nadir Naim negotiated Abdul Abdul (No 2 in the Afghan Gov.) to have the third seminar and he accepted the offer.

 In the process of arranging the date, the Afghan government was collapsed on 15 Aug 2021.

### Failure of Peace Negotiation

- The Taliban started military campaigns against the provincial capitals of 34 provinces. After a few days' fighting in Herat, Kunduz, and Kandahar, almost all provinces did not fight, just surrendered to the Taliban.
- The Taliban moved to Kabul on 16 Aug.
   (The civil war with a huge bloodshed after US)
- withdrawal were at least avoided.)
- The dialogue between Abdul Abdul and the Taliban in Doha had some significance to avoid the bloodshed in Kabul.

### **Current Situation (Security)**

The security situation has been drastically improved in reducing normal crimes and military crashes, according to Nadir Naim, UN, and other reports (NYT article on Sep 15). People can go freely to Wardak and Kandahar with normal cars: shops can open in the night.

(The harsh fighting had been killing a few thousands civilians and more than 10,000 fighters every year since 2010 until this Aug.)

# Exception: Attacks by ISIS-K

26 August: Suicide Bombing at Kabul Airport (killed more than 180 civilians, including 13 US staff)

8 October: Bombing against Mosque in Kunduz (killing more than 60 civilians)

15 October: Bombing against Mosque in Kandahar, (killing more than 65 civilians)

The Taliban and ISIS-K has been fighting very harshly recently for a few years.

### **Current Situation (Economic Suffering)**

- US frozen the financial asset of the Afghan central bank for 9 billion USD. (One citizen can withdraw the Afghan money for 200 USD value from the bank per week. The public servants cannot obtain salaries. Shops cannot obtain the finance for business.)
- IMF and World Bank suspended assistance
- Severe draught and Corona pandemic

UN warns that 14 million Afghan are in the brink of starvation and hunger.

# I assert the need to save lives of Afghan people in Afghanistan

<u>5 Sep</u>: Sunday Debate in NHK (with Mr. Motegi, Foreign Minister)

7 Sep: Close Up Now in NHK

8 Sep: Journal "World" (Paper)

17 Sep: Asahi Newspaper (interview)

24 Sep: Journal "Foreign Affairs" (Debate)

10 Oct: Kyodo (Colom)

<u>16 Oct</u>: Yomiuri Newspaper (article)

# The approach by the International Community on Humanitarian Need

13 Sep: UN Secretary-General hosted the international conference on Afghan humanitarian crisis. (Total pledges by many states for 1,1 billion USD; Japan pledged 220 million USD)

12 Oct: G20 Summit which emphasized the importance of the humanitarian assistance.

As long as this financial blanket sanction continues, economic suffering will be continued.

### Three dilemmas of Financial Sanctions

- 1) The blanket financial sanction will threaten the lives of the most vulnerable Afghan people, especially women and children, exact people that the sanction is aimed to protect.
- 2) If the Taliban is collapsed by the sanction, Afghanistan enters the other civil war, and ISIS-K will gain more territories and power.
- 3) It might be China which will give financial assistance to the Taliban in exchange of rights for mineral resources.

### Relations with UN Sanction

There are about 10 ministers who are now in UN targeted sanction for the Taliban.

UN Sanction is "individual sanction", such as travel ban, financial freezing, and arm embargo.

(There is a lesson that the blanket sanction against the Hussein Regime in Iraq from 1991 to 2002 costed million of lives; UN uses individual sanctions.)

It is technically possible to unfreeze the financial asset of the Afghan central bank.

# Start of Engagements

5 Oct: UK special envoy met Baradar, Deputy PM 10-11 Oct: US delegation met the Taliban FM in Doha. The Taliban demanded unfreezing the financial asset of the central bank. US demanded the rights of women and ISIS-K. Both sides evaluated as "very professional." 19 Oct: Russia hosted a meeting with 9 regional states (China, Pakistan, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) and the Taliban to call for UN donor conference to prevent humanitarian catastrophe and to rebuild a state.

Possible Different Approaches when the Taliban is not seeking for democracy, at least now.

Some of democratic states will judge the Taliban by the standard of the democracy (including freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of press, etc.)

Non-democratic states are not democratic; thus as long as the Talban can stabilize the country, provide security, and contain international terrorist groups, they might support the Taliban, including the development of mineral resources (estimated to be 1trillon USD).

# Japan approach (my idea)

- Japan should engage and have dialogues with the Taliban to persuade the Taliban to keep its words on women's access to education and work, as well as to prevent the international terrorist groups.
- As an humanitarian assistance, Japan should keep providing assistance on food, medicine, agriculture, and education. Japan can also expand its assistance if the Taliban keep its words. It should motivate the Taliban to be tolerant and internationally accepted.
- Japan can tell our past failure as a military regime before WWII and our own reconstruction with democratic system after the debacle.

# 日本のNGOsも活動を次々と再開 Japan NGOs began its activities in Afghanistan (Seminar on 6 Oct 2021)

#### オンライン公開セミナー 「アフガン人道危機:日本のNGOsの 現地活動と今後の支援」

発表: 村上 優 (ペシャワール会 会長)

藤田 千代子 (ペシャワール会 理事) 永井 仁乃 (カレーズの会 本部事務局)

東 大作 (上智大学教授)

司会: 長谷部 貴俊 (元日本国際ボランティアセンター事務局長

現JIM-NET プロジェクト・マネージャー)

日時:2021年10月6日(水)午後1時30分~午後3時30分 ズームによるオンラインセミナーです(登録された方に事前にズームリンクをお伝えします)

共催:ペシャワール会

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上智大学国際関係研究所 上智大学人間の安全保障研究所 Japan Global Dialogue (NPO)

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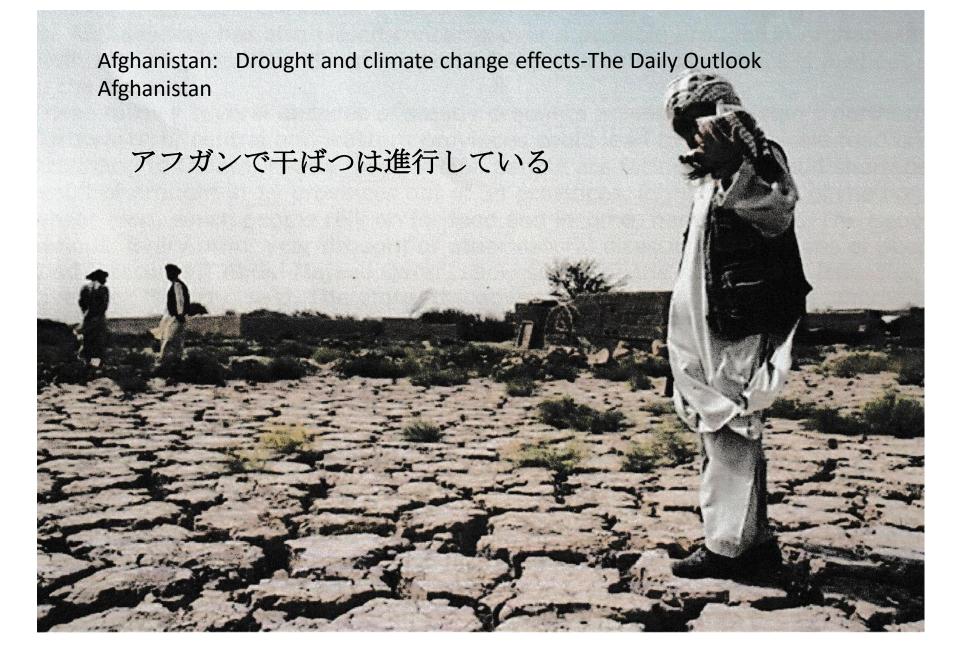
趣旨:8月15日の旧アフガン政権崩壊を受けて、アフガニスタンにおける平和作りは新たな状況に入っています。経済制裁によって人々の生活の苦しさが増す中、日本のいくつものNGOsが、現地での活動を再開しています。セミナーでは、日本のNGOsのアフガン現地での活動状況や課題を共有しつつ、今後の支援について議論を進めていきます。

#### ペシャワール会(中村哲さんが元現地代表)

Peace Medical Service=PMS (Dr. Tetsu Nakamura used to be the top of PMS for 35 years in Afghanistan)
Nangahar Province in Eastern Afghanistan
The slides below were shown by two Japanese NGOs on the seminar on 6 October 2021 and I got the permission to use them for this lecture.

# PMS (which used to by head by Dr. Tetsu Nakamura who assisted Afghanistan for 35 years.)







用水路建設(Canals Construction) 人海戦術と適正技術 Local Technique and Labor intensive work

アフガン農民と共に Together with many Afghan Farmers





#### 石出し水制 (クナール河) 用水路 Canal from Kunar River



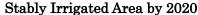














Revival of Agricultural areas 16,500 ha & 650,000 farmers

2. 地域から全国展開へ (Plan to expand it to entire Afghanistan

### ペシャワール会診療所8月21日再開

PMS Medical Clinic was resumed on 21 Aug 2021



# ガンベリ農場 9月2日一部再開

 Agricultural Projects in Ganberi farm was resumed on 2 Sep 2021.





↑ ガンベリ農場 牛の飼料用 2021年9月2日



←ガンベリ農場牛舎 毎日の搾乳は一仕事 2021年9月2日

# 用水路·灌溉事業 (Canal and Irrigation Projects)

用水路・灌漑事業 (Canal and Irrigation under construction) 建設途中のバルカシコート堰・用水路







#### 2021年8月24日ペシャワール会現地事務所をタリバンの局 長と旧政府の幹部が訪問

(Taliban Director-General in Nangahar and official in the previous government came to the office of PMS on 24 Aug 2021)





# 10月7日灌漑事業も再開 (Resumption of Irrigation: 7 Oct)

アフガニスタンで人道支

東部ナンガルハル州政府の

同会の支援を受けて活動 する現地のNGO「PMS」 (平和医療団)は、イスラ の政権を発足させたことに伴 う政情不安の影響で、8月 う政情不安の影響で、8月 きが確認されたことから、 全が確認されたことから、 全が確認されたことから、 全が確認されたことから、 をが確認されたことから、 と。

### ペシャワール会 用水路建設再開

「アフガン 大きな一歩」



程度確保でき、作業に必要 理営する農場の収益が一定 ●用水路建設が再開した作業 現場。左は取水門・のスタッフ=いずれも7日、 のスタッフ=いずれも7日、 のスタッフ=いずれも7日、 で乗め る「PMS」(平和医療団) る「PMS」(平和医療団)

# カレーズの会 (NGO "Karez")

静岡が本部 南部のカンダハールで医療や教育支援 8月15日以降も、変わらず支援

HQ is located in Shizuoka in Japan

Medical and Educational Assistance in Kandahar in Southern Afghanistan

It continues the activities after 15 Aug 2021.

# タリバン制圧後のカンダハール市民 Kandahar under the Taliban



撮影日2021年8月22日(Photo, 22 Aug 2021)

# タリバン制圧後のカンダハール市民 Kandahar under the Taliban



# タリバン制圧後のカンダハール市民 Kandahar under the Taliban





Photo (23 Aug 2021)



撮影日 2021年8月21日

女医や助産師、女性看護師、カウンセラーの活動は継続 (Women's doctors, medical staff, counselors keep working at Clinic)



9月上旬にはタリバン調査団により医療系女性職員の就労が許可 Taliban officials came to the clinic and assured the female staff in Sep 2021.



女性職員に対しては、通勤時のブルカ着用を求められている。勤務の際はヒジャブや感染対策のマスクで代用する。

Women staff are required to have burka in commuting; they can wear the hijab or mask during work.

# Challenges of Japanese NGOs

It has been very difficult to send the fund to Afghan banks for salaries of staff and materials of projects, including medicines, since the economic sanctions began on 16 Aug 2021.

It is very difficult for staff of NGO to get the cash for salaries and project money from the Afghan local banks, due to the financial sanction.

### Conclusion

- 99.9 % of Afghan people need to survive inside Afghanistan. How to maintain their lives is a crucial task for the IC.
- UN officials told that the security is improved and the Taliban is cooperating for the humanitarian assistance. (1200 UN local staff and 100 international staff are working inside)
- I would like to keep working with Nadir Naim, head of Kabul Institute for Peace in Kabul to facilitate dialogue within Afghan stakeholders.