

19 December 2010

Global Day of Listening to Afghans

* To request a time to speak or for more information email: youthpeacevolunteers@gmail.com

[All times are for Afghanistan : See time-table for conversions](#)

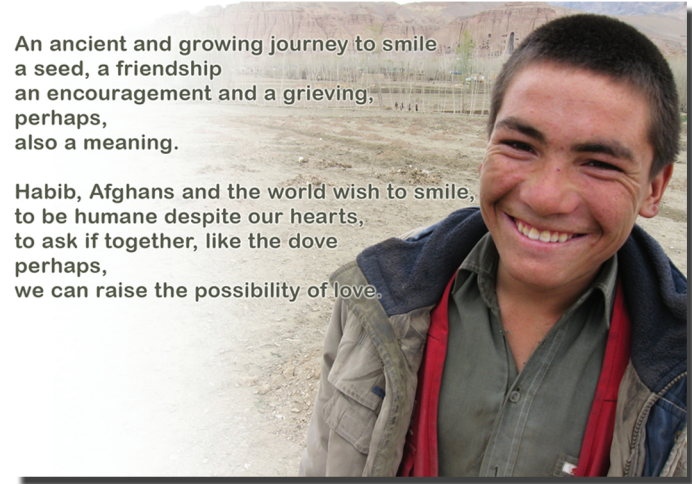
<u>Time</u>	<u>Listening Theme</u>
7:00 am	Opening
7:30 am	A Letter to World Leaders
8:00 am	Global request for listening
9:30 am	Afghans talk and listen
12:00 pm	A World Conversation
1:30 pm	Iraqis talk and listen
2:30 pm	Palestine / Israel asking for listening
3:30 pm	Europeans talk and listen
4:30 pm	Special Broadcast from Kabul
5:30 pm	Listening about Religions
6:00 pm	Listening about Politics
6:30 pm	9/11 and listening
7:30 pm	Grandmothers- wisdom of elders
8:30 pm	Americans talk about listening
9:30 pm	Veterans talk about listening
10:30 pm	Whose Children Are These? From NYC
11:30 pm	"Listening" does not sleep
12:00 am	Good Night from Afghanistan
- Rest -	- Rest -
7:00 am	Closing the Global Day of Listening

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Afghan Youth Seek Your Friendship!

An ancient and growing journey to smile
a seed, a friendship
an encouragement and a grieving,
perhaps,
also a meaning.

Habib, Afghans and the world wish to smile,
to be humane despite our hearts,
to ask if together, like the dove
perhaps,
we can raise the possibility of love.



Inspired by the [Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers](#) and [Afghans For Peace](#) this **GLOBAL DAY of LISTENING** will allow everyone to listen to the stories told by the Afghan People of what it is like to live now in Afghanistan. Anyone interested in talking with those gathered in Kabul and Bamiyan may now request a time to speak during this Day of Listening. You may listen at any time via conference call-in or Skype! Reference the [Details Page](#) and request a time to speak through email.*

WE WANT YOU OUT

TIME TO
LISTEN TO THE
PEOPLE OF
AFGHANISTANI

T*o all the leaders of our world, the leaders of the US-led coalition, the Afghan government, the 'Taliban/Al-Qaeda' and regional countries,*

We are intolerably angry.

All our senses are hurting.

Our women, our men and yes shame on you, our children are grieving.

Your Afghan civilian-military strategy is a murderous stench we smell, see, hear and breathe.

President Obama, and all the elite players and people of the world, why?

America's 250-million-dollar annual communications budget just to scream propaganda on this war of perceptions, with its nauseating rhetoric mimicked by Osama and other warlords, is powerless before the silent wailing of every anaemic mother.

We will no longer be passive prey to your disrespectful systems of oligarchic, plutocratic war against the people.
Your systems feed the rich and powerful. They are glaringly unequal, they do not listen, do not think and worst, they do not care.
We choose not to gluttonize with you.

We choose not to be trained by you. We choose not to be pawned by you.
We henceforth refuse every weapon you kill us with, every dollar you bait us with and every lie you manipulate us with.

We are not beasts.

We are Afghans, Americans, Europeans, Asians and global citizens.

Yes, you have the false, self-appointed power to arrest us over expressing the public opinion of ordinary folk, students, farmers, shepherds, labourers, teachers, doctors....., people who now have nowhere to turn and nowhere to hide. (Open Letter to our World Leaders)

This world public opinion against the Afghan war has been clearly expressed and is larger than any number of WikiLeaks you seek to suppress. So, come arrest us all as we civilly disobey you. Come arrest us all. Yes, you have the army, police and apparatus to smother us and to bribe those who are Pavlov-reflexed to money, but you cannot stop us from restoring our voice.
We refuse to prostitute our hearts and minds.
We refuse you.
Not you the human person, but you the greedy system of self-interested power.

Again and again here in Afghanistan, we have seen a hope for non-violence light up; every day we see a yearning for humane relationships, and because of this, love is how we now firmly take our stand.

We will listen to the People on December 19th, on the Global Day of Listening to Afghans and we invite every one of you to pick up your phone to call us, to share one another's pain, and to call our world to urgent reconciliation. We invite the world public opinion to overwhelm us! (email youthpeacevolunteers@gmail.com to arrange a call).

We wish to invite all the people of the world because when the powers are not listening to the people, listening becomes an act of love, it becomes a solidarity of non-violent resistance.
How can we do any less?

14-year-old Abdulaziz's father was killed by the 'Taliban' and so, like every other human being, he copes with sorrow, hate, fear and anger.
But, he wakes up to the chronic war days in his land sensing that 'something is very wrong with the world I'm caught up in', these elders of the world are not getting it.....?

How does trillion-deficit killing, followed by the strategy of escalated killing and yet another review for more killing, work?

How does it make anyone safer?

How does it solve the incorruptible corruption, unequalled inequality and inviolate violence we face daily?

Your policies, skewed-ly 'diagnosed' and 'reviewed' in a cold clinical manner divorced from reality, have been deaf to the concerns and needs of the people, thus we endeavour to have a People's Afghanistan December Review, because that's what ordinary people can do.

We want peace.

We want you out.

With singular sincerity,

Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers

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