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NDI arrived in Afghanistan in early 2002 and has conducted programs to promote the participation of civic groups, political parties, women, and government bodies in the country's political and electoral processes. NDI currently works in partnership with Afghanistan's 34 provincial councils to enhance their ability to represent their constituents and support the local development planning process. This work is

conducted through NDI's offices across Afghanistan – in Balkh, Herat, Kandahar, Kabul, Khost, Kunduz and Nangarhar provinces.

Electoral Support. For the 2004 presidential and 2005 parliamentary and provincial council elections, NDI conducted technical assistance programs that engaged over 60,000 participants including candidates, campaign staff and polling agents. It also helped to establish the Free and Fair Elections Foundation of Afghanistan (FEFA), a monitoring network that conducted the most extensive domestic observation effort for the 2005 elections. For the 2009 presidential and provincial council and 2010 parliamentary polls, NDI assisted candidates, political parties, and election monitoring groups to participate in the electoral process.

Strengthening Political Party and Candidate Participation. NDI works to strengthen the capacity of Afghan political parties to develop campaigns that address voter concerns. The Institute has provided training to political party representatives through an intensive six-week course in practical party-building and campaign management. In the lead up to the 2010 candidate registration period, NDI offered technical guidance to smaller political parties on approaches to strengthen their internal structures, build coalitions, and better position themselves to compete.

In July 2010, NDI conducted Candidate Orientation Training seminars across the country to inform registered candidates of the legal framework and regulations relevant to the elections. These sessions also covered the roles and responsibilities of candidates, with special emphasis on ways to identify and combat election fraud and misuse of state resources. These seminars took place in 30 of the country's 34 provinces and reached 1,709 candidates (68 percent of all registered candidates), including 208 female candidates.

Increasing Women's Political Participation. As a record number of women were competing for Wolesi Jirga seats in 2010, NDI organized campaign schools with a curriculum tailored to address the challenges particular to Afghan women, build key campaign skills, and broaden knowledge of the electoral framework. Approximately 246 (or 62 percent of all) women candidates participated in these schools. Following the elections, NDI conducted orientation workshops for women elected to the Wolesi Jirga to help them build the skills necessary to fulfill their mandates and face the challenges unique to female politicians in Afghanistan.

Supporting Candidate Agents. NDI implemented a 2010 Candidate Agent Training program to strengthen the capacity of candidate agents to observe and report on election-day activities. The Institute held workshops across 31 of the country's 34 provinces to help over 36,000 candidate agents (including more than 9,700 women) learn about election procedures, effective election administration, and the rights and obligations of polling agents. The Institute developed a candidate agent manual, in Dari and Pashto, and collaborated with the Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan to distribute thousands of manuals throughout the country.

Election Observation. NDI provided technical and financial support to FEFA, the country's principal domestic monitoring network. The Institute assisted the organization in its preparations for the 2010 elections, including the training of district-level staff, the observation of the voter and candidate registration periods, and the mobilization of monitors on election day. For the 2010 polls, FEFA deployed 7,000 monitors across the country.

NDI also conducted an observation mission to monitor the 2010 elections, mobilizing 164 observers and analysts. This mission involved in-depth analysis of the electoral process before, during, and after polling day. Issues examined included electoral administration, the electoral complaints process, women's political participation and security. Mission personnel also trained representatives of the diplomatic community in Kabul on the elements and procedures involved in election observation.

Election Data Mapping. NDI launched <u>afghanistanelectiondata.org</u>, an innovative online mapping tool to facilitate analysis of election results data using demographic, ethnographic, topographic, and security information. This features data from Afghanistan's 2004, 2005, 2009 and 2010 elections.

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INTRODUCTION

On September 18, 2010, Afghans went to the polls to vote for representatives to the 249-seat Wolesi Jirga (lower house of the National Assembly). These were the second parliamentary polls, and the fourth national elections, conducted since the fall of the Taliban in 2001. This round of elections would prove to be a lengthier and more complex process than many had anticipated, ultimately lasting over a year before Afghanistan's electoral management bodies - the Independent Election Commission (IEC) and the Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) – the executive branch and the Parliament could reach an accord.

Final election results, which were expected to be announced on October 30, 2010, were delayed to accommodate IEC audits and allow the ECC to complete investigations of numerous complaints serious enough to affect numerical results. Audits and recounts eventually led the IEC to invalidate more than 1.5 million votes, and the ECC investigations resulted in the disqualification of several candidates who were listed as winners based on preliminary results. The IEC approved and released the final election results on November 24, 2010.¹

The Attorney General's office publicly challenged the results, stated that candidates who may have committed fraud should be investigated, and handed over 232 cases to the Supreme Court. On December 26, 2010 President Hamid Karzai called for the formation of a special tribunal to study the electoral returns and review the cases of losing candidates, countering the IEC's constitutionally protected mandate. He ordered the postponement of the inauguration of the new parliament to allow the tribunal to review these cases. After a protracted standoff between Karzai and the winning parliamentary candidates declared by the IEC, a new parliament was seated on January 26, 2011.

Although the new Wolesi Jirga had been inaugurated, the special tribunal continued to conduct investigations and provincial recounts. On June 23, 2011, the tribunal declared its findings, disqualifying 62 members – approximately 25 percent of the Wolesi Jirga – and designated candidates to replace those to be unseated. In the uproar that followed, scores of parliamentarians protested and regarded the tribunal as an "illegal body," the IEC warned of a constitutional crisis, and parliamentary groupings such as the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law (CSRL) sprang up with nearly 200 supporters.³

http://outlookafghanistan.net/news?post id=1046.

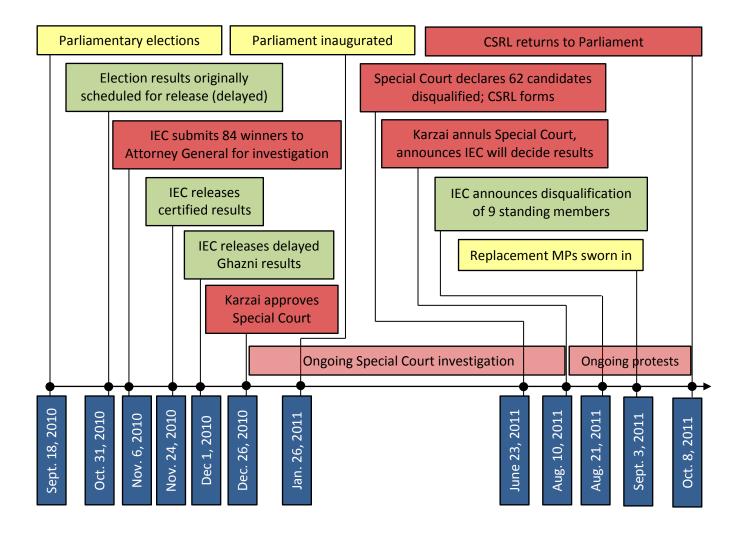
¹ On November 24, 2010 the IEC approved and released the final results for all electoral constituencies except for Ghazni province (and by extension, the Kuchi constituency). Ghazni, an ethnically mixed province, is made up of Hazara and Pashtun-populated districts. For the 2010 polls, voter turnout in Pashtun-dominated districts was low, and preliminary election results showed that the province's 11 parliamentary seats were won by Hazaras. Pashtun candidates complained that their supporters had been disenfranchised, and President Karzai called for a fresh election for the province. The IEC replied that Article 61 of the Afghan Constitution mandates the IEC with handling election administration and the process of finalizing results, not the president. This led to a protracted exchange between election officials and the palace, delaying the announcement of final results for Ghazni. Ultimately, the preliminary results were kept as the final results for the province.

² "Decision of Special Tribunal Illegal." Daily Outlook Afghanistan, June 27, 2011,

³ Suroush, Qayoom. "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad, July 18, 2011, http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324.

To quell this crisis, President Karzai nullified the tribunal and decreed that the IEC be the final arbiter for election results.⁴ After reviewing the cases, the IEC announced on August 21, 2011 that nine sitting members should be disqualified and replaced. Nine replacements were sworn in amid boycotts and protests from several parliamentarians, which carried on for several weeks. Mediation facilitated by provincial council leaders and other political actors ultimately led the opposing parliamentarians to return to the Wolesi Jirga and resume their seats on October 8, 2011.

The Wolesi Jirga members described in this directory are those who were seated as a result of this entire chain of events.



⁴ Rubin, Alissa J., and Abdul Waheed Wafa. "Karzai Annuls Afghan Court Reviewing 2010 Polls." New York Times. August 10, 2011. http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/11/world/asia/11afghan.html.

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This Directory

This directory is designed to provide basic information about Afghanistan's politicians and government leaders. It contains the profiles of the 249 *Wolesi Jirga* members elected through the 2010 electoral process and scheduled to serve through 2015. NDI hopes this information will be useful to other members of parliament (MPs), Afghan civil society groups, Afghan political communities, international organizations working in partnership with the Afghan government, and interested individuals around the world.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this directory is accurate and, where appropriate, duly referenced. All data was collected and compared against as many available sources as existed at the time, including: the *Wolesi Jirga's* compilation of MP profiles, collated by the Secretariat; information made public by MPs on personal websites or in public statements; direct interviews with MPs and their staff either in person or by phone specifically for this project; and selected, reputable internet sites and news reports.

All profile information is organized by category, as follows:

Name: Taken from Independent Election Commission (IEC) candidate records. Given in full once, including titles, afterwards last name only used. This is for consistency throughout the document, and is not intended to cause offense (for example in the omission of 'Haji' or 'Dr.') Names and spellings used may not be those by which an MP is commonly known.

Province: Official constituency.

District: Birthplace or area in which MP has strong family or societal connections. For some MPs, this location is not within the represented province.

Votes: Number of votes gained in 2010 election (after disqualifications).

Phone: Current phone number.

Age: Age in 2011.

Incumbent: Indicates the MP was already in office when elected in the 2010 elections.

New Member: Indicates the MP is serving his/her first term in parliament after being elected in the 2010 elections.

First language: Primary language, as reported by MP.

2005 PC Member: Indicates the MP served on a Provincial Council during the 2005 term.

Party affiliation: Party connection if used by the MP on official election ballot or if affiliation is public and affirmed by MP.

Commission (2012): Parliamentary commission to which the MP belonged during 2012.

Personal background: Date of birth, family information, interests, travel, languages spoken.

Education: Details of the MPs primary, secondary and higher education, where applicable.

Civil society/NGO connections: Information regarding the MP's membership in civil society groups, charities, journalistic or cultural activities.

Previous occupation: Details of MPs former or concurrent employment/livelihood.

2005 Parliament: Details regarding the MP's previous term in parliament, and any previous commission service (if applicable). Also noted if MP ran unsuccessfully in 2005 parliamentary elections, including vote count where possible. 2005 commission names are in some cases different from those used in the current parliament. A C symbol here indicates that this MP was elected to a Provincial Council during the 2005 term and then nominated from the PC to serve in the Meshrano Jirga, Afghanistan's entirely appointed Upper House of Parliament.

Other information: Participation in national activities, unofficial party affiliations, and other points of interest. A C symbol here indicates that this MP served on a Provincial Council during the 2005 term. A O symbol indicates that this MP was one of 84 members investigated by the Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) and the Attorney General's office.⁵ A ❖ symbol indicates that this MP was one of 62 members to be disqualified as a result of the Special Court investigation of 2011. ⁶ A ■ symbol indicates that this MP replaced a disqualified candidate, either as one of nine in August 2011 or earlier, following an IEC or ECC investigation.⁷

Information provided without a corresponding reference was taken either from direct communication with the MP and his/her staff, or from MPs' personal websites and other public statements.

⁵ Ahmad, Farid. "84 Likely Poll Winners Referred to AG Office." Pajhwok. November 10, 2010. http://www.pajhwok.com/dr/node/126313

⁶ Ruttig, Thomas. "Special Court Suggests to Change 62 MPs: The Outgoing and The Outcome (amended)." Afghan Analysts Network. June 26, 2011. http://aan-afghanistan.com/print.asp?id=1843.

⁷ Van Bijlert, Martine. "A New Result for the Parliamentary election?" Afghan Analysts Network. August 21, 2011. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=2032

Political Parties, Translations & Leaders

Afghanistan Islamic Justice Party Hezb-e-Adalat Islami

led by Qazi Muhammad Kabeer Marzban, MP Takhar

Afghan National Party Hezb-e-Afghan Millat

led by Anwar ul Haq Ahadi, Minister of Commerce

New Afghanistan Party Hezb-e-Afghanistan Naveen

led by Muhammad Younus Qanooni, MP Kabul

National Coordination Party Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli

led by Najibullah Sadeq Modaber, Head of

Administration Department

National Sovereignty Party Hezb-e-Eqtedar Milli

led by Dr. Said Ali Kazemi, MP Kabul

Afghanistan Islamic Movement Party Hezb-e-Harakat Islami Afghanistan

led by Said Hussain Anwari, MP Kabul

Afghanistan Islamic People's Movement Party Hezb-e-Harakat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

led by Abdul Ghani Kazimi, former Afghanistan Red

Crescent Society general secretary

Afghanistan Islamic Party Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan

led by Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, Minister of Economy

Afghanistan Republic Party Hezb-e-Jamhori Afghanistan

led by Engineer Habib Rahman

Afghanistan Republican Party Hezb-e-Jamhurikhahan Afghanistan

led by Sebghatullah Sanjar, Head of Policy

Afghanistan Islamic Association Party Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

led by Salahuddin Rabbani, son of Burhanuddin Rabbani

Afghanistan National Islamic Movement Party Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan

led by Abdul Rashid Dostum, President's Chief of Staff

Afghanistan National Congress Party Hezb-e-Kongara Milli Afghanistan

led by Latif Pedram, MP Badakhshan

Afghanistan National Islamic Front Party Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan

led by Sayed Ahmad Gilani, Sufi Pir ("leader")

Afghanistan National United Party Hezb-e-Mutahid Milli Afghanistan

led by Noor ul Haq Ulomi, Retired General

National Necessity Party Hezb-e-Niyaaz Milli

led by Wakil Fatima Nazari, MP Kabul

Sanjar was killed in a traffic accident on May 5, 2012; at time of printing, no replacement has been named.

National Solidarity Movement Party Hezb-e-Nuhzat Hambastagi Milli

led by Sayed Ishaq Gailani, MP Paktika

Afghanistan National Linkage Party Hezb-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan

led by Said Mansoor Naderi, MP Baghlan

Afghanistan Islamic Invitation Party Hezb-e-Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan

led by Abdul Rab Rasul Sayaf, MP Kabul

Afghanistan National Salvation Front Party Hezb-e-Tanzim Jabhayee Nejat Milli Afghanistan

led by Hazrat Sebghatullah Mujadedi, MP Meshrano Jirga

Afghanistan Islamic Unity Party Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan

led by Abdul Karim Khalili, Second Vice President

Islamic Unity of the Nation Party Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Millat

led by Ustad Qurban Ali Erfani, MP Kabul

National Islamic Unity Party Hezb-e-Wahdat Milli Islami

led by Ustad Muhammad Akbari, MP Bamyan

Afghanistan People's Islamic Unity Party Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

led by Haji Muhammad Mohaqiq, MP Kabul

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Complaints Complaints and Petitions

Disabled Disabled, Martyrs and Widows

Finance Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs

Health Health, Sports, Youths, Labor and Workers

Immunities Immunities and Privileges

Internal Affairs (Internal Security, Border Control, National Security and Local

Administration)

International International Affairs

Justice Justice, Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption

Legislative Legislative Affairs

Narcotics Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics

Environment Natural Resources and the Environment

Economy National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Migration Nomads, Tribal Affairs, Refugees and Migration

Audit Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit

Education Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Transport Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Human Rights Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights

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⁸ Committee titles taken from: http://www.cid.suny.edu/APAP_Newsletter/2011/APAP_Newsletter_March.18.11.pdf

BADAKHSHAN								
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Ianguage	Affiliation	Commission	
Alhaj Shah Abdul Ahad Afzali	Darayem	58	8164		Dari	Independent	Narcotics (d)	
Dr. Nilofar Ibrahimi ❖ ○	Kishem/ Tagab	36	3667		Dari	Independent	Health (s)	
Fawzia Kofi O	Kofa	36	16192	✓	Dari	Independent	Human Rights (c)	
Alhaj Zalmai Mujadidi O	Jurm	54	16410	√	Dari	Hezb-e- Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Internal	
Alhaj Safiullah Muslim ❖ ○	Argo	35	8632		Dari	Independent	Environment	
Amanullah Payman •	Raghestan	45	8289	✓	Dari	Independent	Education	
Abdul Latif Pedram	Darwaz	47	8469		Dari	Hezb-e- Kongara Milli Afghanistan	Audit	
Saranwal Abdul Rawouf ○ ■	Yaftal	38	9703		Dari	Independent	Justice	
Mohammad Zekria Sawda	4 th district, Faizabad	40	7982		Dari	Independent	Environment	

Alhaj Shah Abdul Ahad Afzali

Province: Badakhshan **District:** Darayem **Votes:** 8164

Phone: 0787415588 Age: 58 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics (Deputy, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Alhaj Shah Abdul Ahad Afzali, son of Shah Abdul Rashid Khan, was born in 1953 in Darayem district of Badakhshan province. His family is well-known, with connections to Mohammed Wali Khan Darwazi, the first Foreign Minister of Afghanistan (under King Amanullah). Afzali was married in 1973 and has two sons and one daughter. As conflict in Afghanistan worsened he migrated to Tajikistan, where he remained for nine years. While there, he established schools and educational centers for Afghan students. He returned to Afghanistan in 2001. Paying tribute to his activities and services, he has received many appreciation letters from the President of Afghanistan, and from different ministers and governors. Afzali has traveled to more than 19 countries. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto and Uzbek.

Education: Afzali graduated from twelfth class at the Shah Mahmmud Ghazi High School, Badakhshan province, in 1971.

Previous occupation: Afzali worked in the governmental offices of the Ministries of Interior, Education and Finance from 1971 to 1979, holding a variety of positions, and became governor of Badakhshan in 1976. After 1979, he went into private business, running a pharmacy and conducting agricultural activities. When he returned to Afghanistan after his time in Tajikistan, he was selected to represent Badakhshan province in an Emergency Loya Jirga. He was appointed Deputy Governor of Badakhshan province from 2002-2003. Afzali was then appointed Governor of Ghor province for two years from 2005-2007. After this time, he became the director of the Integrity and Public Relations Agency working with local organizations in Ghor province.

Other Information: Afzali came sixth in the electoral race in Badakhshan. He was nominated as a candidate for the First Deputy Speaker position in 2010, but was not elected.

Dr. Nilofar Ibrahimi

Province: Badakhshan **District**: Kishem/Tagab **Votes:** 3667

Phone: 0707415300 **Age:** 36 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Health, Sports, Youth, Labor and Workers (Secretary, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Dr. Nilofar Ibrahimi, daughter of Ibrahim Bek, was born in 1975 in Kishem district of Badakhshan province. She is married and has four children. Both her father and grandfather were lawmakers in the *Meshrano Jirga*, or Upper House of Parliament, during the reign of the King, Zahir Shah, and her family continues to be influential in the northeastern region. Ibrahimi is an independent member of parliament. She enjoys reading, and speaks Dari and English.

Education: Ibrahimi graduated from the Aaeda Beganji High School in Mazar-e-Sharif in 1991. She then went on to attain her bachelor's degree in Medical Sciences from the Medical Faculty of Balkh University in 2003.

Civil society/NGO connections: She has worked with the Afghan NGO Care of Afghan Families (CAF), which provides medical services in Badakhshan province.

Previous occupation: After graduating from Balkh University in 2003, she worked as a doctor in the Rabia Balkhi Hospital in Kabul and later at the Kishem District Hospital, which is run by CAF.

Other Information: �O Ibrahimi won the last of nine seats available for Badakhshan province in the 2010 elections, gaining most of her votes from her home districts. Since coming to parliament, Ibrahimi has been outspoken in her critique of the government's health provisions to Badakhshan province.

Fauzia Kofi

Province: Badakhshan **District:** Kofa **Votes:** 16192

Phone: 0707250000 Age: 36 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights (Chair, 2012; previous Deputy, 2011)

Personal background: Fauzia Kofi, daughter of Abdul Rahman, was born in 1975 in the Kofa district of Badakhshan Province. She is a widow and has two children. Her father served as a senator under King Zahir Shah. At 36 years old, she is one of the youngest lawmakers in the Afghan parliament. She speaks Dari, English, and Urdu.

Education: Kofi obtained a master's degree in Business Management from the University of Pakistan in Islamabad. Currently, she is taking evening classes at the Law Faculty at Kabul University.

Civil society/NGO connections: Kofi has worked with a variety of organizations focused on women and children.

Previous occupation: Kofi was an English teacher at Badakhshan University. She also worked for UNICEF in both Badakhshan and Kabul provinces.

2005 Parliament: In the 2005 Wolesi Jirga election, Kofi was one of the highest-scoring female candidates, coming to the parliament with 6,851 votes. During the 2005 parliament's first term, she was elected to the position of Second Deputy Speaker and held the position for one year. Since the opening of the 2005 parliament, she has held primary responsibility for coordinating international assistance to the Wolesi Jirga. She was also a member of the Women's Affairs Committee from 2005-2010.

Other information: O

Alhaj Zalmai Mujadidi

Province: Badakhshan **District:** Jurm **Votes:** 16410

Phone: 0700055555 **Age:** 54 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Alhaj Zalmai Mujadidi (Zalmay Mojaddedi) was born in 1958 in Jurm district, Badakhshan. He has two wives, three sons and four daughters. In the 1990s, as a result of his opposition to the Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan party leader, and later president, Burhannadin Rabbani, he moved to Kabul. During his time in Kabul he became closely allied with Hamid Karzai, before becoming a member of parliament. He considers himself to be a conservative Islamist. Mujadidi speaks Dari.

Education: Mujadidi holds a bachelor's degree from the Geology Faculty of Kabul University.

Previous occupation: Mujadidi is a former jihadi leader. He was also the head of the 10th department of the Afghan National Security Directorate, which handles presidential security and the security of other high-ranking officials.

2005 Parliament: Mujadidi gained 14,145 votes in the 2005 parliamentary elections, coming in second highest in the province, behind Burhanuddin Rabbani.

Other information: • Mujadadi led Karzai's 2009 election campaign team in the northeast, and remains a staunch Karzai supporter. Until Rabbani's death in 2011, he was the *Jamiat* party leader's main political opponent in Badakhshan. Mujadidi was the highest scoring parliamentary candidate in Badakhshan province in the 2010 election.

Alhaj Safiullah Muslim

Province: Badakhshan **District:** Argo **Votes:** 8632

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Natural Resources and the Environment



Personal background: Alhaj Safiullah Muslim, son of Mawlawi Hamidullah Muslim, was born in 1976 in the Argo district of Badakhshan province. He is married with five sons and four daughters. He speaks Dari, Turkish and Uzbek.

Education: Muslim was homeschooled in religious and Islamic studies, and then completed his secondary education at Kokcha High School, Argo district. He is now studying toward a degree in economics at university in Kabul.

Previous occupation: Due to a lack of educational opportunities and civil war, Muslim did not pursue higher education, instead deciding to go into business. He became the director of a goods import/export company. For over 15 years, he has run several successful businesses in the import/export and construction sectors. He is currently the director of the Hamid Muslim Company.

Other information: ❖ ● In the 2010 election, Muslim came third in Badakhshan province, gaining most of his votes from his home district of Argo.

Amanullah Payman

Province: Badakhshan **District**: Raghestan **Votes:** 8289

Phone: 0707363636 Age: 45 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Amanullah Payman was born in 1965 in Badakhshan province, Raghestan district. He is married and has two sons and two daughters. He speaks Dari, Pashto, Urdu and English.

Education: Payman studied at Raghestan District School and attended high school in Peshawar. He graduated from the Peshawar University with a degree in Law and Political Science. He is now he working on his master's degree in Law and Political Science at Dushanbe University.

Civil society/NGO connections: During the 1980s Payman was a civil society activist and worked to promote women's rights and human rights. He is not currently involved with any civil society organizations.

Previous occupation: Payman worked as chief of staff for President Rabbani in 1992. From 1995 to 2002, he became the special envoy of the Islamic State to the Northern regions. In 2003, he was a representative at the Constitutional Loya Jirga.

2005 Parliament: Payman came to the 2005 parliament with 8286 votes. On entering the parliament, he was elected chair of the commission for Upholding MPs' Rights and Privileges. In 2008, he was elected as Second Deputy Speaker in the parliament, and in 2009 re-elected to a second term in this position.

Other information: • In his early years as a parliamentarian, Payman was outspoken on the country's drug problem and was quoted in a press interview as saying that Afghan government officials were involved in at least 70 percent of drug trafficking in Afghanistan.

Abdul Latif Pedram

Province: Badakhshan **District**: Darwaz Votes: 8469

Phone: 0700180902 Age: 47 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Kongara Milli Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit

Personal background: Abdul Latif Pedram was born in Badakhshan province, Darwaz district in 1963. He is single. Nationally renowned as a poet, journalist and writer, Pedram has for many years been a recognizable public figure in Afghanistan, and holds strong vies on federalism, while maintaining an antifundamentalist stance. He spent time in France during part of the Taliban regime, where he promoted Persian poetry and literature. Pedram speaks Dari, Pashto, English, French, Arabic, Urdu and Russian.

Education: Pedram has a master's degree in Islamic studies from the Sorbonne University, Paris. He studied Persian literature at the Universities of Kabul and Tehran.

Civil society/NGO connections: Pedram is an honorary member of the International Parliament of Writers, and of the Association of Persian Speakers of the World.

Previous occupation: As a writer and journalist, Pedram became a known public figure. Pedram also served as the director of the Hakim Naser Khisraw Library and Cultural Center.

Other information: Pedram co-founded and is currently the leader of the Afghanistan National Congress Party (Hezb-e-Kongara Milli Afghanistan), and ran for President in both the 2004 and 2009 elections, gaining a small percentage of votes each time. He currently serves as one of four spokespersons of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law. Some members of Hezb-e-Kongara Milli Afghanistan split from the main branch of the party in 2006, after disputes over the political stances of the leadership. 10

⁹ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad, July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324.

¹⁰ Ruttig, Thomas. "Islamists, Leftists and a Void in the Center: Afghanistan's political parties and where they come from, 1902-2006." Kabul: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2006, 28.

Saranwal Abdul Rawouf

Province: Badakhshan **District:** Yaftal **Votes:** 9703

Phone: 707483135 Age: 38 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Justice, Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption

Personal background: Saranwal Abdul Rawouf was born in 1973 in Badakhshan province, Yaftal district. He is married with four daughters and five sons. He has traveled extensively across the region in Pakistan, India and Iran, and speaks Dari and Arabic.

Education: Abdul Rawouf studied up to fourteenth class, and attained his Technical Certificate.

Previous occupation: Beginning in 1990, Abdul Rawouf served four years as a program officer at the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD). In 1994, he worked at the Attorney General's office as a prosecuter until 1998. Since then, he has owned a private construction company in Badakhshan called Shakar Lab Yaftal.

Other information: ● ■ Abdul Rawouf was disqualified as a result of Electoral Complaints Commission investigations. He later replaced Abdul Wali Niazi as an MP for Badakhshan province in August 2011. ¹¹

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¹¹ Van Bijlert, Martine. "A New Result for the Parliamentary election?" Afghan Analysts Network. August 21, 2011. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=2032

Mohammad Zekria Sawda

Province: Badakhshan **District:** 4th district, Faizabad **Votes:** 7982

Phone: 0773230000 Age: 40 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Natural Resources and the Environment



Personal background: Mohammad Zekria Sawda, son of Barat Muhammad Sawda, was born in 1971 in Faizabad city (fourth district), Badakhshan province. Sawda is married, with two sons and one daughter. His interests include reading and sports. He speaks Dari, Pashto, Urdu and English.

Education: Sawda completed his primary education in Pakistan. He attended secondary school at Usman High School of Jurm district in Badakhshan. In 2006, he completed his bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science at Kabul University. He has also studied management and administration programs.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sawda established the Maihan Association for Communication and Cooperation in Kabul, which was officially registered until 2006. He has also worked with a youth organization, the Communication and Coordination Association of Youth in Afghanistan. He is a member of the Afghanistan Lawyers Association.

Previous occupation: Sawda previously worked as a businessman and trader in the precious stones industry.

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Name	District Age Votes Incumbent First Affiliation		Commission							
Safia Aymaq ❖•	Qala-e Now	44	2003		Dari	Indepedent	Economy			
Haji Ghulam Sarwar Faiez �	Ab Kamari	41	3802		Dari	Hezb-e- Jumhorikhahan Afghanistan	Human Rights (s)			
Said Muhammad Musa Janab �	Qala-e Now	48	4593		Dari	Independent	Legislative			
Alhaj Qazi Abdul Rahim �	Qala-e Now	50	3261		Dari	Independent	Environment			

Safia Aymaq

Province: Badghis **District:** Qala-e-Now **Votes:** 2003

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Safia Aymaq was born in 1966 in Qala-e-Now district, the urban center of Badghis province. She is married and has one son. She is interested in reading political literature and computing. She speaks Dari, Pashto, and English.

Education: Aymag studied at the Badghis Teacher Training Institute in 2005.

Previous occupation: Aymaq was a teacher in Badghis province at the central girls' high school for 18 years. After this time, she became the Director of Administration and Finance in the Badghis Provincial Governor's office for six years, resigning during her candidacy for the 2010 election.

2005 Parliament: Aymaq was a candidate in the 2005 parliamentary elections but was unsuccessful, gaining 3909 votes, when the winning woman candidate in Badghis gained 7,211 votes.

Other information: • • Aymag participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Haji Ghulam Sarwar Faiez

Province: Badghis **District:** Ab Kamari **Votes:** 3802

Phone: 0799609848 **Age:** 41 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jumhorikhahan Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights (Secretary, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Haji Ghulam Sarwar Faiez, son of Abdul Ghafar, was born in 1970 in Ab Kamari district, Badghis province. He is married and has four children. He has traveled to Iran, Pakistan, Egypt, Libya and Saudi Arabia. His first language is Dari, and he also speaks Arabic and English. He is interested in reading and learning languages.

Education: Faiez completed his secondary education in religious schools, primarily at the Darul 'Uloom Seminary in Pakistan. He got his bachelor's degree from Al-Azhar University, Egypt, in Islamic Sharia, and earned a master's degree in Law in 1998 from the Institute of Study and Research in Qahera, Egypt.

Civil society/NGO connections: From 2002 through 2011, Faiez was responsible for the media department of a Saudi Arabian aid organization. He has also served as a regional director of the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) program at the Ansari Rehabilitation Association for Afghanistan, and a project manager for the Hakim Sanai Development Project's professional and literacy training program. In 2011, Faiez worked at the Kabul office of Children in Crisis, where he was a regional manager for teacher training.

Previous occupation: Faiez was a lecturer at Herat University from 1998 to 2000. He was once nominated to be the Director of the Appeal Prosecution Office in Badghis province; the nomination did not go through. More recently, Faiez has worked as a Badghis provincial council trainer for IRD on a USAID-funded project, as a legal advisor for the Nedae Zan Women's Training Project, and in 2004 as a senior teacher and trainer for the Certificate in Information and Technology (CIT) and CORE programs for computer literacy.

Other information: Faiez has stated that although he was a supporter of the jihad in Afghanistan, he was not physically involved. In the elections, he gained the majority of his votes from the rural district of Ab Kamari.

Said Muhammad Musa Janab

Province: Badghis **District:** Qala-e-Now **Votes:** 4593

Phone: 0700427587 **Age:** 48 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Legislative Affairs

Personal background: Said Muhammad Musa Janab, son of Sayed Fariduddin, was born in 1963 in the center of Badghis province. He is married and has nine children. He comes from a religious family, and is himself a religious leader of Naqshbandiyyah Tariqa (Sufism) and a teacher of Islamic studies. His interests include swimming and hunting. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Turkish and Arabic.

Education: Janab attended a private school for Islamic Studies and graduated from the Islamic Neamati Madrasa in Badghis province in 1979.

Previous occupation: Janab was head of the Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) in Badghis province during the 2005 election.

Other information: ❖

Alhaj Qazi Abdul Rahim

Province: Badghis **District:** Qala-e-Now **Votes:** 3261

Phone: 799754816 **Age:** 50 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Natural Resources and the Environment



Personal background: Alhaj Qazi Abdul Rahim, son of Abdul Raouf, was born in 1961 in the village of Chashme Duzdak in the Qala-e-Now district of Badghis province. He is married and has six children. He is well-known in the area and has received appreciation letters from the Meshrano Jirga. During the jihad period, he was a member of the *Jamiat* political party but is now an independent member of parliament. His interests include reading and he speaks Dari as well as Pashto and Arabic.

Education: Rahim completed his primary and secondary education in Chashme Duzdak, Badghis. After the war years, he went on to complete his Islamic studies at the Imam Abu Hanifa Islamic Madrasa in Kabul in 2006. He then received his diploma from the Teacher Training Institute of Badghis in 2007.

Civil society/NGO connections: Rahim has connections to the Committee of the Red Cross Society (CRCS), having formerly served as its director.

Previous occupation: Qazi Abdul Rahim served an 18 year period as a prosecutor until he became the head of the CRCS in 1992.

Other information: ❖ Rahim won his seat in 2010 after the disqualification of Mohammad Anwar Yawari, who was announced as a winner for Badghis in the prelimary results.

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Alhaj Ustad Najya Aymaq	Pul-i Khumri	40	1373	√	Dari	Independent	Education		
Delawar Aymaq 🌣	Nahrain	48	3856		Dari	Independent	Internal		
Shukria Esa Khil •	Pul-i Khumri	44	5247	✓	Pashto	Hezb-e-Afghan Millat	International		
Dr. Mahdi •	Andarab	56	5154		Dari	Hezb-e Jamiat Islami	Education		
Muhammad Azim Muhseni O	Andarab	36	4551		Dari	Indepedent	Finance (d)		
Said Mansoor Naderi •	Doshi	75	7849	✓	Dari	Hezb-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan	Legislative		
Obaidullah Ramin •	Khost o Fereng	59	5362		Dari	Independent	Environment (c)		
Haji Ashuqullah Wafa ○ ■	Pul-i Khumri	42	6029		Dari	Independent	International		

Alhaj Ustad Najya Aymaq

Province: Baghlan **District:** Pul-i Khumri **Votes:** 1373

Phone: 0700703189 Age: 40 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Alhaj Ustad Najya Aymaq, daughter of Alhaj Juma Khan, was born in 1971, in Pul-i Khumri district, Baghlan province. Her family originates from the Dahna Ghori area. She is married and has no children. Aymaq is interested in reading and speaks Dari.

Education: Aymaq finished her primary and secondary education at Islam Qala School, Pul-i Khumri in 1984. She received her bachelor's degree in Literature at the Pedagogical University of Kabul in 1991.

Previous occupation: Aymaq worked as a teacher in a school for one year and then taught at the Teacher Training University in Baghlan province for 15 years. She was also the director of a governmental teacher training organization in Baghlan from 2002 to 2003.

2005 Parliament: Aymaq was a member of the 2005 parliament, gaining 4,525 votes in the first parliamentary election as the highest scoring woman candidate in the province. In the 2005 parliament she was a member of the Committee on Cultural and Religious Affairs.

Other information: Aymaq was also a member of the Emergency Loya Jirga, representing Baghlan province. During the Presidential election of 2009, Aymaq was widely known to support the main opposition candidate, Dr. Abdullah.¹²

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¹² Hewad, Gran. "2010 Election (38): Who is coming from Baghlan?" Afghan Analysts Network. December 1, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1360

Delawar Aymaq

Province: Baghlan **District:** Nahrain **Votes:** 3856

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Delawar Aymaq, son of Shair Muhammad, was born in 1963, in the Nahrain district of Baghlan province. He is married and has nine children. His interests include studying, political topics. He speaks Dari and Pashto languages.

Education: Aymaq completed his primary and secondary education in Nahrain district, and attained his bachelor's degree from the Army University (Harbi Pohantun) in Kabul, Afghanistan in 1982.¹³

Previous occupation: Aymag was a military officer in the 20th Army Division during the 1980s.

Other information: *

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¹³ Hewad, Gran. "2010 Election (38): Who is coming from Baghlan?" Afghan Analysts Network. December 1, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1360

Shukria Esa Khil

Province: Baghlan **District:** Pul-i Khumri **Votes:** 5247

Phone: 0706301111 Age: 44 Incumbent

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Afghan Millat

Commission (2012): International Relations



Personal background: Shukria Esa Khil (Issakhail) was born in the provincial capital of Pul-i Khumri, Baghlan province, in 1967. She is married and has five children, three daughters and two sons. She is affiliated with Hezb-e-Afghan Millat, led by Anwar ul-Haq Ahadi, an Afghan politician, academic and the current Minister of Commerce. She is interested in reading, and speaks Pashto, Dari and a little English.

Education: Esa Khil holds a bachelor's degree in Literature from Baghlan University, which she earned in 2005.

Previous occupation: Esa Khil began her career as a schoolteacher in various schools in Baghlan. She has held posts at the Independent Election Commission and the Office of the Afghanistan Constitution. She was a representative of the Baghlan people in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002.

2005 Parliament: Esa Khil was elected to the 2005 parliament for Baghlan province with 3,256 votes and served on the Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs commission.

Other information: ● In a tragic incident in Baghlan province in 2007, a bomb exploded during an MP visit to a sugar factory, killing 6 MPs. Essa Khil was among those injured in the attack.¹⁴ She was part of Karzai's election campaign in Baghlan in 2009.¹⁵

¹⁵ Hewad, Gran. "2010 Election (38): Who is coming from Baghlan?" Afghan Analysts Network. December 1, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1360

¹⁴ "Afghan Parliamentarians: Heroes of Democracy." International Republican Institute. November 7, 2007. http://www.iri.org/news-events-press-center/news/afghan-parliamentarians-heroes-democracy

Dr. Mahdi

Province: Baghlan **District:** Andarab **Votes:** 5154

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education



Personal background: Dr. Mahdi was born in 1955, in Andarab district of Baghlan province. He is married with three daughters and five sons. Mahdi is a well-known intellectual and writer and has written over thirty books on various cultural, political and social issues. His first language is Dari and he also speaks English and Pashto.

Education: Mahdi holds a bachelor's degree from Kabul Medical University, which he earned in 1978. He also has a master's degree in Persian Language History from the Academy of Sciences at Tajikistan University. In addition, Mahdi has studied Management and Finance at the Bastan University of Kabul.

Civil society/NGO connections: Over the last year Mahdi has been involved with the Reformist's Forum in Kabul.

Previous occupation: During the jihad, Mahdi worked as the District Commander of Andarab in collaboration with Ahmad Shah Massoud.¹⁶ Later, he became a lecturer at Kabul University, teaching in the literature faculty. He has also worked at the Ministry of Education.

2005 Parliament: Mahdi ran unsuccessfuly for parliament in 2005, gaining 557 votes.

Other information: ● Mahdi is known to be close to Dr. Abdullah. He held left-leaning political views in the past before joining Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan. ¹⁷

¹⁶ Hewad, Gran. "2010 Election (38): Who is coming from Baghlan?" Afghan Analysts Network. December 1, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1360

¹⁷ Hewad, Gran. "2010 Election (38): Who is coming from Baghlan?"

Muhammad Azim Muhseni

Province: Baghlan **District:** Andarab **Votes:** 4551

Phone: 0799288300 **Age:** 36 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs (Deputy)



Personal background: Muhammad Azim Muhseni, son of Muhammad Muhsin, was born in 1975 in Andarab district of Baghlan province. He is married and has six children. He has a well-connected family, with one brother serving as chief of police in Logar province and another as the current head of Baghlan's Provincial Council.¹⁸ He is interested in reading, and speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Muhseni finished his primary education in Sangaran School, Andarab in 1994 and completed his secondary education in Sangaran High School, Andarab in 1999. He earned a bachelor's degree from the Literature Faculty in the University of Baghlan Province in 2007.

Previous occupation: Muhseni was a military commander and fought with the Mujahideen until 2001. He was the camp commander of 20 divisions. He is now involved in business, and is the director of the Pamir Company.

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¹⁸ Hewad, Gran. "2010 Election (38): Who is coming from Baghlan?" Afghan Analysts Network. December 1, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1360

Said Mansoor Naderi

Province: Baghlan **District:** Doshi **Votes:** 7849

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Legislative

Personal background: Said Mansoor Naderi (also referred to as Sayed Nadir Kayan), son of Sayed Nadir Shah, was born in 1936 in the district of Doshi, Baghlan. He is married and has five sons and six daughters.

Naderi is widely considered to be the religious leader of the Ismaili Shia sect in Afghanistan. He holds the honorary title of Sayed of Kayan, held in high esteem in the Islamic world. During the Communist era, Naderi was head of the 80th Armoured Division, based in Pul-i Khumri, which defected to the Mujahideen in 1992 and joined the Northern Alliance to fight the Taliban in later years. ¹⁹ The Naderi family owns businesses including construction companies and the "Finest" supermarket chain. Naderi himself has traveled to Germany, Russia, China, India, Britain, France, the United States and many other countries. He interests include reading and sports, and he speaks Dari as well as English.

Education: Naderi has studied literature, social and cultural studies, politics, poetry and Islamic studies at various private institutions in Afghanistan.

Previous occupation: During his years as a military commander, Naderi was a senator in the Najibullah government and later became Vice President to Burhannudin Rabbani. He has been an MP since he was first elected in 2005.

2005 Parliament: In the 2005 elections, Naderi won first place in Baghlan with a total of 19,495 votes, and was one of the highest-scoring parliamentary candidates in the country. In the 2005 parliament, he joined the Oversight of the Implementation of Law Commission, and later the Central Audit Commission.

Other information: • Naderi is the leader of the Hezb-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan political party. He is a member of the High Peace Council, formerly led by Burhanuddin Rabbani. In the 2010 Wolesi Jirga elections, Naderi's son Jaffar (a former commander and a previous governor of Baghlan) stood as a candidate for Badakhshan but lost. Another of his sons, Olfat, also ran unsuccessfully for a seat in Baghlan. His daughter Farkhonda Naderi won a seat in Kabul province and his nephew Sayyed Daud Naderi won in Kunduz.²⁰

¹⁹ For more information: http://complexoperations.org/cowiki/Sayed Mansoor Naderi

Hewad, Gran. "2010 Election (38): Who is coming from Baghlan?" Afghan Analysts Network. December 1, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1360

Obaidullah Ramin

Province: Baghlan **District:** Khost o Fereng **Votes**: 5362

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Natural Resources and the Environment (Chair, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Obaidullah Ramin (Rameen), the son of Muhammad Omar, was born in 1952 in Baghlan Province and comes from a prominent family in the Khost o Fereng district. He is married with four children, two daughters and two sons. Ramin's interests lie particularly in the economy, agriculture and law. He speaks Dari, and also Pashto and English.

Education: Ramin was a student at Khost o Fereng High School, where he completed his primary education, and Baghlan High School, where he finished his secondary education. He earned his bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Kabul University in 1976, and continued studying how financial institutions can promote agriculture from 1977 to 1978.

Civil society/NGO connections: Ramin served as the Director of the Center of Traders and Crafts Workers, an industrial organization, until 2003. He then joined the Afghan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI).

Previous occupation: Ramin has served in several positions including: Inspector at the Agricultural Bank from 1975 to 1977; Director of the Banks' Cooperative from 1980 to 1982; Director of the Agricultural Development Bank from 2003 to 2004; Acting Director of the Agricultural Unity of Afghanistan Organization in 2004; and Minister of Agriculture and Food, also in 2004. Ramin has a personal interest in business and has family connections to the profitable Afghan Wireless Communication Company (AWCC).²¹

Other information: • In the 2010 election, Ramin ran instead of his older brother Habibullah, who retired as an MP at the closing of the 2005 parliament. Ramin was a candidate for the position of Speaker of the House in February 2011. Politically, Ramin's family is known to support Karzai.²²

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²¹ Hewad, Gran. "2010 Election (38): Who is coming from Baghlan?" Afghan Analysts Network. December 1, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1360

²² Hewad, Gran. "2010 Election (38): Who is coming from Baghlan?"

Haji Ashuqullah Wafa

Province: Baghlan **District:** Pul-i Khumri **Votes:** 6029

Phone: 0700711711 Age: 42 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Haji Ashuqullah Wafa was born in 1969 in Pul-i Khumri district of Baghlan province. He is married with two daughters and three sons. His interests include reading and providing construction services for people. He speaks Dari.

Education: Wafa graduated with a twelfth class certificate from high school in Baghlan province in 1983.

Previous occupation: Wafa is a businessman and owns a fuel company. He is currently building a private university and gym in Baghlan province.

Other information: ●■ Ashuqullah Wafa was disqualified as a result of Electoral Complaints Commission investigations. He later replaced Zahir Ghanizada as an MP from Baghlan province in August 2011.

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission
Alhaj Muhammad Abdo	Chimtal	44	14173	~	Dari	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan	Justice (s)
Alhaj Alam Khan Azadi O	Nahri Shahi	61	16820	√	Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	None
Muhammad Farhad Azimi 《 ❖	Mazar city	35	10787		Dari	Independent	Deputy Secretary of the Wolesi Jirga
Abbas Ibrahim Zada •	Sholgara	41	18413		Dari	Independent	Economy
Saifora Niazai	Khalid Project area, Mazar city	48	4358	√	Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Education
Brishna Rabe	Mazar city	48	3229		Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Education
Alhaj Muhammad Ishaq Rahguzar •	4 th District, Mazar city	45	17181	✓	Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Legislative
Alhaj Maulawi Abdul Rahman Rahmani	4 th District, Mazar city	34	12389		Dari	Independent	Complaints
Ahmad Shah Ramazan •	Nar Shahi	41	19614		Dari	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan	Economy
Dr. Gulalay Noor Safi	Charbolak	45	3018	✓	Pashto	Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan	Health
Assadullah Sharifi	Khulm	46	15150		Dari	Independent	Economy

Alhaj Muhammad Abdo

Province: Balkh **District:** Chimtal **Votes:** 14173

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Justice, Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption (Secretary, 2011 &

2012)

Personal background: Alhaj Muhammad Abdo, son of Haji Muhammad Akbar, was born in 1967 in Chimtal district, Balkh province. He is married and has three daughters and three sons. He has traveled widely, to countries including Bangladesh, Russia, Italy, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Uzbekistan. His interests include reading and sports. Abdo speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Abdo finished his primary and secondary education at Ahmad Ulkhizerya High School in Balkh province. He got his bachelor's degree in Islamic Education from Jamiatul Mustafa University, in Qum, Iran, in 2009.

Civil society/NGO connections: Abdo is a member of the governmental inter-parliamentary committee of the United States, United Kingdom and Iran, and a member of the Gopik Association.

Previous occupation: Abdo served as a judge in Balkh province from 1991 to 2003. He then worked for two years as the Deputy Governor of Balkh province, under Ustad Atta Noor. He became a Member of Parliament in 2005.

2005 Parliament: Abdo ran for parliament in 2005 and won a seat in Balkh province with 9,110 votes. Mr. Abdo served on the Commission on Justice, Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption during this term.

Other information: Abdo is affiliated with Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan and has been affiliated with the "Reformist" group in parliament.²³

²³ Saroush, Qayoum. "The 'Reformists' parliamentary group splits the Parliament." Bamdad. September 26, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/text/story/1445

Alhaj Alam Khan Azadi

Province: Balkh **District:** Nahri Shahi **Votes:** 16820

Phone: 700500624 Age: 61 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): None



Personal background: Alhaj Alam Khan Azadi was born in 1950 in Nahri Shahi district, Balkh province. He is married with two sons and two daughters. He is a well-known former commander in the area. Azadi's interests include construction activities, and he speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Azadi graduated from high school with a twelfth class certificate.

Previous occupation: During both the war against the Soviet regime and the ensuing Afghan Civil War, Azadi was a Mujahideen commander with Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan.

2005 Parliament: Azadi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 15,840 votes, coming in second in the province. During this term, he served on the Internal Affairs commission.

Other information: • Azadi has family connections to the Balkh provincial governor, Ustad Atta Noor: his nephew married into the governor's family.

Muhammad Farhad Azimi

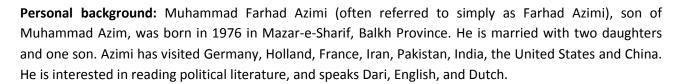
Province: Balkh **District:** Mazar city **Votes:** 10787

Phone: 0786002000 **Age:** 35 **New Member**

First language: Dari 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Deputy Secretary of the Wolesi Jirga



Education: Azimi finished his primary and secondary education in Bakhtar High School, Mazar-e-Sharif in 1989. He received his bachelor's degree in law and political science from Balkh University in 1993. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in International Law in Tajikistan.

Previous occupation: © From 2002-2004, Azimi worked in the Netherlands as a computer programmer. He then returned to Afghanistan, and from 2005-2010, he held a teaching position with the faculty of law and political science at Balkh University. At the same time, he was elected to the Balkh Provincial Council and was later selected to serve as the chairman of the council.

Other information: Azimi is closely connected to Ustad Atta Noor, the Provincial Governor of Balkh. During his time as head of the Provincial Council, he became known for his outspoken stance against the work of the PRT in Balkh, having made several televised comments on the subject. Azimi has been an opponent of Hamid Karzai's administration, and he campaigned for Dr. Abdullah's presidential candidacy in 2009.

Abbas Ibrahim Zada

Province: Balkh **District:** Sholgara **Votes:** 18413

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Abbas Ibrahim Zada was born in 1970 in Sholgara district, Balkh province. He is married, with five sons and three daughters. Ibrahim Zada's interests include reading political literature. He speaks Dari, Urdu and English.

Education: Ibrahim Zada graduated with a twelfth class certificate from Bakhtar High School, Mazar-i Sharif, in 1988.

Civil society/NGO connections: Ibrahim Zada runs his own charity, the Ibrahim Zada Group Charity Foundation, which provides literacy courses for women.

Previous occupation: Ibrahim Zada is a prominent businessman owning companies in the oil and gas industries. He is general director of the Ibrahim Zada Group Association, which encompasses over twenty individual companies. He also owns a private television network in Balkh.

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Saifora Niazai

Phone: 0700509161 Age: 48 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education



Personal background: Saifora Niazai (also spelled Sifora Neyazi or Saifura Niazi) was born in the Kahlid Project area of Mazar city, Balkh Province in 1962. She is married with two children, a son and a daughter. Her interests include politics, and her specialist subjects of mathematics and physics, which she has taught for many years. She speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Niazai finished her early education at the Sultan Razia High School, Mazar city, Balkh province in 1978. She has a bachelor's degree in Science from Kabul University, which she earned in 1982.

Civil society/NGO connections: As the former head of the Department for Women's Affairs (DOWA) in Balkh province, Niazai has connections to women's NGOs in the region.

Previous occupation: After graduating from University, Niazai worked as a teacher and later as the principal of the Sultan Razia High School in Balkh Province. Before running for parliament in 2005 she was the head of DOWA in Balkh province.

2005 Parliament: Niazai was elected in 2005 with 3,302 votes, and was the highest-scoring female candidate in the province. During the 2005 parliament she served on the Commission for Cultural and Religious Affairs.

Other information: Niazai is known to have connections to Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan, but in both the 2005 and 2010 elections, Niazai campaigned as an independent candidate. She was a member of the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003, and has close connections to Balkh Governor Ustad Atta Noor.

Brishna Rabe

Province: Balkh **District:** Mazar-i-Sharif **Votes:** 3229

Phone: 799002483 **Age:** 48 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education



Personal background: Brishna Rabe was born in 1963 in Mazar-I Sharif, Balkh province. She is married and has four sons and one daughter. Rabie has participated in many different seminars and conferences worldwide, for which she has traveled to India, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, the United States, and France. Rabie is interested in reading, and speaks Dari and a little English.

Education: Rabe finished her secondary education at the Sultan Razia High School in Mazar city, Balkh province. She graduated from Balkh University with a bachelor's degree in Education. She has also studied subjects such as management, leadership and administration on short courses in the United Kingdom and the United States.

Civil society/NGO connections: Since 2002 Rabe has made connections with women's NGOs in Balkh province.

Previous occupation: After completing her degree, Rabe worked as the principal at Fatema Balkhi High School in Mazar-i-Sharif. In total, she has worked in education for over 26 years.

Other information: Rabe is a member of Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan and has close connections with Balkh governor Ustad Atta Noor.

Alhaj Muhammad Ishaq Rahguzar

Province: Balkh **District:** 4th District, Mazar city **Votes:** 17181

Phone: 0700511444 Age: 45 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami

Commission (2012): Legislative Affairs



Personal background: Alhaj Muhammad Ishaq Rahguzar was born in 1966 in the fourth district of Mazar city (Azizabade Choqdak area), Balkh province. He is married with four sons and three daughters. Rahgozar enjoys reading; he speaks Dari.

Education: Rahgozar has a master's degree in Management from Tajikistan University in 2010.

Previous occupation: During the Soviet era, Rahgozar was a commander for the Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan party, led by Burhannudin Rabbani. He was the governor of Balkh province in 2002-2003.

2005 Parliament: Rahgozar led the polls in Balkh province in the 2005 election with 15,977 votes.

Other information: • Rahgozar was Dr. Abdullah's campaign leader in the 2009 Presidential Elections in Balkh province. He also has close connections to Governor Ustad Atta Noor.

Alhaj Maulawi Abdul Rahman Rahmani

Province: Balkh **District:** 4th District, Mazar city **Votes:** 12389

Phone: 0788908050 **Age:** 34 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions (previous Chair on National Economy, NGOs, Rural

Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry commission, 2011)

Personal background: Alhaj Maulawi Abdul Rahman Rahmani, son of Ghulam Haidar, was born in 1977 in Mazar-i Sharif, Balkh province. He is married and has two sons. Rahmani has traveled to Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey and Pakistan, and is interested in reading. He speaks Dari, and also Arabic, Urdu and English.

Education: Mr. Rahmani completed high school and was awarded his fourteenth class certificate. He studied at an Islamic madrasa in Balkh province and earned his bachelor's degree in Islamic Education from Peshawar, Pakistan. Eager to undertake further research into Islamic issues, he then joined a madrasa.

Civil society/NGO connections: Rahmani is the head of the Naqshbandi Sufi order in Balkh province. He served on Balkh's religious council in 2009.

Previous occupation: Rahmani taught at the Asadiya Madrasa in Balkh province, teaching Islamic texts to young people. He was also the manager of a religious television station called Rahe Rawshan. He has hosted programs on national television promoting Islam's message of peace.

2005 Parliament: Rahmani ran unsuccessfully in the 2005 parliamentary election for Balkh province, gaining 6,166 votes and coming in fourteenth.

Other information: Rahmani is affiliated with Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan and also with the Provincial Governor of Balkh, Ustad Atta Noor. He heads the Public Relations Committee of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law.²⁴

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²⁴ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324.

Ahmad Shah Ramazan

Province: Balkh District: Nar Shahi Votes: 19614

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal Background: Ahmad Shah Ramazan, son of Ramazan, was born in 1969, in northern Balkh province. He is married with two sons and two daughters. Mr. Ramazan has traveled widely, and his interests include managing his many business ventures. He speaks Dari, Uzbek, basic Russian, Pashto and English.

Education: Ramazan finished his secondary education at Bakhtar High School in Mazar-e Sharif in 1989, and went on to study engineering at the University of Tashkent in Uzbekistan in 1999.

Previous Occupation: Ramazan is a prominent businessman, and owns carpet-making companies, an oil and iron export business, restaurants and paper factories in Kabul and Mazar.

2005 Parliament: He was appointed to the Meshrano Jirga in 2005, where he served one year as the deputy chair of the Economy commission, three years as the chair of the International Affairs commission, and one year as chair of the Economy commission.

Other information: • Ramazan's brother, Ashraf Ramazan, was a leading parliamentary candidate in the 2005 election who was killed by gunmen before the announcement of the results. He would have come in third place in the province, gaining 11,459 votes. His supporters pressured the government to allow Ramazan to take his brother's place; in response, Karzai appointed him to the Meshrano Jirga. Ramazan is affiliated with Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan.

Dr. Gulalay Noor Safi

Province: Balkh **District:** Charbolak **Votes:** 3018

Phone: 070051222 Age: 45 Incumbent

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Health, Sports, Youth, Labor and Workers



Personal background: Dr. Gulalay Noor Safi was born in 1957, in Kabul. She is married with three sons and one daughter. Safi comes from an influential family from Balkh – her father was elected to the Wolesi Jirga during the Zahir Shah regime. She has traveled widely and spent time in Germany during the war years. Her interests include reading, and she speaks Pashto, Dari, English, German and Russian.

Education: Safi completed her primary education at the Mahmod Hotaki School in Kabul, and then graduated from Soraya High School in Kabul in 1973. She graduated from the Crimea Medical University of Ukraine, where she trained as a doctor and specialized in gynecology, in 2002.

Civil society/NGO connections: After the fall of the Taliban in 2001, Safi worked closely with Medica Mondiale, a German women's organization working in Afghanistan, supporting victims of trauma.

Previous occupation: Safi worked at a government hospital beginning in 2002. She also joined Medica Mondiale in 2002 and then became a Member of Parliament for Balkh Province in 2005.

2005 Parliament: Safi won her seat in the 2005 elections with 2,597 votes. During this term, she served on the Health, Sports, Youth, Labor and Workers Commission.

Other information: Safi serves as one of eight women representatives on the High Peace Council.²⁵ She is affiliated with Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan.

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²⁵ Daiyar, Abbas. "About the Peace Council." Kabul Perspective. October 18, 2010. http://kabulperspective.wordpress.com/2010/10/18/about-the-peace-council/

Assadullah Sharifi

Province: Balkh **District**: Khulm **Votes:** 15150

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Assadullah Sharifi (Sharefi), son of Shujjauddin, was born in 1965 in Khulm district, Balkh province. He is married and has three daughters and two sons. He is interested in travel and has visited India, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, France, Russia and Australia. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Russian.

Education: Sharifi attended primary school in Khulm district, Balkh province and then completed his secondary education at Ansari High School in Kabul, where he was awarded his twelfth class certificate in 1981.

Previous occupation: Sharifi is the deputy chairman of the Khalid Noor Group, which is chaired by Balkh governor Ustad Atta Noor. He is a now a prominent businessman in northern Afghanistan, having returned to the country after spending time in Central Asia during the Taliban regime and having since then worked in the construction and energy industries.

Other information: Sharifi is known to have connections to Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan, though he ran without affiliation.

BAMYAN										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Ustad Muhammad Akbari	Waras	67	10857	✓	Dari	Hezb-e- Wahdat Milli Islami	None			
Haji Fakuri Behishti	Waras	45	11824	√	Dari	Independent	None			
Dagarwal Abdul Rahman Shahidani	Central Bamyan	48	11993		Dari	Independent	Environment (s)			
Saifora Yalkhani	Yakawlang	34	5603	√	Dari	Hezb-e- Ensejam Milli	Disabled			

Ustad Muhammad Akbari

Province: Bamyan **District:** Waras **Votes**: 10857

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Milli Islami

Commission (2012): None



Personal background: Ustad Muhammad Akbari, son of Ghulam Haidar, was born in 1944 in Waras district, Bamyan province. He is married and has nine children. Akbari is a prominent Shia leader in Afghanistan, and the founder of Islamic National Unity Party of Afghanistan (Hezb-e-Wahdat Milli Islami). In this role, he has traveled to Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Libya, among other countries. His interests include reading Islamic literature and sports. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Arabic.

Education: Akbari completed his early education in Islamic religious studies in local madrasas in Bamyan province, Afghanistan, where he studied from 1961-1971. He earned the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in religious studies from a university in Iraq in 1976.

Previous occupation: Akbari joined the Mujahideen in 1980 and became one of the principal Shia commanders during the fight against the Soviets. ²⁶

2005 Parliament: Akbari was elected to parliament in 2005 with 24,475 votes – the highest vote-count in the province and one of the highest across the country – winning one of the four seats for Bamyan province.

Other information: Akbari was a member of the leadership of the Islamic jihad Council from 1981-1989. He became the First Deputy of Hezb-e Wahdat Islami in 1994, becoming the leader of the party in 2000. During the late 1990s, Akbari reconciled with the Taliban, and was the only Hazara leader to do so.²⁷ He is a member of the High Peace Council, the Council of Shia Scholars (since 2002), and the Afghanistan Unity Council, which was established in 2005. Akbari has also been a member of the Afghanistan Islamic Brotherhood (Shura-e-Ukhowat Islami Afghanistan) since 2004.

²⁶ "Shia Political Parties: Mohammad Akbari Interview." Kabul Center for Strategic Studies. June 24, 2010. http://kabulcenter.org/?p=642

²⁷ "Shia Political Parties."

Haji Fakuri Behishti

Province: Bamyan District: Waras Votes: 11824

Phone: 799331975 **Age:** 45 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): None



Personal background: Haji Fakuri Behishti, son of Ayatullah Beheshti, was born in 1965, in Waras district, Bamyan province. He is married with three children (three daughters). Behishti is well-known in Bamyan province for his conservative religious views. His interests include reading and sport and he speaks Dari as well as Pashto, Arabic and English.

Education: Behishti completed his early education in Islamic religious studies in private institutions in Afghanistan. He then studied Arabic Literature and earned the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in a religious school in Bamyan in 2001. Currently he is in second year of studying political science at the Khatamulnabeen University of Kabul.

Civil society/NGO connections: Behishti is the head of an NGO called Civilization Development, established in 2002, that is currently active in Kabul and Bamyan. It works to promote human rights, and helped to raise awareness about the elections.

Previous occupation: During the jihad, Behishti was a member of the Itefaq Council which was led by his father, Ayatullah Behishti, from 1979 to 1989. This Council then became part of Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan and he was member of party's central council from 1989 through 2000.

2005 Parliament: Behishti was elected to parliament in 2005 with 12,767 votes, coming in second in the province. During that term, he was a member of the commission for Defense and Territorial Affairs.

Other information: Since 2000, Behishti has been an independent public figure. He participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002, and later represented Bamyan province in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Dagarwal Abdul Rahman Shahidani

Province: Bamyan **District**: Central Bamyan **Votes**: 11993

Phone: 0777382638 Age: 48 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Natural Resources and the Environment (Secretary, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Dagarwal Abdul Rahman Shahidani, son of Sakhidad, was born in 1963, in the Shahidani area of Bamyan city, central Bamyan province. He is married and has seven sons and three daughters. Shahidani has traveled to many different countries including Pakistan, Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Russia and India. He is interested in reading and sport, and speaks Dari, Pashto, English and Russian.

Education: Shahidani received his primary and secondary education at the Shaheedan School in Bamyan province. He then went on to complete further study at the Russian Military Academy and graduated in 2004.

Civil society/NGO connections: Shahidani has been involved in social projects in Bamyan, including the construction of a higher education institute in Urfan, Bamyan.

Previous occupation: Shahidani joined the Mujahideen in 1996. Following the fall of the Taliban in 2001, he worked for the government, becoming the head of police and security in Bamyan in 2006, the chief of police in Ghor province in 2007, head of the National Directorate of Security in Balkh province in 2008 and as the chief of police in Ghazni in 2009, until the registration of candidates for the election began.

2005 Parliament: Shahidani ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 5,191 votes and coming in fifth in the province. He heads the Study and Research Committee of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law.²⁸

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²⁸ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324.

Saifora Yalkhani

Province: Bamyan **District**: Yakawlang **Votes**: 5603

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli

Commission (2012): Disabled, Martyrs and Widows



Personal background: Saifora Yalkhani (also spelled Elkhani) was born in 1976 in Yakawlang district, Bamyan Province. She is married with two daughters. Yalkhani comes from a well-connected family – her brother was the security commander of Bamyan for eight months in 2004 and is currently the deputy chief of the Department of Interior Affairs in Bamyan. Yalkhani's interests include reading about political and legal issues, and researching. Her first language is Dari. She can also speak Pashto and English fairly well.

Education: Yalkhani has a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from the Agriculture and Animal Husbandry faculty of Kabul University, which she earned in 2006.

Civil society/NGO connections: Yalkhani has worked primarily with international NGOs.

Previous occupation: Yalkhani began her career as a teacher. Between 2001 and 2004, she worked as an assistant on immigrant rights at the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Following this she worked as a human, gender and political rights assistant at the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in Bamyan Province for nine months before running for parliament. She has also worked for NDI in helping to build the women's caucus in parliament.

2005 Parliament: Yalkhani won a seat for Bamyan province in 2005 with 2,864 votes. She was the highest scoring female candidate in the province. During this term, she was a member of the Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit commission.

Other information: Yalkhani participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002.

DAIKUNDI										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Mohammad Noor Akbari	Khidir	48	15780	√	Dari	Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli	International (d)			
Sherin Mohseni	Shahristan	31	8581	✓	Dari	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan	Human Rights			
Sadiqi Zada Nili	Nili	45	10592	✓	Dari	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan	Finance			
Asadullah Sadati	Shahristan	45	12742		Dari	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan	Audit			

Mohammad Noor Akbari

Province: Daikundi **District:** Khidir **Votes:** 15780

Phone: 799335680 Age: 48 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli

Commission (2012): International Affairs (Deputy, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Mohammad Noor Akbari, son of Mohammad Akbar, was born in 1963 in Khidir district, Daikundi province. He is married with 6 children, four sons and two daughters. His family is well-known as his brother served in the 13th Parliament under Zahir Shah. Akbari has traveled widely, mainly on official visits, and has been to the United Kingdom, the United States, Japan, India, the Netherlands, Germany, Russia and South Africa among other countries. His interests include sports and reading, and he speaks Dari, Pashto, English, and Hindi.

Education: Akbari completed his primary and secondary education in 1976, in Khadir High School, Daikundi province. In 1979 he graduated from Kabul Polytechnic. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 1995 at the Jamiya Melia University in New Delhi, India. He also has a master's degree in Humanities and Languages from the Jamiya Melia University, which he was awarded in 1997.

Previous occupation: Akbari was an editor and a journalist for the Tafahum magazine in New Delhi from 1994 to 2001. He was the First Secretary at the Afghan embassy in India from 1998 to 2001. He also served as the Chargé d'Affaires in the Afghan embassy in Japan from 2002 to 2004. After this, he returned to Afghanistan and became the deputy chief of the Protocol Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul in 2004.

2005 Parliament: Akbari was elected to parliament in 2005, winning a seat for Daikundi with 11,221 votes. During this term, Akbari served on the International Affairs and Immunities and Privileges commissions.

Other information: Akbari is the Deputy President of Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli. He has been affiliated with the "Reformist" group in parliament.²⁹

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²⁹ Saroush, Qayoum. "The 'Reformists' parliamentary group splits the Parliament." Bamdad. September 26, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/text/story/1445

Sherin Mohseni

Province: Daikundi **District:** Shahristan **Votes:** 8581

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights



Personal background: Sherin Mohseni was born in 1980 in Shahristan district, Daikundi Province. She is married and has four daughters. Her husband is Arif Darwari, a local and influential commander in Daikundi province. Mohseni's interests include working for women and defending women's rights according to Islam. She speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Mohseni completed her primary and secondary education in Bint-u-Huda High School, Daikundi province, in 2001. She is currently in her third year of studying Law at Khatemun Nabieen University in Kabul. In the past she has also enrolled in nursing courses funded by Hezb-e Wahdat Mili.

Civil society/NGO connections:

Previous occupation: Mohseni was a teacher at the Alhuda Girl's High School, Daikundi province, from 2001 to 2002.

2005 Parliament: Mohseni was elected to the 2005 parliament with 8,521 votes, coming in fourth place in the province. She served on the Internal Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: Mohseni participated in both the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Sadiqi Zada Nili

Province: Daykundi **District:** Nili **Votes:** 10592

Phone: 700273585 Age: 45 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs

Personal Background: Sadiqi Zada Nili (Nasser Sadiqi Zada Nili), son of Mohammad Hussain Sadiqi Nili, was born in 1966 in Kajran district, Daikundi province. He is married with two sons and five daughters. Zada Nili's interests include reading, and he speaks Dari, and Pashto.

Education: Zada Nili holds a bachelor's degree in Islamic Sciences.

Previous occupation: Zada Nili was jihadi commander in charge of Nili district administration in the Mujahideen years. He was a member of the former Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan (when it was a single, unified party) and was active in the war against the Taliban. Zada Nili then became Deputy Governor of Daikundi province, before standing for election to parliament in 2005.

2005 Parliament: Zada Nili was elected to parliament in 2005, gaining 24,906 votes. During this term, he served on the commission for Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs.

Other information: Zada Nili participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Asadullah Sadati

Province: Daikundi **District:** Shahristan **Votes:** 12742

Phone: 0796155969 **Age:** 45 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit

Personal background: Asadullah Sadati was born in 1974 in Shahristan district, Daikundi province. He is married with 5 children, three daughters and two sons. Sadati's interests include writing, and reading about law and politics. He speaks Dari and also a little English.

Education: Sadati completed his primary and secondary education in Daikundi province. He then got his bachelor's degree in Dari Literature from Kabul University in 2005.

Civil society/NGO connections: Currently Sadati is the chief editor of the Musharikat weekly magazine which is affiliated to Hezb-e Wahdat Islami.

Previous occupation: For one year during the war, Sadati immigrated to Iran and worked there with Afghan organizations. From 2005 until 2010, he worked as an Expert in the Ministry for Parliamentary Affairs.

Other information: Sadati is affiliated with Hezb-e Wahdat-e Islami. He works for the party's political office as well as serving on its Central Council. He also serves as one of four spokespersons of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law.

FARAH									
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Ustad Humaira Ayubi	Noda	39	3763		Pashto	Independent	Education		
Alhaj Saranwal Muhammad Sarwar Usmani Farahi �	Lash Javin	65	2223		Dari	Independent	Justice (d)		
Abdul Sabor Khidmat	Shamalga	42	2415		Pashto	Hezb-e- Afghan Millat	Immunities		
Haji Mammor Mussa � •	Nad Ali	56	2642	√	Pashto	Hezb-e- Afghan Millat	Transport		
Samiullah Samim •	Anar Dara	32	3690		Dari	Independent	Economy		

Ustad Humaira Ayubi

Province: Farah **District:** Noda **Votes:** 3763

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Ustad Humaira Ayubi, daughter of Sayed Ahmad, was born in 1970 in the Noda district of southern Farah. She is married and has three sons and one daughter. Ayubi has traveled to Iran and Tajikistan. She is interested in reading and music. Her first language is Pashto, and she also speaks Dari and English.

Education: Ayubi graduated from Mariam High School in 1986 and earned her bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Kabul University in 1991.

Civil Society/NGO commections: Ayubi has worked with NGOs, including the Sanayee Development Foundation (SDF), where she trained teachers according to the Radio NAWA program for one year and then monitored their progress. She also worked with the Independent Election Commission (IEC) in 2009 for six months as a provincial trainer for the Presidential and Provincial Council elections.

Previous Occuptation: Ayubi has 19 years of experience in the Afghan education system. She has been the principal of Qesm Awal Merman Nazo High School of Farah Province since 2005.

Other information: Ayubi came first in Farah province in the 2010 elections, beating all male candidates with her vote count. She was a candidate for the position of Deputy Secretary of the Wolesi Jirga in March 2011, but was not elected.³⁰

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³⁰ Naseh, Younus. "Wolesi Jirga's Deputy Secretary Elected." Pajhwok. March 1, 2011. http://www.pajhwok.com/en/2011/03/01/wolesi-jirgas-deputy-secretary-elected

Alhaj Saranwal Muhammad Sarwar Usmani Farahi

Province: Farah **District:** Lash Javin **Votes:** 2223

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Justice, Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption (Deputy)

Personal background: Alhaj Saranwal Muhammad Sarwar Usmani Farahi, son of Muhammad Usman, was born in 1936 in Lash Javin, Farah Province. Farahi is married and has eight daughters and eight sons. He has traveled to many countries including Iran, India, Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates. His interests include reading and walking. Farahi's first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto and English.

Education: Farahi studied at the Kabul Institute ofTeacher Training from 1954-1957. He then attained his bachelor's degree from Kabul University in 1967. Later, he studied toward his master's degree in Law from the University of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, which he was awarded in 1980.

Previous Occuptation: Farahi began working in for the government while he was at university. He was the head of audit in the Ministry of Justice from 1978 to 1979 and the head of monitoring for the Implementation of Law in the Attorney General's Office from 1979 to 1983. From 1983 to 1985, he was an Accountant in the Water Supply office and then served as a member of the Control and Audit Department of the Minister's Council from 1985 to 1989. Farahi then immigrated to Iran and remained there from 1989 to 1992. He returned to Afghanistan in 1992, and worked as a prosecutor in the office of Attorney General, in the Monitoring of Law Implementation Department. When the Taliban came to power he left for Iran again, and stayed until 2002. He then returned to be a prosecutor in the Attorney General's Office, before working in the government's office for the Fight Against Corruption (2004-2006). He has also acted as a legal advisor for Ariana Airways.

2005 Parliament: Farahi ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 1,965 votes.

Other information: Farahi participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. He was not initially on the list of winning candidates, but replaced a candidate disqualified by Electoral Complaints Commission invesigations. He was elected Interim Speaker of the House in February 2011, because of his age.³¹ Farahi is a member of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law and the head of Resalat Parliamentary Group.

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³¹ According to Parliamentary Rules of Procedure, the eldest and two youngest MPs take the positions of Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Secretary, respectively, until elections are held. "Wolesi Jirga Rules of Procedure." Rule 4 (Article 2). Government of Afghanistan, 2006. www.sunyaf.org.

Abdul Sabor Khidmat

Province: Farah **District**: Shamalga **Votes:** 2415

Phone: 0799597953 **Age:** 42 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Afghan Millat

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges

Personal background: Abdul Sabor Khidmat, son of Hajji Abdul Rauf, was born in 1969 in the Shamalga area of central Farah Province. He is married and has two daughters and five sons. His interests include reading and sports. Khidmat speaks Pashto, Dari and English.

Education: Khidmat graduated from Abu Zar Farahi High School, Farah province, in 1986. He completed one year of training on Prosecuting and Detection in 1981 and earned his diploma in this field.

Civil Society/NGO commections: Khidmat has worked as the Farah provincial manager for the Afghanistan Development Association (ADA).

Previous Occuptation: Khidmat joined the security forces in Farah province in 1986 and served there till 1991. When the Taliban came to power he left government work. In 2003, he joined the Afghanistan Development Association, where he worked until 2010.

Other information: Khidmat is a member of Hezb-e-Afghan Millat and the head of the party's Provincial Council in Farah. He joined the party in 1993. He did not originally win the 2010 election, but gained a place after the Electoral Complaints Commission disqualified the winning Farah candidate, Masoud Bakhtar.³²

³² www.afghanistanelectiondata.org

Haji Mammor Mussa

Province: Farah **District:** Nad Ali **Votes:** 2642

Phone: 0799338904 **Age:** 56 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Afghan Millat

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs (previous Secretary, 2011)

Personal background: Haji Mammor Mussa, son of Muhammad Lal, was born in 1955 in Nad Ali district, Helmand province, and now lives in Khak Safed of Farah province. He is married and has one son and nine daughters. He has traveled to many countries including Saudi Arabia, Australia, Belgium and Iran. His interests include reading and sports, and he speaks Pashto, Dari and some English.

Education: Mussa completed his primary and secondary education at Masaw High School, Farah province. Mussa graduated from the Kandahar Mechanical School in 1977.

Civil Society/NGO commections: Mussa has worked at the Afghanistan Development Association, an NGO, as a program manager.

Previous Occuptation: During the regime of Daoud Khan, Mussa worked for the government in the Department of Mines and Industries in Helmand province. From 1995-1996, he worked as a political manager for the governmental Department of Politics near the border of Farah province.

2005 Parliament: Mussa was elected as a member of parliament for Farah province in the 2005 elections, gaining 3,929 votes. During this term, he served on the Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit commission.

Other information: ❖ ● Mussa is affiliated with Hezb-e-Afghan Millat, and serves on the party's provincial council for Farah province. He participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Samiullah Samim

Province: Farah **District:** Anar Dara **Votes:** 3690

Phone: 0799161430 Age: 32 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development and Agriculture

Personal background: Samiullah Samim was born in 1978 in Anar Dara district, Farah province. He is married with one son and one daughter. Samim's interests include reading and music. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto.

Education: Samim graduated from Gawhar Shad High School in 1999. Samim then began his studies at the Secondary Medical Institution at the University of Herat but was unable to complete his course due to the Taliban's rise to power in Afghanistan.

Civil Society/NGO commections: Samim has founded councils including: the Youth Foundation, established in 2003 in Herat; the Arya Assembly, established in 2007 in Kabul; and the Harmony Council, established in 2008 in Herat. Currently, Samim is working to establish a youth foundation in Farah.

Previous Occuptation: Samim has worked primarily as a businessman in the medical field in connection with his family's business, where he worked from 1992 through 2001. More recently, he founded and ran the Arian Bakhtar Forma company – also in the medical field – and now holds shares in partnership with the Nawi Brothers Sarwari company.

Other information: •

FARYAB								
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission	
Eng. Muhammad Hashim Awartaq ❖ •	Khwaja Sabz Posh	56	7710		Uzbek	Independent	Transport (s)	
Dr. Naqebullah Fayeq	Almar	29	7720		Dari	Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan	Health (c)	
Haji Muhammad Hashim (•	Maimana	51	9299		Dari	Indepedent	Economy	
Rangina Kargar	Andkhoi	26	1573		Dari	Independent	Economy (s)	
Gul Muhammad Pahlawan ■	Faizabad	40	7372		Uzbek	Independent	Defense	
Alhaj Fathullah Qaisari ⊙	Qaisar	48	7221	√	Uzbek	Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan	Defense	
Fowzia Raoufi	Maimana	41	2480	✓	Dari	Independent	Transport	
Asifa Shadab �	Maimana	46	1349	✓	Dari	Independent	Audit (d)	
Bashir Ahmad Tah Yenj ℂ	Andkhoi	37	7424		Uzbek	Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan	Audit (s)	

Eng. Muhammad Hashim Awartaq

Province: Faryab **District:** Khwaja Sabz Posh **Votes:** 7710

Phone: 0700476363 **Age:** 56 **New Member**

First language: Uzbek 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs (Secretary)

Personal background: Eng. Muhammad Hashim Awartaq, son of Muhammad Umar, was born in 1955, in Gazari village, Khwaja Sabz Posh district, Faryab province. He is married and has two sons and four daughters. He has traveled to countries including: Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Turkey, India, Russia, the Netherlands and Saudi Arabia. He is interested in reading and sports. Awartaq's first language is Uzbek and he also speaks Dari, Russian, Pashto and English.

Education: Awartaq finished his secondary education, studying electrical engineering, in the Takhnik Sanawe Institute, Kabul in 1975. He then joined the engineering faculty of Kabul University in 1976 and earned his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering in 1980.

Previous occupation: Awartaq worked in the Department of National Security in many different provinces in Afghanistan, including Faryab, Ghazni, Balkh and Farah, for over 12 years. He spent ten years in Iran and Turkmenistan during the Taliban period. He served as a security officer for Faryab province from 2001 to 2003.

2005 Parliament: Awartaq was elected as a member of the Provincial Council for Faryab province in 2005 and through this position was elected as the Council's representative in the Meshrano Jirga (Senate). He was a senator in the Meshrano Jirga during the 2005 term. Awartaq was a member of Ensejam-e-Milli parliamentary group during this term.

Other information:

Dr. Naqebullah Fayeq

Province: Faryab **District:** Almar **Votes**: 7720

Phone: 0799820270 **Age:** 29 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Health, Sports, Youth, Labor and Workers (Chair, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Dr. Naqebullah Fayeq, son of Muhammadullah, was born in 1982, in Almar district, Faryab province. He is married and has two sons and one daughter. His interests include reading and writing about political topics. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Turkish, English, Pashto and Uzbek.

Education: Fayeq completed his secondary education at Amir Ali Shair Nawae High School in Faryab in 1997. He got his bachelor's degree in Medicine from Balkh University in 2004, and went on to study in Germany and Turkey to become an ultrasound specialist.

Civil society/NGO connections: During his studies in Afghanistan, Fayeq was also involved in social and cultural activities. He was the editor-in-chief of various publications in Mazar-e-Sharif, including the Hadaf publication and the Kal Chort Goy publication. He was also a member of various civil society organizations. Dr. Fayeq has been the Cultural Deputy of the Social Association of Afghanistan Junbish Youth since 2005.

Previous occupation: Fayeg has worked as a doctor at various hospitals in Faryab province.

Other information: Fayeq is affiliated with Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan, led by Abdul Rashid Dostum, and serves on the party's central council.

Haji Muhammad Hashim

Province: Faryab **District:** Maimana **Votes:** 9299

Phone: 799397713 **Age:** 51 **New Member**

First language: Dari 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Haji Muhammad Hashim, son of Haji Muhammad Ali, was born in 1960, in Maimana district, Faryab province. He is married and has six children. He has traveled to countries including Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, India, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan. His interests include reading and sports. Hashim's first language is Dari and he also speaks Uzbek and Pashto.

Education: Hashim completed his secondary education at Harbi High School in 1981. He received his bachelor's degree from the Military University of Kabul in 1979.

Previous occupation: © Hashim served in the military for more than 20 years. Afterwards, he entered the oil, gas and transportation business and is now the Director of the Etehad Brothers Company in Faryab and Balkh provinces. He served on the Faryab Provincial Council from 2005-2009.

Other information: • Hashim gained the highest vote count in Faryab province.

Rangina Kargar

Province: Faryab **District:** Andkhoi **Votes:** 1573

Phone: 796725248 **Age:** 26 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

(Secretary)

Personal background: Rangina Kargar, daughter of Sayed Omar, was born in 1985 in Saighan district of Bamyan province. She married into the Kargar family, and has one son. Her husband also works in parliament, as a member of the secretariat for the Wolesi Jirga. Kargar is interested in reading. Her first language is Dari and she can also speak Uzbek and English.

Education: Kargar completed her secondary school education at Sitara High School, Mazar-I Sharif and earned her bachelor's degree from Balkh University in Economics in 2007.

Civil society/NGO connections: Kargar worked in 2010 for the NGO Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA). She has been involved in literacy programs for rural women in Andkhoi district and has worked to promote women's rights.³³

Previous occupation: Kargar worked as a school teacher before being elected to parliament. She also worked at the Afghanistan International Bank in 2010.

³³ www.parliamentariansforconflictprevention.net

Gul Muhammad Pahlawan

Province: Faryab **District:** Faizabad **Votes:** 7372

Phone: 799554422 **Age:** 40 **New Member**

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs



Personal background: Gul Muhammad Pahlawan was born in Faizabad district, Faryab province, in 1971. He is married with twelve daughters and seven sons. Pahlawan is well known in the region as a former commander with Junbish, and as the brother of another influential commander, General Abdul Malik. He is interested in working with people. Pahlawan speaks Uzbek as well as Dari and Pashto.

Education: Pahlawan has completed private studies in Islamic madrasas.

Previous occupation: Pahlawan is a former jihadi commander, who served under General Abdul Rashid Dostum.

Other information: ■ Pahlawan had previous affiliations with Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan, but since the election, has stood without affiliation. Pahlawan was originally disqualified as a result of Electoral Complaints Commission investigations. He later replaced Shakir Kargar as an MP for Herat province in August 2011.

Alhaj Fathullah Qaisari

Province: Faryab **District:** Qaisar **Votes:** 7221

Phone: 799251616 **Age:** 48 **Incumbent**

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs



Personal background: Alhaj Fathullah Qaisari, son of Hajji Abdul Mutalib, was born in Jegdalik village of Qaisar district, Faryab province in 1963. Qaisar is married and has three sons and seven daughters. He is interested in reading. He speaks Uzbek and Dari.

Education: Qaisari completed his early education in Islamic studies in private madrasas in Faryab.

Previous occupation: Qaisari joined the Mujahideen at an early age. He was a Junbish provincial commander in Faryab from 2001-2005.

2005 Parliament: Qaisari won his seat in the 2005 elections with 12,576 votes. During this term, he served on the commission for Disabled, Martyrs and Widows.

Other information: • Qaisari was a member of Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan during the jihad years, but then joined Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan.

Fowzia Raoufi

Province: Faryab District: Maimana Votes: 2480

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Fowzia Raoufi, daughter of Abdul Raouf, was born in 1970, in the fifth district of Maimana city (Afghan Kot area) in Faryab province. She is married and has one daughter. She has traveled to France, London, Canada, the Netherlands, Belgium, India, Turkey, Germany, France and Saudi Arabia for international conferences. Raoufi is interested in reading. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks Uzbek, English and Pashto.

Education: Raoufi completed her secondary education at Sitara High School, Faryab in 1989. She got her bachelor's degree from the Pedagogical Institute in Faryab province in 1993.

Civil society/NGO connections: Raoufi has worked with International NGOs.

Previous occupation: Raoufi has worked in both government and non-governmental offices, including international organizations. After receiving her bachelor's degree, Raoufi worked as a teacher and then as the principal of high schools in both Faryab province and Mazar-e-Sharif until the Taliban period began. After the Taliban came to power, she worked as a field officer for Doctors without Borders, then at the United Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF) as focal point/communications officer for two years in sectors including water supply, education and health in Faryab province. Raoufi also worked with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) for 18 months in the security department and at the National Solidarity Program as a regional officer.

2005 Parliament: Raoufi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 4,897 votes. During the 2005 parliament she served on the Cultural and Religious Affairs Commission.

Other information: Raoufi has been outspoken during her time in parliament about the lack of services available to women in Faryab.

Asifa Shadab

Province: Faryab **District**: Maimana **Votes:** 1349

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit (Deputy, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Asifa Shadab was born in Maimana district, in the center of Faryab province, in 1965. She is married with four sons and three daughters. She has traveled to India and Saudi Arabia. Her interests include poetry, journalism, cultural activities and defending women's rights. Shadab speaks Dari and Uzbek.

Education: Shadab completed her secondary education at Setara High School in Faryab in 1982. She holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from the Faryab Higher Education Institute, which she earned in 1990.

Civil society/NGO connections: Shadab is known as a poet, and she has led some cultural organizations helping to train women in carpet-weaving and tailoring. She wrote a regular column for the Faryab provincial newspaper called *Zan wa Zendagi* ("Women and Life"), in which she often talked about the role of women in Islam.

Previous occupation: During the Taliban times, Shadab helped to educate girls in underground schools. Before coming to parliament in 2005, Shadab was a lecturer at the Faryab Higher Education Institute, a role she began in 2001. She also worked in the office of the Secretariat for the Constitution Commission in 2003.

2005 Parliament: Shadab won a seat in the 2005 parliament with 3,429 votes. During this term, she served as deputy chair of the Commission for Cultural and Religious Affairs.

Other information: ❖ Shadab has connections to the Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan but campaigned as an independent candidate in both elections. She participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002.

Bashir Ahmad Tah Yenj

Province: Faryab **District:** Andkhoi **Votes:** 7424

Phone: 799124412 **Age:** 37 **New Member**

First language: Uzbek 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit (Secretary, 2011 &

2012)

Personal background: Bashir Ahmad Tah Yenj, son of Chari Khan, was born in Andkhoi district, Faryab province, in 1974. He is married and has two sons and one daughter. He is interested in reading, and while his first language is Uzbek, he also speaks Dari, Pashto and English.

Education: Tah Yenj completed his secondary education at Abdu Muslim Andkhoi High School in the Andkhoi district of Faryab in 1991. He got his bachelor's degree in Literature from Balkh University in 1995.

Civil society/NGO connections: Tah Yenj has worked for NGOs and maintains connections with them.

Previous occupation: © Tah Yenj has worked with international organizations and NGOs including the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Institute of Medicine. He was also the Editor-in-Chief of a montly Uzbek publication called "Yeshel Yepragh" (Green Page) from 2006 until the end of 2007. Tah Yenj was a member of the Provincial Council for Faryab province for four years and, during this time, held the post of Deputy Chairman of the Council for two years.

Other information: Tah Yenj is affiliated with Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan, led by Abdul Rashid Dostum.

GHAZNI								
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission	
Mohammad Ali Akhlaqi	Jaghori	40	8498		Dari	Independent	Education	
Muhammad Ali Alizada �	Jaghori	46	10078		Dari	Independent	Audit	
Eng. Nafisa Azimi (Jaghori	38	6228		Dari	Hezb-e- Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan	Justice	
Chaman Shah Etemadi �	Malistan	37	5874		Dari	Hezb-e- Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan	Narcotics (s)	
Dr. Mohammad Arif Shah Jahan	Jaghtu	57	9209		Dari	Hezb-e- Harakat Islami Afghanistan	None	
Alhaj Khuda Dad Orfani �	Jaghori	58	6658		Dari	Hezb-e- Wahdat Islami Afghanistan	Narcotics	
Ali Akbar Qasimi	Nawur	57	13855	✓	Dari	Independent	Defense (s)	
Ustad Muhammad Arif Rahmani ❖●	Qarabagh	35	6864		Dari	Independent	Audit	
Shah Gul Rezaye	Jaghori	31	3679	✓	Dari	Independent	Transport	
Dr. Abdul Qayoom Sajadi	Nahoor	42	6898	√	Dari	Independent	International	
Huma Sultani	Malistan	37	6238		Dari	Independent	Finance	

Mohammad Ali Akhlaqi

Province: Ghazni **District**: Jaghori **Votes:** 8498

Phone: 787759903 **Age:** 40 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education (previous Secretary,

2011)

Personal background: Mohammad Ali Akhlaqi, son of Hussain Ali, was born in 1971, in Malistan District of Ghazni. He is married and has two sons and one daughter. He is active in cultural and social affairs and has written books, including *Constitutional Reviews and the Elite Role in the Transformation of Afghanistan*, as well as many political and cultural articles. Akhlaqi is interested in reading and teaching; he speaks Dari and also Pashto, Arabic and English fairly well.

Education: Akhlaqi completed basic Islamic studies at the Rawzawya Seminary in Malistan District, Ghazni Province. He has a master's degree in Sociology from the Emam Khamenae University of Iran, which he earned in 2001.

Civil society/NGO connections: Akhlaqi is a writer and has published widely on cultural issues. In 2002, he established the Markez Taqiqat (Social Research) Center, which was formally registered as an organization in the Ministry of Economy. This organization published books on the Loya Jirga, women's rights, violence against women, and the disabled in Afghanistan among other subjects. It ceased to be active in 2010.

Previous occupation: Akhlaqi was the general manager of forums in the Ministry of Education from 2002-2004. Since 2006, he has been teaching sociology and is head of the Sociology Department in the Education faculty at Kabul University. He also teaches sociology at various private universities in Kabul, including Kateb and Khatam Ul Nabeen.

2005 Parliament: Akhlaqi ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, earning 5,005 votes.

Other information: Akhlaqi was previously affiliated with Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan but is now without affiliation.

Muhammad Ali Alizada

Province: Ghazni **District:** Jaghori **Votes:** 10078

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit

Personal background: Muhammad Ali Alizada, son of Nadir Ali, was born in 1965, in the village of Baba in the Jaghori district of Ghazni province. He is married and has six children. His interests include reading, sports and music, and he speaks Dari, Pashto and English.

Education: Alizada completed his secondary education at the Abdul Ghafor Sultani High School in Jaghori distict in 1992. He completed his Islamic studies in Iranian seminaries from 1986-1993. He studied English in Quetta, Pakistan from 1998-2001. He is currently in his last semester as a student of Law at Payami Noor University in Kabul, where he is completing his bachelor's degree.

Civil society/NGO connections: Alizada participates in cultural and social activities in both Ghazni and Bamyan provinces. From 1994-1996, he was a member of the Writers' Council of the Emroz-e-Ma Magazine (a publication of Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan) in Peshawar, Pakistan. He has been involved with the cultural section of Hezb-e-Wahdat since 1994.

Previous occupation: In 2002, Alizada was a member of the Secretariat of the Election Commission for the Constitutional Loya Jirga, where he worked as a public hearing officer for one year. Following this, he focused on political party activities as the Vice-President of Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan, led by Mohaqiq. From 2003-2005, Alizada was the manager of the Rah-e Hambastagi weekly magazine.

2005 Parliament: Alizada ran unsuccessfully for parliament in the 2005 elections, gaining 8,403 votes and missing a seat by 2 votes.

Other information: ❖ Alizada was a representative from Jaghori district in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002. He resigned as the vice president of Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan in 2011, and is now independent.

Eng. Nafisa Azimi

Province: Ghazni **District:** Jaghori **Votes**: 6228

First language: Dari 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Justice, Administrative reform and the Fight Against Corruption

Personal background: Eng. Nafisa Azimi, daughter of Muhammad Naeem, was born in 1973, in Kabul province. She is married and has four children, two sons and two daughters. She is interested in reading and music, and speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Azimi finished her school at Afshar High School, Kabul province, and got her bachelor's degree in Construction Engineering from the Kabul Polytechnic University in 2002.

Civil society/NGO connections: Azimi's work as a social and health worker has led to connections with civil society organizations.

Previous occupation:

Azimi has worked in Ghazni for many years as a social and health worker. She worked from 1993-1997 as a teacher at the Shuhada Girls High School in Jaghori, Ghazni province and as a social worker for Future Generations, an organization working in Ghazni, in 1999. From 2000-2003, she managed Ghazni Rural Support Program (GRSP) training classes in the Jaghori district of Ghazni province, while attending nursing courses. Following this, in 2005 she was elected to Ghazni's Provincial Council, winning first place in the province with 16,842 votes, and served as chair of the council from 2006-2009.

Other information: Azimi is affiliated with Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan.

Chaman Shah Etemadi

Province: Ghazni **District:** Malistan **Votes:** 5874

Phone: 776621939 **Age:** 37 **New Member**

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First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics (Secretary, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Chaman Shah Etemadi, son of Sultan, was born in 1974 in Malistan district of Ghazni province. He is known as a religious scholar among the Ghazni people and participates in religious ceremonies. He is married and has five daughters and four sons. Etemadi is interested is reading and swimming; he speaks Dari and Arabic.

Education: Etemadi undertook Islamic studies at seminaries in Iran from 1998-1999. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Educational Science from Jamia Al-Mustafa University in Iran in 2010.

Previous occupation: From 1999-2005, Etemadi was a religious teacher at the Rasolullah Seminary in Malistan district, Ghazni province. He was also a teacher of social subjects at the Muradena High School for Girls in Malistan.

Other information: *

Dr. Mohammad Arif Shah Jahan

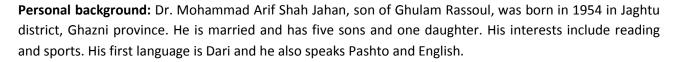
Province: Ghazni **District:** Jaghtu **Votes:** 9209

Phone: 796544223 **Age:** 57 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Harakat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): None



Education: Jahan finished his primary and secondary education in 1972 at the Habibia High School of Kabul. In 1973 he enrolled at the Medical University of Nangarhar, where he received his bachelor's degree in medical sciences in 1980.

Previous occupation: After graduating, Jahan served as a surgical doctor in Ghazni Provincial Hospital for six months. He then joined the Mujahideen. He was a member of the jihad people's council in Sebghatullah Mujaddadi's government. In Burhanduddin Rabbani's government, he was the head of the General Audit Department in the Ministry of Defense. He has served as a representative of Hezb-e-Harakat Islami Afghanistan party in the High Council of Government from 1991 until the fall of Rabbani's government and the start of the civil war. After that, Jahan again joined the Mujahideen and then immigrated to the United States in 1997. He returned to Afghanistan in 2007 and was a national security advisor for Ghazni province until 2008. He then served as the head of the Ghazni Provincial Department of Security from 2008 to 2010.

Other information: Jahan is affiliated with Hezb-e-Harakat Islami Afghanistan.

Alhaj Khuda Dad Orfani

Province: Ghazni **District:** Jaghori **Votes:** 6658

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics



Personal background: Alhaj Khuda Dad Orfani, son of Safdar Ali, was born in 1953 in the Sange-e-Masha area, the capital of Jaghori District in Ghazni Province. He is married and has three sons and four daughters. He is interested in reading historical literature and he speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Orfani graduated from the Ayatullah Mohaqeq Seminary in 1974. He was also awarded a diploma – equivalent to a fourteenth class graduate certificate – from Istiqlal High School in Kabul in 2002.

Previous occupation: Orfani was a well-known jihadi commander with Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan. In 1979, he led the Ghazni fronts during the war against the Soviets in Afghanistan. In 2001, he was selected as a member of the Emergency Loya Jirga Process Commission in the Ministry of Justice for four months and from 2002-2004, he was the Deputy Chair of the Advisory Council of Ghazni province. He served as the District Governor of Jaghori from 2006-2010.

2005 Parliament: Orfani was an unsuccessful candidate for the 2005 elections, gaining 4,443 votes.

Other information: ❖ Orfani is affiliated with Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan, led by Karim Khalili. He joined the party in 1989 and is responsible for the party's Jaghori district office as well as serving on its central council. In 2003, Orfani participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga. In the 2010 parliament, he was briefly involved in the election of a speaker when he assumed the role of overseeing elections for the position from Osmani Farahi.³⁴

³⁴ Gran Hewad, 'The Wolesi Jirga has a Speaker (amended)', Afghan Analysts Network, 27 February 2011 http://aanafghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1530

Ali Akbar Qasimi

Province: Ghazni **District:** Nawur **Votes:** 13855

Phone: 0799227734 Age: 57 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs (Secretary)



Personal background: Ali Akbar Qasimi, son of Haji Muhammad Hasan, was born in 1954 in Nahor district, Ghazni province. He is married and has four sons and four daughters. He has traveled widely, to countries including Pakistan, India, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Russia, the United States, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. Qasimi is widely known as an influential figure in Ghazni province. He is interested in reading, and speaks Dari.

Education: Qasimi graduated from the Kochi Lailiya School, Ghazni province, in 1963. He then joined the Pul-i Charkhi Military School in Kabul for two years.

Previous occupation: Qasimi was a member of the Islamic Solidarity Council (Shorai Etefaq Islami), but then he became member of Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan in 1979. From 2002-2004, he was Commander of the Afghan National Army's fourteenth division, garrisoned in Ghazni province. He is widely known as an influential commander for Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami.

2005 Parliament: Qasimi came to parliament in 2005 with 20,617 votes. He served on the Defense and Territorial Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: • In order to build his reputation and to prepare for the 2010 elections, Qasimi used his own funding to build schools in the Barjegi, Joregi and Khawak areas of the Nahor district in Ghazni province.

Ustad Muhammad Arif Rahmani

Province: Ghazni **District:** Qarabagh **Votes:** 6864

Phone: 0793505151 **Age:** 35 **New Member**

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First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit

Personal background: Ustad Muhammad Arif Rahmani was born in 1975, in the Qarabagh district of Ghazni province. He is married and has two children. He is very interested in cultural work and journalism and has written books, including "Afghanistan: A Fair Political Structure," "Secularism, Religion and Government," and "Family in Islam," as well as the "Strategic View to Afghan Parliament" which contributed to his campaign efforts. Rahmani speaks Dari.

Education: Rahmani studied at an Islamic religious school and seminary In Iran from 1989-1999. He earned a bachelor's degree in Islamic Education and Law from the Markaz Jahan Ulom Islami University in 2007. Currently he is a student of Azad private university in Kabul where he is completing his master's degree in the same field.

Civil society/NGO connections: Rahmani has spent the majority of his career working for newspapers and cultural organizations. He has written a book about the Wolesi Jirga.

Previous occupation: From 2004-2006, Rahmani was the leading member of the Foundation of Science and Culture of Afghanistan and worked simultaneously as the deputy and editor of the Armani Mili newspaper. From 2005-2007, he was chief editor of the Marifati Deni monthly magazine. From 2007-2010, he was the Senior Advisor and Acting Minister of the Ministry of Hajj and Pilgrimage.

Other information: ❖ **O** Rahmani is known to be an expert on Islamic Jurisprudence and political parties.

Shah Gul Rezaye

Province: Ghazni **District:** Jaghori **Votes:** 3679

Phone: 0799849199 Age: 31 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commisssion (2011-2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power

Supply and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Shah Gul Rezaye was born in 1979, in Kabul province. She is single. Her interests include reading and working for women, and she speaks Dari and English.

Education: Rezaye graduated from Zainabya High School in Jaghori district in 2001. She attained her bachelor's degree in law and political science at Kabul University in 2011. She has taken English and computer training courses in Pakistan and India.

Civil society/NGO connections: Rezaye was a member of the House of Culture and Arts in Jaghori. Before her election in 2005, she was a leading editor of the Jaghori monthly magazine.

Previous occupation: From 1997-2003, Rezaye worked as a teacher at the Zaenabya Girls High School in Jaghori district, Ghazni province. From 2003-2005, she was the principal of the school.

2005 Parliament: Rezaye came to parliament in 2005 with 5,341 votes, and was the highest scoring woman candidate in the province. During this term, she served on the Women's Affairs and Civil Society commission.

Other information: Razaye formed a new parliamentary group during this term, Sada-e-Adalat (Voice of Justice). She also serves as the one of two secretaries of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law. Razaye has been outspoken on the inadequacy of institutions of governance and policing in Ghazni province.

Dr. Abdul Qayoom Sajadi

Province: Ghazni District: Nahoor Votes: 6898

Phone: 799233701 Age: 42 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Dr. Abdul Qayoom Sajadi son of Sayed Abdul Hakim was born in 1969 in Nahoor district, Ghazni province. He is married and has one daughter and two sons. Sajjadi is a well known writer and intellectual, and has traveled to countries including Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, the United States and Iraq. He is interested in writing and research. His first language is Dari and he also speaks English and Arabic.

Education: Sajadi completed his secondary education in Iran. He holds a bachelor's degree and PhD in Law and Political Science, with an International Relations specialty, as well as a PhD equivalent in Islamic Studies, all of which he earned at university in Iran.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sajadi is particularly involved with research and journalism, and is connected to civil society organizations in this regard.

Previous occupation: Sajjadi is a University lecturer. He is the head of the Khatam-ul-Nabeen Private Institute of Higher Education. He has also held editorial roles, including the Editor-in-Chief of "Fajre Omid", a monthly publication, and Editor-in-Chief of "Guftuman-e-Naw", an academic quarterly publication. Sajadi is also the founder of the Afghan Center for Strategic Studies, a research institute in Kabul. Sajjadi is a writer, having written many books including *Political Sociology of Afghanistan, Islam and Globalization, Bases of Political Parties in Islam,* and *Political Islam and Globalization*.

2005 Parliament: Sajadi won a seat as an MP for Ghazni province in 2005 with 9258 votes. During that term, he served on the International Affairs commission

Other information: Sajadi participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Huma Sultani

Province: Ghazni **District:** Malistan **Votes:** 6238

Phone: 799853967 **Age:** 37 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking

Personal background: Huma Sultani was born in 1974 in the Khair Khana area of Kabul city. She is married with one son. Her interests include political activities, reading and sport; she speaks Dari as well as Pashto, Urdu and English.

Education: Sultani attended Zulaykha Primary School in Kabul and graduated from the Ayesha-e-Durani Girls' High School in Kabul in 1989. She holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Kabul University, which she earned in 2003.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sultani is one of the founders of the Association for the Defense of Freedom of Expression of Afghanistan, an NGO. She has also spent part of her career working for women's rights, and has been working on different civil and cultural issues at the Dae Folad Civil Foundation.

Previous occupation: Sultani began her career as a teacher at the Shuhada Girls' High School in Jaghori district, Ghazni province. From 2005-2009, she was the head of the Women's Rights and Development Support Department of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC), and also served as the AIHRC Director for the Central Region.

Other information: Sultani was one of 13 women candidates for the 2010 elections in Ghazni; only she and one other candidate campaigned openly, as a result of widespread security concerns. Sultani is an outspoken activist on women's rights and peace in Afghanistan.

GHOR								
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission	
Aqay Bahr ❖Φ	Lal Wa Sar Jangal	52	13284		Dari	Hezb-e- Wahdat Islami Afghanistan	Disabled (s)	
Sima Joyenda •	Cheghcheran	40	3960		Dari	Independent	Education	
Haji Qurban Kohistani ❖ ○	Lal Wa Sar Jangal	50	15698	√	Dari	Independent	Environment	
Mohammad Ibrahim Malikzada •	Taiwara	45	18493	✓	Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Internal	
Ruqia Naiel •	Lal Wa Sar Jangal	33	8747	✓	Dari	Independent	Finance	
Alhaj Karam-u-din Reza Zada ⊙	Cheghcheran	41	12352		Dari	Independent	Internal	

Aqay Bahr

Province: Ghor **District:** Lal Wa Sar Jangal **Votes:** 13284

Phone: 799337719 **Age**: 52 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami

language is Dari and he also speaks Arabic.

Commission (2012): Disabled, Martyrs and Widows (Secretary)

Personal background: Aqay Bahr, son of Sayed Amir, was born in 1959, in Qalacha village in Lal Wa Sar

Education: Bahr studied Islamic subjects and literature in Afghan and foreign seminaries and completed his Islamic studies in 1985. He graduated from Darulhuda High School in Lal Wa Sar Jangal district, Ghor province, in 2007.

Jangal district, Ghor province. He is married and has eleven children. He is interested in reading. Bahr's first

Civil society/NGO connections: Bahr is well-known in Ghor province due to his public contributions. He established the Baserat library in 1983 in Ghor province and has given speeches regularly in mosques.

Previous occupation: From 2002-2005, Bahr was the district governor of Lal Wa Sar Jangal. He resigned from his position in 2005 to become a candidate in the 2005 parliamentary elections, but was unsuccessful. From 2008-2010 he was the district governor of Dolayna district of Ghor Province.

2005 Parliament: Bahr competed unsuccessfully in the 2005 elections.

Other information: ❖ ● Bahr was deputy of the Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan Provincial Council for Ghor, from the foundation of the party until 1991. From 1991-2001, he was head of the Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Provincial Council.

Sima Joyenda

Province: Ghor **District:** Cheghcheran **Votes:** 3960

Phone: 798101836 **Age:** 40 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Sima Joyenda, daughter of Mirza Gul Aqa Khan, was born in 1971, in Firoz Koh district of Ghor province. She is married and has eight children. She is interested in reading and sports. Her first language is Dari and she speaks Pashto and English as well.

Education: Joyenda finished her primary and secondary education at the Tega Temor High School of Ghor province in 2005 and received her fourteenth class certificate from the Teacher's Training Institute of Ghor in 2009.

Civil society/NGO connections: Joyenda has worked with women's organizations, specifically with programs contributing to capacity building for women.

Previous occupation: Joyenda worked as a teacher under the Taliban rule and taught underground courses for girls. After the fall of the Taliban, she continued to work as a teacher at high schools in Ghor province. She has worked in governmental offices, including the Governor's Office in Ghor and the Rural Development Department. She has also worked in nongovernmental offices, particularly as a provincial trainer for a semi-governmental, rural development organization for over two years, working towards building women's capacity in Afghanistan.

2005 Parliament: Joyenda was an unsuccessful candidate in the 2005 parliamentary election, winning 3785 votes.

Other information: ● She participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002, as well as in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Haji Qurban Kohistani

Province: Ghor **District:** Lal Wa Sar Jangal **Votes:** 15698

Phone: 773003030 **Age:** 50 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Natural Resources and the Environment



Personal background: Haji Qurban Kohistani, son of Ewaz, was born in 1961, in Lal War Sar Jangal district, Ghor province. He is married and has one son and three daughters. Kohistani's interests include reading and business. His first language is Dari and he speaks Pashto, Urdu, Arabic, Uzbek and Russian as well.

Education: Kohistani finished his primary and secondary education at the Najaf High School in Iraq in 1977.

Previous occupation: Kohistani worked as a businessman, importing and exporting rugs and production materials throughout Asia.

2005 Parliament: Kohistani won a seat in parliament in 2005 with 10,440 votes. During this term, he served as deputy chair of the Commission for Internal Affairs.

Other information:

Mohammad Ibrahim Malikzada

Province: Ghor **District:** Taiwara **Votes:** 18493

Phone: 0706069080 Age: 45 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs

Personal background: Mohammad Ibrahim Malikzada, son of Abdul Rahman, was born in 1966 in Ghor province. Malikzada is married and has four sons and three daughters. His interests include providing contruction services. Malikzada speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Malikazada graduated from twelfth class at the Dawlat High School in Ghor province in 1988.

Previous occupation: Malikzada is a former military commander. He has served as governor of Ghor province, and also briefly as an advisor to the Ministry of Interior in 2004, before running for parliament in 2005.

2005 Parliament: Malikzada was elected to parliament in 2005 with 23,051 votes. During this term, he was a member of the Internal Affairs commission.

Other information: • Malikzada is affiliated with Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan.

Rugia Naiel

Province: Ghor **District:** Lal Wa Sar Jangal **Votes:** 8747

Phone: 799739215 **Age:** 33 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs (Previous Deputy, 2011)

Personal background: Ruqia Naiel, daughter of Ewaz Ali, was born in 1978, in Lal Wa Sar Jangal district, Ghor province. She is married and has no children. She participated in the London Conference on Afghanistan in 2006 and has traveled to many countries including Lithuania, the United Kingdon, Germany, Nepal, the United Arab Emirates and the United States. Naiel's interests include reading and walking. Her first language is Dari and she speaks English as well.

Education: Naiel finished her primary and secondary education at the Zainab Kubra High School, Ghor province, in 1994. She completed a nursing course conducted by the Ministry of Health from 1996-1998 and is currently a student of International Relations and Political Science at Kateb University, Kabul.

Civil society/NGO connections: Naiel is currently the deputy of the Movement of Afghan Sisters (MAS) and attributes most of her votes to civil society activities in Ghor. She is a member of the Advisory Board for the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) in Afghanistan.

Previous occupation: In 1995, Naiel was a trainer for a literacy course conducted by Oxfam in Ghor. From 1998-2005, she was a nurse in a children's clinic in Lal Wa Sar Jangal district of Ghor province, funded by the Shuhada Organization.

2005 Parliament: Naiel was elected to parliament in 2005 with 6,925 votes. During this term, she served on the commission for Communication, Transportation, Urban Housing and Municipalities.

Other information: • Naiel was a representative for Ghor province in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002. She has been vocally critical of President Karzai's signing of the Shia Personal Status Law.

Alhaj Karam-u-din Reza Zada

Province: Ghor **District:** Cheghcheran **Votes**: 12352

Age. 41 New Memb

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs

Personal background: Alhaj Karam-u-din Reza Zada, son of Mullah Fazul Haq, was born in 1970, in the city of Cheghcheran in Ghor. He is married and has eleven children. He is interested in reading and sports, and speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Reza Zada completed his early education through private religious studies. He later graduated from the Literature Department of the Ghor Teacher Training Institute in 2009.

Previous occupation: Reza Zada joined the Mujahideen when he was 16 years old. After this, he worked for the government as an employee at the Department of Agriculture in Ghor from 1994 to 1996. From 2002 to 2003, he was the Director of the Department of Communications and Documentation in Ghor. In 2003-2004, he held the position of Director of the Public Works Department. From 2004 to 2010, he served as Deputy Governor of Ghor province.

Other information: •

HELMAND								
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission	
Haji Muhammad Wali Alizai	Kajaki	35	1881		Pashto	Independent	Narcotics (c)	
Shikh Neamatullah Ghafari	Lashkar Gah	49	3048	√	Dari	Independent	Second Deputy Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga	
Haji Abdul Hay	Kajaki	27	2403		Pashto	Independent	Internal	
Abdul Jabar	Garam Sir	51	1773		Pashto	Independent	Complaints	
Haji Mualim Mirwali ■	Grishk	56	2244	√	Pashto	Independent	Complaints	
Nasima Niazai	Helmand Center	45	1324	√	Pashto	Hezb-e- Afghan Millat	Transport	
Habiba Sadat	Lashkar Gah	45	574		Pashto	Independent	Transport	
Abdul Wudod	Nawa	36	1847		Pashto	Independent	Narcotics	

Haji Muhammad Wali Alizai

Province: Helmand **District:** Kajaki **Votes**: 1881

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics (Chair)



Personal background: Haji Muhammad Wali Alizai, son of Haji Shair Muhammad Aqa, was born in 1969 in Kajaki district, Helmand province. He is married and has ten children. He is the son of the former governor of Helmand province, Sher Mohammad Akhundzada, and the nephew of another parliamentarian for Helmand province, Haji Abdul Hay (Akhundzada). Alizai has traveled to Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, India, the United Arab Emirates and Iran. He is interested in reading and sports and speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Alizai graduated from twelfth class of high school in Helmand in 2003.

Previous occupation: In 2004, Alizai was the district governor of Musa Qala district, Helmand province. He served as the spokesperson of the province from 2001 to 2005, while his father was serving as governor. Alizai is also a businessman.

Shikh Neamatullah Ghafari

Province: Helmand **District**: Lashkar Gah **Votes:** 3042

Phone: 708278595 **Age:** 48 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education (2011), Second Deputy

Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga

Personal background: Shikh Neamatullah Ghafari, son of Mir Hussain, was born in 1962, in the 2nd district of Lashkargah city in Helmand Province. He is married with three daughters and two sons. Ghafari is a well-known Shia scholar in Helmand. He has traveled many countries, including Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and England. He is interested in reading and sports, and speaks Dari, Pashto, Arabic, and English.

Education: Ghafari completed his secondary education in Lashkargah High School in 1980 and received his bachelor's degree in Science and Islamic Education from Jamia Al Mustafa Al Alamiya University, Iran, in 1991.

Civil society/NGO connections: Ghafari is the head of the Shia Council of Helmand Province.

Previous occupation: Ghafari was a tutor, teaching private Arabic, English, Pashto, Dari and mathematics classes for several years. He was a university teacher, teaching Islamic Science and Philosophy, at the Um-Ulmomineen Khadija Kubra Madrasa in Kabul from 2009-2010 in his spare time, simultaneous to serving as a member of parliament.

2005 Parliament: Ghafari won a seat for Helmand in the 2005 election, with 8504 votes. During this term, he served on the Education Commission.

Other information: Ghafari is known to be associated with Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan (led my Mohaqiq), but ran without affiliation.

Haji Abdul Hay

Province: Helmand **District**: Kajaki **Votes:** 2403

Phone: 0798600002 Age: 27 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs (Previous Deputy, 2011)



Personal background: Haji Abdul Hay, son of Haji Muhammad Rasoul Akhundzada, was born in 1984 in Kajaki district of Helmand province. He is married. His father was the governor of Helmand province from 1991 to 1995, and his brother, Sher Muhammad Akhundzada, was governor of the province from 2001-2005. Hay has traveled to Pakistan, Iran, India, Saudi Arabia and Tajikistan. His interests include reading, sports and music. His first language is Pashto but he can speak Dari, English and Urdu.

Education: Hay graduated from Lashkargah Boys' High School in 2003. He studied Computer Science for two years and Political Science for nine months in India at the NIIT Management and IT Training Center in Delhi from 2005 to 2008.

Previous occupation: Hay owns a trade company dealing in construction materials.

Abdul Jabar

Province: Helmand **District:** Garam Sir **Votes:** 1773

Phone: 7066005057 Age: 51 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions

Personal background: Abdul Jabar was born in 1959, in Boldak district of Kandahar province. He is married with three children, one son and two daughters. His interests include sports and reading, and he speaks Pashto, Dari and Russian.

Education: Jabar graduated from Harbi Khwanzay Military School in Kabul in 1982. He then graduated from Harbi Pohantoon Military University, also in Kabul, in 1984.

Civil society/NGO connections: Jabar has become a well-known figure in Helmand after building a school with the capacity for 2,720 students.

Previous occupation: After graduation from military university, Jabar served as an ANA commander in Maiwand District, Kandahar, from 1982 to 1992. He is ranked as a Major General.

2005 Parliament: Jabar was an unsuccessful candidate in the 2005 elections, winning 3,040 votes.

Other information: Jabar did not initially win a seat, but later took the place of Haji Mualim Mir Wali when he was disqualified. Jabar was listed to be disqualified by the Special Court investigation; he retained his seat.³⁵

³⁵ Thomas Ruttig. "Special Court Suggests to Change 62 MPs: The Outgoing and the Outcome (Amended)." Afghan Analysts Network. June 26, 2011. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1832

Haji Mualim Mirwali

Province: Helmand **District:** Grishk **Votes:** 2244

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions



Personal background: Haji Mualim Mirwali (Mir Wali Khan) was born in 1955 in Grishk (Gereshk) district, Helmand province. He is married with four sons and seven daughters. His interests include reading, and he speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Mirwali earned his fourteenth class certificate from the Teacher Training Institute in Grishk district, Helmand province.

Previous occupation: Mirwali was a well-known jihadi commander and Khan in Helmand province, with particular influence in Grishk district. He was a high school teacher in Helmand and served as the head of the Information and Culture Department in Helmand.

2005 Parliament: Mirwali was elected to the 2005 parliament with 8,121 votes. During this term, he served on the Internal Affairs commission.

Other information: ■ Mirwali has been known to be affiliated with Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan, but is currently without affiliation. He was disqualified as a result of Electoral Complaints Commission investigations. He later replaced Massud Noorzai as an MP for Helmand province in August 2011.

Nasima Niazai

Phone: 706405331 **Age:** 45 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Afghan Millat

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Nasima Niazai was born in 1971, in Bollan village of Lashkargah center in Helmand province. She is married and has six children. Her interests include writing and reading, and she speaks Pashto and also Dari and Urdu.

Education: Niazai completed her secondary education at Lashkargah Girls' High School in 1986. She later graduated from the Helmand Teacher Training Institute in 2004.

Civil society/NGO connections: Niazai has connections with organizations in Helmand working for women's rights, human rights and counter-narcotics.

Previous occupation: From 1986-1989, Niazai worked as a basic literacy course teacher in the Helmand Education Department. From 1989-1992, she was the Director of Shahid Mohammad Ekhlash Middle School and then was unemployed under the Mujahideen between 1992 and 1996. Under the Taliban government (1996-2001), she conducted a home course for girls; she then worked as the Principal of the Central Girls' High School from 2001 to 2005.

2005 Parliament: Niazai was elected to parliament in 2005 with 4461 votes, and was the highest-scoring woman candidate in the province. She was a member of the Communications, Transportation, Urban Housing and Municipalities Commission in the 2005 parliament.

Other information: Niazai has been affiliated with the "Reformist" group in parliament.³⁶

³⁶ Saroush, Qayoum. "The 'Reformists' parliamentary group splits the Parliament." Bamdad. September 26, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/text/story/1445

Habiba Sadat

Province: Helmand **District:** Lashkar Gah **Votes:** 574

Phone: 0700900887 **Age:** 45 **New Member**

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First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Habiba Sadat, daughter of Sayed Solayman Shah, was born in 1966, in the 2nd district of Lashkar Gah city in Helmand. She is married and has one son and five daughters. She has traveled to Pakistan, Thailand, Nepal, Dubai and Bangladesh. Her interests include reading and music. Sadat speaks Pashto, Dari, English and Urdu.

Education: Sadat graduated from Lashkargah High School in 1982. She got her diploma from the Helmand Teacher Training Institute in 1985. She received her bachelor's degree in Business Economics from the University of Quetta, Pakistan in 2008. She has also participated in over 35 trainings, seminars and workshops on topics including: human rights, teacher training, strategic planning, health, gender, program management, proposal writing, and data analysis.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sadat has strong connections with Save the Children through her long-standing work for the organization.

Previous occupation: From 1986-1991, Sadat was a teacher at the Lashkargah Boys' High School. She also worked in Quetta, Pakistan from 1992-1994 as a teacher trainer for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Education Sector Support Program (ESSP) and worked as a survey assistant with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) from 1994-1995. She then joined Save the Children as an assistant manager and remained there for 15 years, from 1995-2010. She has also worked with the United Nations Organization (UNO).

Abdul Wudod

Province: Helmand **District:** Nawa **Votes:** 1847

Phone: 707143278 **Age:** 36 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics



Personal background: Abdul Wudod, son of Haji Feroz Shah, was born in 1975 in Nawa district of Helmand province. He is married and has two daughters and seven sons. His father was a famous jihadi leader in the Helmand Mujahideen front. His interests include sports and reading, and he speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Wudod finished his primary education in Quetta, Pakistan and his secondary education at the Lashkargah High School in Helmand province.

Previous occupation: Since 2008 Wudod has served as a police officer in Marja, Nad-Ali, Garmsir and Gerishk districts in Helmand.

HERAT										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Alhaj Eng. Munawar Shah Bahdari �	Shindand	44	5430		Pashto	Independent	Economy			
Ahmad Bihzad	11 th District, Herat city	38	7733	✓	Dari	Independent	None			
Nahed Ahmadi Farid •	5 th District, Herat city	26	4042		Dari	Independent	International			
Haji Nisar Ahmad Faizi Ghoryani ⊙ ■	Ghuryan	50	17906		Dari	Independent	Defense			
Qazi Nazir Ahmad Hanafi	Guzarah	52	8931	✓	Dari	Hezb-e- Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Legislative (c)			
Shanaz Hemati	Herat city	32	3961	✓	Dari	Independent	Transport			
Alhaj Rahima Jami ■	Injeal	38	3290	✓	Dari	Independent	International (s)			
Abdul Hadi Jamshedi	Rubat Sangi	50	5689	✓	Dari	Independent	Complaints			
Masuda Karkhi	Karokh	51	2092		Dari	Independent	Human Rights			
Ahmad Farhad Majedi �	6 th District, Herat city	36	7005		Dari	Independent	Economy			
Ghulam Farooq Majrooh	Injeal	56	9524		Dari	Independent	Transport			
Haji Ghulam Farooq Nazari	6 th District, Herat city	56	7346		Pashto	Independent	Economy			
Ustad Najla Dahqan Nazhad	5 th District, Herat city	48	2041	✓	Dari	Independent	Transport			

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Dr. Muhammad Salih Saljoqi	Herat city	48	5577	√	Dari	Independent	Health		
Haji Khalil Ahmad Shahed Zada �	Obeh	39	6048		Pashto	Independent	Education (d)		
Haji Muhammad Arif Tayeb �	Gulran	47	6106	✓	Dari	Independent	Complaints (d)		
Muhammad Raza Khushak Watan Dost	Herat city	34	6961		Dari	Independent	Economy		

Alhaj Eng. Munawar Shah Bahdari

Province: Herat **District**: Shindand **Votes:** 5430

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First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Alhaj Eng. Munawar Shah Bahdari, son of Haji Mohammad Kabir, was born in 1967 in the Shindand district of Herat province. He is married and has nine children. His interests include reading, hunting and swimming. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, English and Russian.

Education: Bahduri finished his primary education at Kashifi School in Shindand district in 1976, and his secondary education at the Military High School in 1980. He then went on to receive a bachelor's degree from the Airforce University of Kabul in 1984. He attained his master's degree in Law and Political Science (with a specialization in International Relations) from Azad University, Iran, in 2010.

Previous occupation: After receiving his bachelor's degree, Bahaduri worked as an engineer in locations including Kandahar (at the airfield), Farah, Herat and Nimroz. He is also a businessman and has owned and served as director for a series of companies. He established his first company, Wahid Omari Sab Dawari Company, in 1997; his first manufacturing company, Sadaf Aria, in 2002; and his second manufacturing company, Pamir Cola, in 2004.

Other information: *

Ahmad Bihzad

Province: Herat **District:** 11th District, Herat city **Votes:** 7733

Phone: 799452777 Age: 38 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): None



Personal background: Ahmad Bihzad, son of Muhammad Nasir, was born in 1974 in Herat City. He is married with three daughters. His interests include reading and he speaks Dari.

Education: Bihzad completed his fourteenth class in Human Science.

Civil society/NGO connections: Since his schooling, Bihzad has continued to participate in political and cultural activities inside and outside of the country. Nasir is one of the founders of the Afghanistan Immigrant Students Forum in Mashhad, Iran; a founder of the Journalists' Association Experts Council; and responsible for the Afghan University Students Political and Cultural Affairs organization in Azerbaijan.

Previous occupation: Bihzad was formerly a journalist for Azadi Radio.

2005 Parliament: Bihzad gained a seat in the 2005 parliamentary elections with 10,235 votes. During this term, he served on the International Affairs commission.

Other information: Bihzad was once affiliated with Hezb-e Wahdat Islami Mardom, led by Mohaqiq, but is now an independent member of parliament. He has been outspoken in his opposition to President Karzai.³⁷ In early 2011, he was elected as Second Deputy Speaker of the House.

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³⁷ Foschini, Fabrizio. "Campaign Trail 8: A Multipolar Election in the Afghan West 2." Afghan Analysts Network. September 8, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1012

Nahed Ahmadi Farid

Province: Herat **District:** 5th District, Herat city **Votes:** 4042

Phone: 700425987 **Age:** 26 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Nahed Ahmadi Farid, daughter of Muhammad Ibrahim, was born in 1985 in Herat city. She is married and has one daughter. She has traveled to Germany, the Netherlands, the United States, Pakistan, Iran and the United Arab Emirates. Farid is interested in reading and cooking. Farid's first language is Dari and she also speaks Pashto, English and German.

Education: Farid finished her primary and secondary education in Mahjoba Herawi High School in Herat. She earned a bachelor's degree in Law and Politics from Herat University in 2007. She also holds a master's degree in International Relations from George Washington University, Washington, DC, which she earned in 2010. Further to this, she has also taken a course in International Development and Development Management at Ruhr University, Germany. Besides her degrees, she has participated in various workshops and courses in Development Management, Political Management, Information Technology studies and Crisis Intervention studies.

Civil society/NGO connections: Farid is a member of the International Youth Association.

Previous occupation: Farid has more than nine years of work experience with humanitarian organizations, including the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) as a monitor, the Development and Construction Association as an administrator, the Mother and Child Organization of Afghanistan as a country director, Medica Mondiale as a project assistant and the Farid Charity Foundation (founded by her father) as an executive manager. She has also acted as a university lecturer.

Other information: • In early 2011, Farid served as interim Secretary of the Wolesi Jirga until elections were held, as a result of being one of the two youngest members of parliament. She has been outspoken on issues of women's rights.

Haji Nisar Ahmad Faizi Ghoryani

Province: Herat **District**: Ghuryan **Votes**: 17906

Phone: 799694481 **Age:** 50 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs



Personal background: Haji Nisar Ahmad Faizi Ghoryani was born in 1961 in Ghuryan district, Herat province. He is married and has one son and one daughter. His interests include reading and sports; he speaks Dari and English.

Education: Ghoryani graduated from Dawat High school in Pakistan in 1985.

Previous occupation: Ghoryani is a former Mujahideen commander. He joined the Mujahideen forces in Herat in 1987 and became an advisor to Ismail Khan. He later immigrated to the United States. Ghoryani is also a businessman, and had a US-based business exporting carpets from Afghanistan from 1992-1996. He is the manager of the Liberty Corporation Electric Company in Herat.

Other information: • Ghoryani was disqualified as a result of Electoral Complaints Commission investigations. He later replaced Rafiq Shaheer as an MP for Herat province in August 2011.

Qazi Nazir Ahmad Hanafi

Province: Herat **District:** Guzarah **Votes:** 8931

Phone: 0799201948 Age: 52 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Legislative Affairs (Chair, 2012; previous Deputy, 2011)



Personal background: Qazi Nazir Ahmad Hanafi, son of Mullah Tajuddin, was born in 1959 in the Guzarah district of Herat province. He is married and has three daughters and three sons. Hanafi is interested in reading and teaching. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto, Arabic and a little English.

Education: Hanafi finished his primary education at the Fatah School in Herat in 1972 and his secondary education at the Jami Sharif Islamic Madrasa, also in Herat, in 1979. He went on to continue his studies in Islamic Sharia, Law, and Political Science, gaining the equivalent of a PhD in this field.

Civil society/NGO connections: Hanafi is a member of a religious council.

Previous occupation: Hanafi was the head of the Department of Justice in the Southwestern Zone from 1982-1991. He was then a commander in Rabbani's Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan from 1992-1996. He held the position of governor of Guzara district from 1992-1995. He has been a teacher of Islamic subjects in various universities and madrasas. He lived in both Iran and Pakistan for periods of time during the war years; in Iran, in 1999-2001, he worked as the head of the *Umat* ("Nation") monthly publication.

2005 Parliament: Hanafi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 16,183 votes, coming in second in the province. During this term, he served on the Legislative Affairs commission.

Other information: Hanafi participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. He is closely linked to Ismail Khan, former governor and commander in Herat.

Shanaz Hemati

Phone: 799642510 **Age:** 32 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Shanaz Hemati, Daughter of Ali Aqa, was born in 1978 in the center of Herat city. She is married and has one son. Her interests include reading and sports. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks English and Arabic.

Education: Hemati graduated from Mahjuba Herawi High School in Herat in 1996. She earned her bachelor's degree in Islamic Studies from the International University of Al-Azhar, Iran, in 2002.

Civil society/NGO connections: Hemati has connections with organizations working for women and children in Herat. She is also a member of the board of founders of a private university in the province.

Previous occupation: Having lived in Iran during the war, Hemati returned to Afghanistan in 2002 and worked as a teacher in the Mahjube Herawi High School from 2002 to 2005.

2005 Parliament: Hemati won her seat in the 2005 elections with 7,161 votes. During this term, she served on the Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights commission.

Alhaj Rahima Jami

Province: Herat **District:** Injeal **Votes:** 3290

Phone: 0799501990 Age: 38 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs (Secretary)



Personal background: Alhaj Rahima Jami was born in 1973 in the Injeal district of Herat province. She is married with five daughters and four sons. Her interests include reading. Jami speaks Dari as well as Pashto and a little English.

Education: Jami graduated from Meri High School in Herat, and later from the Herat Teacher Training Institute. She is currently a fourth-year student at the Law Faculty of Kabul University.

Previous occupation: During the war, Jami spent time in Iran. After the Taliban regime, from 2002-2005, Jami served as the principal of Meri High School in Herat province, which has over 18,000 students.

2005 Parliament: Jami was elected to parliament in 2005 with 4,105 votes. During this term she served on the International Affairs commission.

Other information: ■ Jami participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002. She had connections to Hezbe-Afghan Millat during the 2010 elections, and was also reportedly supported by Ismail Khan. She campaigned for Karzai during the 2009 election. Jami was disqualified as a result of Electoral Complaints Commission investigations. She later replaced Simin Barakzai as an MP for Herat province in August 2011.

Abdul Hadi Jamshedi

Province: Herat District: Rubat Sangi Votes: 5689

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions



Personal background: Abdul Hadi Jamshedi was born in 1961 in Rubat Sangi district of western Herat. He is married and has six sons and one daughter. His interests include reading historical books. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto.

Education: Jamshedi completed his early education, up to ninth class, at the Char Dara School, Rubat Sangi district in 1977. He completed the ninth to eleventh classes at the Rahman Baba High School of Kabul. After this, he immigrated to Iran, living there for twelve years until 1993. In 2008, he was able to continue studies and received his twelfth class certificate in Islamic studies.

Previous occupation: Upon his return to Afghanistan from Iran in 1993, Jamshedi joined the Mujahideen and was offered the position of Rubat Sangi District Prosecutor after the fall of the Najib Regime. He declined the offer, as he was pursuing his agriculture business.

2005 Parliament: Jamshedi was elected to the 2005 parliament with 8,615 votes. He served on the Complaints and Petitions commission during this term.

Other information: Jamshedi was selected as a representative to the Emergency Loya Jirga from Herat province in 2002, and a representative of the Afghanistan Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. Jamshedi lost his brother when insurgents attacked his campaign in 2010.³⁸

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³⁸ Foschini, Fabrizio. "Campaign Trail 8: A Multipolar Election in the Afghan West 2." Afghan Analysts Network. September 8, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1012

Masuda Karkhi

Province: Herat **District:** Karokh **Votes:** 2092

Phone: 799425566 **Age:** 51 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights



Personal background: Masuda Karkhi was born in 1959 in Karokh district of Herat province. She is single. Her interests include reading books and newspapers. She speaks Dari.

Education: Karkhi graduated from the fourteenth class of the National High School of Herat in 1975. She continued her education at the Teacher Training Institute of Herat Province, and graduated with a degree in Biology and Chemistry in 1978.

Civil society/NGO connections: Outside of her teaching experience, Karkhi has been involved with NGOs and has worked as a social activist. Karkhi was a Master Trainer with the Afghan Women's Network (AWN). She has worked with the National Participation Council of Afghanistan as head of the Women's Commission and the Women's Development Center, where she participated in a one-year leadership internship in 2009. During her work for AWN and the Particiaption Council, she has also coordinated with the Women's Association of Social Affairs (WASA).

Previous occupation: Karkhi has worked primarily as a teacher in Herat province and taught at the Aatefi High School for 6 years from 1980 to 1986. She was then a teacher at the Gawhar Shad High School of Herat province from 1986-2005. She has also been a member of the Executive Committee of the Department for Women's Affairs in Herat.

2005 Parliament: Karkhi ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 2,556 votes.

Other information: Karkhi participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga, representing Herat province, and in the Peace Jirga in 2010.

Ahmad Farhad Majedi

Province: Herat **District:** 6th District, Herat city **Votes**: 7005

Phone: 799358586 **Age**: 36 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Ahmad Farhad Majedi, son of Abdul Qodos, was born in 1974 in the sixth district of Herat city. He is married and has four children. He has traveled to Iran, India, Germany and the United Arab Emirates. His interests include reading and music. Majedi's first language is Dari; he also speaks English, Russian and German.

Education: Majedi completed his primary studies in Herat provice, and then graduated from twelfth class at the Istiqlal High School, Kabul.

Previous occupation: Majedi began work as a businessman and is a prominent entrepreneur in Herat city. In 1998, he became the Chairman of the family-owned Majedi Group of trading companies. In 2005, he became the head of the Herat Chairmen's Association.

Other information: A Majedi is a member of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law.

Ghulam Farooq Majrooh

Province: Herat **District:** Injeal **Votes:** 9524

Phone: 0796268060 **Age**: 56 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Ghulam Farooq Majrooh, son of Haji Shirin Del, was born in 1955 in Injeal district of Herat province. He is married and has two daughters and three sons. His interests include reading and writing. Majrooh speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Majrooh graduated with a twelfth class certificate from Dar-e Ulom High School, Herat.

Previous occupation: Majrooh has experience working in government offices. From 1992 to the middle of 1995, he served as chief of the Sixth Police Department in Herat; from 2001 to 2004 as the chief of military security in the 17th Police Department in Herat. From 2006 to 2010 he held the position of governor of Gulran district.

2005 Parliament: Majrooh ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 5,438 votes.

Other information: Majrooh has been affiliated with Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan in the past but currently describes himself as independent. He participated in the 2003 Constitutional Loya Jirga and was also a representative from Herat province in the Peace Jirga.

Haji Ghulam Farooq Nazari

Province: Herat **District:** 6th District, Herat city **Votes**: 7346

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Haji Ghulam Farooq Nazari was born in 1955 in the sixth district of Herat city. Nazari is married and has five sons and three daughters. His interests include business and development economics. He speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Nazari graduated from the twelfth class of Jami High School in Herat province in 1974.

Previous occupation: After Nazari graduated from high school, he worked with his family's import/export business transporting fuel and construction materials between Afghanistan and Kashmir.

Ustad Najla Dahqan Nazhad

Province: Herat **District:** 5th District, Herat city **Votes:** 2041

Phone: 778812559 Age: 48 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

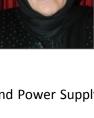
Personal background: Ustad Najla Dahqan Nazhad was born in 1962 in the fifth district of Herat city. She is married with sevn children, four daughters and three sons. Her interests include serving and helping people. She speaks Dari.

Education: Nazhad studied up to seventh class at Zarghona High School in Kabul, and then graduated from Miri High School in Herat in 1975. She has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Herat University.

Civil society/NGO connections: Nazhad was the head of the Afghan Women's Association in Torbat-e Jam, Iran, for a number of years. She has connections with women's organizations and human rights NGOs in Herat. She was also a member of the Women's Council of Herat in 2003 as well as a member of the Women's Invitation Council in 2005.

Previous occupation: Nazhad has previous experience working with women in Torbat-e Jam, Iran. She lived in Iran from 1981 to 1993, heading up three private schools there, including Khadia Ul Kubra and Aseya.

2005 Parliament: Nazhad was voted into parliament in 2005 with 3,580 votes. During this term, she served as the secretary of the Legislative Affairs commission.



Dr. Muhammad Salih Saljoqi

Phone: 799034920 Age: 48 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Health, Sports, Youth, Labor and Workers



Personal background: Dr. Muhammad Salih Saljoqi, son of Haji Abdul Wahid, was born in 1963 in Herat province. He is married and he has five children. His interests include reading and the health sector. He has traveled to Russia, the United States, Belgium, France, India and Turkey. His first language is Dari, and he also speaks English.

Education: Saljoqi graduated from Jami High School in Herat in 1979. He then studied for two years at the engineering faculty at Kabul University, until 1981. He immigrated to Iran from 1981 to 1991, but on returning he joined Herat University's Medical Faculty and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1999.

Civil society/NGO connections: Saljogi has been a member of the Herat Specialists' Council since 2002.

Previous occupation: Before the election in 2005, Saljoqi was a lecturer of the Medical Faculty of the Physiology Department in Herat University, and is still a member of the university's academic cadre. He also worked as a physician in Herat city at a private clinic.

2005 Parliament: After being elected to parliament in 2005 with 11,393 votes, he served as the First Secretary of the Wolesi Jirga, and also as Deputy Secretary of the Wolesi Jirga in 2010 (the final year of that term).

Other information: Saljoqi participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003 and was the head of a delegation of Afghan MPs on a trip to Brussels in February 2009. He was announced as a winner in the 2010 election after the disqualification of another candidate by the Electoral Complaints Commission.

Haji Khalil Ahmad Shahed Zada

Province: Herat **District:** Obeh **Votes:** 6048

Phone: 0799101364 **Age**: 39 **New Member**

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First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education (Deputy)

Personal background: Haji Khalil Ahmad Shahed Zada was born in 1971 in Obeh district, Herat province. He is married and has one son. His interests include reading, creating libraries, collecting books, and cultural, educational and religious activities. Shahed Zada can speak Pashto, Dari and Arabic.

Education: Shahed Zada studied up to sixth class at the Jami High School in Herat, and later graduated from Amir Ul Muminen High School in Iran in 2004.

Civil society/NGO connections: Shahed Zada was the head of both the development council and the peace council of Obeh district in 2006 to 2010. He has been the director of communications for the Peer Herat Charitable Foundation – a charity registered with the Ministry of Justice – since 2001. Shahed Zada is also the head of the cultural department of the Herat Agricultural Cooperative, and has held this position since 2006.

Previous occupation: Shahed Zada has mostly served in the cultural and social sector. He immigrated to Iran during the Taliban period in Afghanistan, working as the manager of a cultural complex for students from 1996 to 2004 and at the United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan (UNAMA) office in Iran.

Other information: *

Haji Muhammad Arif Tayeb

Province: Herat **District:** Gulran **Votes:** 6106

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions (Deputy, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Haji Muhammad Arif Tayeb, son of Haji Wakel Aqa Mohammad, was born into a religious family in 1963 in the Gulran district in Herat province. He grew up in Qarabagh district. He is married and has three daughters and four sons. Tayeb is very interested in furthering his education. He speaks Dari.

Education: Tayeb immigrated to Iran when he was in the eighth class of school. He attained his twelfth class certificate from Sultan Gheyasuddin Ghori High School in Herat in 1988, and further to this earned his fourteenth class certificate from the Herat Teacher Training Institute in 1990. He is currently studying Law and Political Science at Kateb University in Kabul, and is in his fourth year of the programme.

Previous occupation: Tayeb was appointed as the security commander of Gulran district by Shahed Mirwais Sadiq.

2005 Parliament: Tayeb won a parliamentary seat in the 2005 election after receiving 9,289 votes. He was elected to serve as the Deputy Chair of the Complaints and Petitions Commission during this term for five years running.

Other information: As a teenager, Tayeb helped the Mujahideen in Kakari district on the border of Iran. After some time had passed, he returned to Gulran district and stayed until 1992 when the district surrendered to the Mujahideen. The Taliban later took control, during which time Tayeb was imprisoned in a Taliban jail. Since the end of the war, Tayeb has been independent since his earlier connections to Hezbe-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan. During the transitional government, Tayeb participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga for Gulran district.

Muhammad Raza Khushak Watan Dost

Phone: 0797000400 **Age:** 34 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Muhammad Raza Khushak Watan Dost, son of Didar Ali, was born in 1977 in Daikundi province. He is married. Watan Dost is interested in reading; his first language is Dari and he also speaks English and Russian.

Education: Watan Dost graduated from Shahed Mudaris High School in Iran in 1998. Currently he is studying Political Science at Ibn-e-Sina Private University in Kabul.

Previous occupation: Watan Dost was a prominent businessman in Herat. After completing his education, Watan Dost worked in the import/export business until 2006, when he began working with investments in Afghan mines, as the manager of Herat province's Sabzak Mine.

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Abdul Satar Darzabi	Darzaab	49	5543	√	Uzbek	Independent	Transport		
Dr. Enayatullah Babur Ferahmand	Sheberghan	34	8137		Uzbek	Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan	Health		
Haji Muhammad Ismail �	Mangajak	57	5383		Turkmen	Independent	Defense		
Baz Muhammad Jowzjani	1 st district, Jowzjan center	47	6453	✓	Dari	Hezb-e-Tanzim Jabhayee Nejat Milli Afghanistan	Finance		
Fahima Sadat	Jowzjan Center	39	3058	✓	Dari	Independent	Education		

Abdul Satar Darzabi

Province: Jowzjan **District**: Darzaab **Votes**: 5543

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Abdul Satar Darzabi was born in 1962 in the Bato village of Darzab district in Jowzjan province. He is married and has seven sons and five daughters. His interests include sports and serving people. His first language is Uzbek and he also speaks Dari, Pashto, Turkish, Russian and English.

Education: Darzabi completed his primary and secondary education at Darzab High School in Jowzjan. He holds a bachelor's degree from the Academy of Policy in Turkey, which he earned in 1994.

Previous occupation: Darzabi has served in the Jowzjan police force for more than 20 years, as well as in other provinces. He served as the head of the commission for the reconstruction of the Hazrat Ali Shrine in Mazar-i Sharif in 1995. He has held the posts of Chief of Security for Jowzjan province for one year in 2001, and also chief of security for Aqcha district for a few months.

2005 Parliament: Darzabi won his seat in the 2005 elections with 6157 votes. He was a member of the Natural Resources and the Environment commission during this term.

Dr. Enayatullah Babur Ferahmand

Province: Jowzjan **District:** Sheberghan **Votes:** 8137

Phone: 0794135060 **Age**: 34 **New Member**

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Health, Sports, Youth, Labor and Workers

Personal background: Dr. Enayatullah Babur Ferahmand, son of Chari, was born in 1977 in Sheberghan city of Jowzjan province. He is married and has two daughters and one son. He is interested in reading. His mother tongue is Uzbek and he also speaks Dari, Pashto, English and Turkish.

Education: Ferahmand finished his primary and secondary education at General Abdul Hakim Qahraman High School, Jowzjan province, in 1993. After graduation from school, he joined the Medical Faculty of Balkh University. He earned his bachelor's degree in Medicine from Balkh University in 2005.

Civil society/NGO connections: Ferahmand has been the head of the Dostum Charitable Foundation since 2001.

Previous occupation: Ferahmand worked as a teacher for six years in the Afghan-Turk High School in Mazar from 1997 to 2003. Ferahmand then served as a translator at the Urdonia Health Hospital in Mazar-i Sharif, before he joined the British Broadcasting Corporation as journalist, producer and chief correspondent for Balkh province.

Other information: Dr. Enayatullah is affiliated with Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan. He was in charge of the Youth Committee in Junbish and advises Northern Alliance leader General Abdul Rashid Dostum on cultural affairs.

Haji Muhammad Ismail

Province: Jowzjan **District**: Mangajak **Votes:** 5383

Phone: 797840731 **Age:** 57 **New Member**

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First language: Turkmen

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs

Personal background: Haji Muhammad Ismail, son of Haji Abdul Shokur, was born in 1954 in the Mangajak district of Jowzjan province. His father owned an import/export company. He is married and has seven sons and two daughters. He has traveled to Saudi Arabia and Turkmenistan and during the war he immigrated to Pakistan. He is interested in reading.

Education: Ismail studied up to seventh class in the Mangajak School in Jowzjan, which he completed in 1975, and continued his education up to ninth class in Pakistan in 1984.

Previous occupation: Ismail is a businessman and landowner involved in agricultural activities. He is the deputy chair of the Aaqcha Business Company and also owns an import-export business. Ismail is a tribal elder of the Mangajak district of Jowzjan province.

Other information: Ismail was a member of the Hezb-e-Harakat Inqelab Islami during the jihad. He was a member of the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Baz Muhammad Jowzjani

Province: Jowzjan **District:** 1st District **Votes:** 6453

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Tanzim Jabhayee Nejat Milli Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs



Personal background: Baz Muhammad Jowzjani, son of Haji Ghulam Sakhi, was born in 1964. He is married and has four sons and eight daughters. He is the brother of current deputy governor of Jowzjan. Jowzjani has traveled widely, to countries including: Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Russia, Ukraine, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Iran, India, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, France and China. His interests include reading and swimming. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto, Uzbek, Turkmen, Turkish, Russian and Kazakh.

Education: Jowzjani finished his primary and secondary education in Pakistan in 1990, gaining his twelfth class certificate from the Jabhayee Nejat High School in Peshawar. He then began studies at a Technical College in Almaty, Kazakhstan, but they were cut short when he left the country in 1993.

Previous occupation: Jowzjani was a former jihadi commander. He is now the director of companies including the Sakhi Zada construction company and the Haidare Jowzjani Business Company.

2005 Parliament: Jowzjani was elected to parliament in 2005 with 5894 votes. He served on the Immunities and Privileges commission during this term.

Other information: Jowzjani has been a member of the Hezb-e-Tanzim Jabhayee Milli Nejat Afghanistan since 1993 and currently serves on the party's high council.

Fahima Sadat

Province: Jowzjan **District:** Jowzjan center **Votes:** 3058

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education (previous Deputy, 2011)

Personal background: Fahima Sadat, daughter of Sayed Abdul Ghafor, was born in 1972 in the center of Jowzjan province. She is married. Her interests include reading, watching the news and listening to music. She speaks Dari, Pashto and English.

Education: Sadat graduated from twelfth class at the Khadija Jowzjani High School, then attained her fourteenth class certificate from the Teacher Training Institute of Jowzjan. She is currently a student in the fourth class at the Law Faculty of Sadrudin Aini University in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sadat has been a member of the board of directors of a cultural organization in Jowzjan since 2004. She is also the head and founder of Rah-e Sabz (Green Way), a cultural organization that she established in 2010. She founded a library in Jowzjan in the same year.

Previous occupation: Sadat worked as a teacher before the Taliban came to power. She has also worked at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in Mazar-i-Sharif during the 2004 election.

2005 Parliament: Sadat was elected to parliament in Jowzjan with 3249 votes in 2005. During this term, she served on the Cultural and Religious Affairs commission.

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Said Hussain Anwari	10 th District	57	4715		Dari	Hezb-e- Harakat Islami Afghanistan	International			
Alhaj Ezatullah Atif	14 th District	51	4429		Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Defense			
Said Hussain Alimi Balkhi	6 th District	55	3423	✓	Dari	Independent	Disabled (c)			
Shukria Barakzai	10 th District	39	2174	✓	Pashto	Independent	Defense			
Dr. Ramazan Bashar Dost	7 th District	45	7935	✓	Dari	Independent	Disabled			
Ustad Rababa Parwani Darwish	Qala Cha	31	1309		Dari	Independent	Human Rights			
Mawlawi Erfanullah Erfan �	Farzeh	40	2977	✓	Dari	Independent	Transport			
Ustad Qurban Ali Erfani	13 th District	67	2905		Dari	Hezb-e- Wahdat Islami Millat	Justice			
Fawzia Nasiryar Guldaraye �	Guldara	41	1119		Dari	Independent	Economy			
Mir Amanullah Guzar	Mir Bacha Koot	49	6686		Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	None			
Qais Hassan	4 th District	32	3608		Pashto	Independent	Transport (c)			
Ramazan Juma Zada	6 th District	33	3148		Dari	Independent	Economy (d)			
Haji Muhammad Dawoud Kalakani	Kalakan	46	3926	1	Dari	Hezb-e- Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan	International			
Sharifullah Kamawal	2 nd District	28	3876		Pashto	Independent	Immunities (c)			

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Shenkai Zahen Karokhil	Khak Jabar	49	2999	✓	Pashto	Independent	Finance		
Dr. Said Ali Kazemi	10 th District	40	3764		Dari	Hezb-e- Eqtedar Milli Afghanistan	International		
Dr. Jafar Mahdawi	13 th District	33	5013		Dari	Hezb-e- Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan	International		
Abdul Hafiz Mansur	15 th District	48	2903		Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Audit (c)		
Haji Muhammad Mohaqiq	10 th District	56	16233	√	Dari	Hezb-e- Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan	Justice (c)		
Alhaj Allah Gul Mujahid	7 th District	44	4115		Pashto	Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan	Complaints		
Kubra Mustafawi 🤇	6 th District	41	1129		Dari	Hezb-e- Ensejam Milli	Disabled		
Farkhunda Zahra Naderi	4 th District	29	6612		Dari	Hezb-e- Paiwand Milli Afghanistan	Human Rights		
Wakil Fatima Nazari	6 th District	31	6834	√	Dari	Hezb-e- Niyaaz Milli	Disabled		
Anwar Khan Oriakhil	Qarabagh	55	3200	√	Pashto	Hezb-e- Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan	Internal		
Torpekai Patman €	10 th District	41	2258		Pashto	Independent	Human Rights		

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Muhammad Younus Qanooni	10 th District	54	9548	✓	Dari	Hezb-e- Afghanistan Naveen	Legislative		
Muhammad Ibrahim Qasemi	6 th District	54	5014	√	Dari	Independent	Defense		
Ustad Abdul Rab Rassoul Sayyaf	5 th District	64	7158	√	Pashto	Hezb-e- Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan	International (c)		
Haji Muhammed Farhad Seddiqi	17 th District	42	5128		Dari	Independent	Transport		
Baktash Siawash	9 th District	28	4557		Dari	Independent	Legislative		
Dr. Abdullah Kalimzai Wardak �	5th District	30	2918		Pashto	Indepedent	Transport		
Eng. Shir Wali Wardak	5 th District	40	3409		Pashto	Independent	Economy		
General Nazifa Zaki	9 th District	47	1210		Dari	Independent	Internal (s)		

Said Hussain Anwari

Province: Kabul **District**: 10th District **Votes**: 4715

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Harakat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Said Hussain Anwari was born in 1954 into a religious family in Parwan province. He is married with six daughters and five sons. His interests include reading and sport. He speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Anwari trained as a teacher in Kabul in the early 1970s.

Previous occupation: Anwari is a former military commander. He worked at the Helmand Construction Company until 1978, and then joined the Mujahideen in 1979 to fight the soviet invasion with Hezbe-Harakat Islami Afghanistan. He was Minister for Social Affairs and Labor in the early 1990s. After the fall of the Taliban, he was appointed Minister of Agriculture in Afghanistan's transitional government, and held the position from 2001-2005. He was appointed governor of Herat province in 2006 and served for almost three years, through the end of 2008.

Other information: In 2003, Anwari became the leader of Hezb-e-Harakat Islami Mardom Afghanistan when it separated from Hezb-e-Harakat Islami Afghanistan and became a new party under Anwari's leadership.

Alhaj Ezatullah Atif

Province: Kabul **District:** 14th District **Votes:** 4429

Phone: 777256040 **Age:** 51 **New Member**

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First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs

Personal background: Alhaj Ezatullah Atif was born in 1960 in the fourteenth district of Kabul province. He is married with ten sons and two daughters. His interests include reading and writing. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto.

Education: Atif graduated from twelfth class in Khwaja Musafer High School in Paghman district, Kabul, in 2003.

Civil society/NGO connections: Atif is the director of the Arab Solidarity Council of Afghanistan.

Previous occupation: After finishing school, Atif joined the Mujahideen and served as a jihadi commander for Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan. He later held the position of Lieutenant General at the Ministry of Defense.

2005 parliament: Atif ran unsuccessfully in the 2005 parliamentary election, gaining 1,966 votes.

Other information: Atif is connected to Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan.

Said Hussain Alimi Balkhi

Province: Kabul **District:** 6th District **Votes:** 3423

Phone: 700277502 Age: 55 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Disabled, Martyrs and Widows (Chair, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Said Hussain Alimi Balkhi, son of Sayed Mir Aqa, was born in 1956 in Charkint district, Balkh province and is a well-known Shia intellectual. He is married with five sons and two daughters. He has traveled widely, to Saudi Arabia four times to undertake the Haj, and to many other countries on official business. His interests include writing, and he speaks Dari and Arabic.

Education: Balkhi joined the Islamic Madrasa of Sultania in Mazar-i Sharif in 1972. He then studied at Charkint Madrasa, and also Ayatullah Bahr Ulom Madrasa in Mazar for Islamic studies. In 1981 he went to Iran, continued his studies in Islam, and in 1984 joined the Qum Islamic University and studied there for four years.

Civil society/NGO connections: Balkhi is the owner of *Rah-e Nijat* weekly newspaper, and he is the founder of the Cultural and Charitable Foundation of Rasul Akram, which he established in 1993.

Previous occupation: Balkhi is a former member of the Mujahideen. He was Minister of Commerce from 1995-1996, a member of the Leadership Council of the Afghan Government from 1994-1996, a member of the Leadership Council of the Northern Alliance from 1997-2001, and has led the secretariat of the Ulema Council (which he established in 2002) since 2005.

2005 Parliament: Balkhi was elected to the 2005 parliament with 2,324 votes. During this term, he served as chair of the Justice commission.

Other information: Balkhi was a representative at the Afghanistan-Pakistan Peace Jirga held in Kabul in 2007. He continues to play a leading role in the peace process and has been outspoken about how it should take place. He is a supporter of President Karzai and has been affiliated with the "Reformist" group in parliament.³⁹

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³⁹ Saroush, Qayoum. "The 'Reformists' parliamentary group splits the Parliament." Bamdad. September 26, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/text/story/1445

Shukria Barakzai

Province: Kabul **District:** 10th District **Votes:** 2174

Phone: 0700281804 Age: 39 Incumbent

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs (Previous Chair, 2011)

Personal background: Shukria Barakzai was born in 1972 in Kabul. She is married with two sons and three daughters. Her interests include reading books, sports and music. She has traveled widely as a politician, attending conferences across Europe, Asia and the United States. She speaks Pashto, Dari and English.

Education: Barakzai completed her early education in Kabul. She began her higher education at Kabul University in the 1990s, but was forced to leave during the war. She resumed her education after the fall of the Taliban. She has a bachelor's degree in Archaeology and Geology, which she earned from Kabul University in 2003.

Civil society/NGO connections: During the Taliban era, Barakzai ran underground schools for girls. In 2001, she founded and was Editor-in-Chief of *Aina-e-Zan* (Women's Mirror), a national weekly newspaper.

Previous occupation: Barakzai has been a campaigner for women's rights and a journalist. She has been the head of NGOs including the Afghan Women Journalist's Association and the Asia Women's Organization (AWO).

2005 Parliament: Barakzai was elected to parliament in 2005 with 2,201 votes. She served on the Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights commission during this term. She was also head of the Khat-e-Sewum ("Third Line") parliamentary group from 2006-2010.

Other information: Barakzai participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. She has been outspoken in her support of women's rights.

Dr. Ramazan Bashar Dost

Province: Kabul **District**: 7th District **Votes**: 7935

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Disabled, Martyrs and Widows



Personal background: Dr. Ramazan Bashar Dost was born in 1965 in Qarabagh district, Ghazni Province and comes from a family that has worked in government for a number of generations. He is married. Bashar Dost is interested in reading, and speaks Dari, Pashto, Urdu, English and French.

Education: Bashar Dost completed his primary and intermediate education in Qarabagh and later in Maimana, Faryab province. He finished his high school education in Iran before immigrating to Pakistan and then France, where he lived for 20 years. While in France, he earned master's degrees in Law (1989, Grenoble University), Diplomacy (1990, University of Paris), and Political Science (1992). He then went on to gain his Ph.D. in Law from Toulouse University in France in 1995.

Previous occupation: Bashar Dost returned to Afghanistan in 2002 to work in Afghanistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2003, he was appointed as the Director of the European and Western Political Affairs Department in the Ministry. In 2004 he served as Afghanistan's Planning Minister. His critical stance toward the government resulted in his resignation from this post in 2005.

2005 Parliament: Bashar Dost was elected to the Wolesi Jirga in 2005, winning 30,794 votes (the third highest in Kabul province). During this term, he served on the commission for Disabled, Martyrs and Widows.

Other information: Bashar Dost is well-known for his support of human rights, his outspoken stance against corruption in the Afghan authorities, and his criticism of the government. In 2004, he published a book, *Basic Political, Military and Diplomatic Laws of Afghanistan – From the Era of Ahmad Shah Baba* (1225 Hejri) to the Current Years, which won an award at the Academy of Political Sciences in France.

Ustad Rababa Parwani Darwish

Province: Kabul District: Qala Cha Votes: 1309

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights

Personal background: Ustad Rababa Parwani Darwish, daughter of Darwesh Ali, was born in 1979 in Qala Cha district of Kabul province. Her family is originally from Parwan province (Bagram district). She is married and has three children. Her interests include reading and sports; she speaks Dari and Arabic.

Education: Darwish attained her twelfth class certificate from Abida Balkhi High School in Balkh Province. She is currently in her first year in the Law Faculty at Salam University of Kabul.

Civil society/NGO connections: Darwish is the founder of the Zainabia Ustad Rubaba Islamic Center, and is also a writer. She has written on many Islamic topics. She is a religious leader and discusses Islamic issues with mosque attendees on Fridays.

Previous occupation: Darwish is experienced in teaching Islamic subjects and worked as the manager of an Islamic course to teach the Quran, Fiqh (jurisprudence) and other Islamic topics. She also worked in the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Charities as the manager of the Guidance for Women Society.

Mawlawi Erfanullah Erfan

Province: Kabul **District**: Farzeh **Votes**: 2977

Phone: 0772104212 Age: 40 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Mawlawi Erfanullah Erfan was born in 1971 in Farzah district, Kabul province. He is married with three daughters and one son. His interests include reading and sport. He speaks Dari and also Pashto, Arabic and a little English.

Education: Erfan finished twelfth class in 1990 at a private Islamic madrasa. He then enrolled at the Dawat Jahad University in Pakistan in 1990 and studied Islamic Figh (jurisprudence) and Law, graduating in 1994.

Previous occupation: Erfan was a university teacher at Kabul Medical University in 1995. He served as a teacher at the Imam Ghizali School in Pakistan for six years from 1996 to 2002, then worked as a teacher at the Farza School in Kabul from 2002 to 2005. He also served as the head of a construction company before coming to the parliament.

2005 Parliament: Erfan was elected to the Wolesi Jirga in 2005 with 2,157 votes. During this term, he served on the commission for Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics.

Other information: • Erfan is a religious conservative and has been outspoken in parliament in supporting bans on public dancing, the consumption of alcohol and Indian soap operas.

Ustad Qurban Ali Erfani

Province: Kabul **District:** 13th District **Votes:** 2905

Phone: 776129174 **Age:** 67 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Millat

Commission (2012): Justice, Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption

Personal background: Ustad Qurban Ali Erfani, son of Ibrahem, was born in 1944 in Yakawlang district of Bamyan province. He is married with ten children. Erfani is interested in reading and sports. He speaks Dari and Arabic.

Education: Erfani began his Islamic Religious Studies at the Najaf Education Seminary in 1979 and then continued his studies at the Qum Islamic Seminary in Iran. He has a bachelor's degree in Islamic Education, which he earned from the Najaf Seminary in Iran in 1991.

Civil society/NGO connections: Erfani is a member of both the Islamic Brotherhood Council in Afghanistan and the Shia Scholars' Council. He is also the head of a cultural organization called Baqir Ul-Ulom, which is based in Kabul.

Previous occupation: Erfani was a jihadi commander in different provinces, but primarily in Bamyan, during the war years, and became the Deputy of Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan (led by Abdul Karim Khalili) in 1996. When the transitional government of Afghanistan was established in 2001, he served as an advisor to the president in ethnic and tribal affairs until 2005. Erfani was then selected by Karzai to serve in the Meshrano Jirga for four years. He has also written books on religious issues.

2005 Parliament: Erfani was appointed to the Meshrano Jirga in 2005, and served for four years.

Other information: Erfani is the founder and chair of Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Millat, a party affiliated with but separate from Khalili's Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan.

Fawzia Nasiryar Guldaraye

Province: Kabul **District:** Guldara **Votes:** 1119

Phone: 0707125252 Age: 41 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Fawzia Nasiryar Guldaraye, daughter of Ghulam Dastagir, was born in 1970 in the Guldara district of Kabul province. She is married and has four children. She has traveled to Tajikistan, Turkey, Finland and the United Arab Emirates. Her interests are in reading, sports and music. Her first language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto and English.

Education: Guldaraye graduated from the Ayesha Durani High School of Kabul in 1984. In 1991, she earned her bachelor's degree in Journalism from Kabul University.

Civil society/NGO connections: Guldaraye lived in Tajikistan for a few years, during which time she was able to continue participating in cultural and social activities, working as a teacher and running an association for Afghan immigrants in Tajikistan.

Previous occupation: Guldaraye worked at the Afsotar transportation company for over 10 years and then as the office deputy of Parwaz Magazine. She has also been a teacher at the Bibi Maryam High School in Takhar province.

Other information: *

Mir Amanullah Guzar

Province: Kabul District: Mir Bacha Koot Votes: 6686

Phone: 0707400450 **Age:** 49 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): None



Personal background: Mir Amanullah Guzar, son of Mir Abdullah Guzar, was born in 1962 to a rural family in Guzar village in Mir Bacha Koot district, northern Kabul province. He is married with five sons and seven daughters. Guzar is interested in hunting, swimming and reading. He speaks Dari.

Education: Guzar graduated from Mir Bacha Koot School. He did not pursue higher education, instead joining the Mujahideen to fight the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Previous occupation: During the jihad against the Soviet invasion, Guzar fought on behalf of Burhannadin Rabbani's Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan. Ahmad Shah Masoud then appointed him as the commander of Northern Alliance Forces north of Kabul. Since the fall of the Taliban regime in late 2001, Guzar has worked with the Afghan National Police. He was first appointed as the Eighth Division Commander during the interim transitional state of Afghanistan and later assumed the post of commander of the Northern Highway Patrol.

Qais Hassan

Province: Kabul **District:** 4th District **Votes:** 3608

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs (Chair, 2012; previous Deputy, 2011)

Personal background: Qais Hassan was born in 1974 in Bagrami district, Kabul province. He is married and has four daughters and two sons. He is interested in reading. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, English and German.

Education: Hassan finished his primary and secondary education at the Istiqlal High School of Kabul in 2004. He got his diploma in Business Administration and Management from Hewad University in Peshawar, Pakistan in 2004.

Civil society/NGO connections: Hassan is a member of the Hassankhil Tribal Council.

Previous occupation: Hassan is a businessman trading in construction materials, oil and gas, and vehicles.

Ramazan Juma Zada

Province: Kabul **District:** 6th District **Votes:** 3148

Phone: 0799658658 Age: 33 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development and Agriculture (Deputy)

Personal background: Ramazan Juma Zada, son of Juma Khan, was born in 1978 in Ghorbandak Village, Shibar district of Bamyan Province. Mr. Juma Zada is married and has four children. He is interested in swimming and volleyball, and speaks Dari and also Urdu and English.

Education: Juma Zada completed his primary and intermediate education in Kabul and finished high school in Pul-i Khumri, Baghlan Province. He entered Balkh Medical College in 1998. During his fourth year of college, he was left Mazar for Pakistan when the Taliban occupied the city, and he was unable to complete his education. After his family migrated to Pakistan, he took courses on business and information technology.

Civil society/NGO connections: In Pakistan, Juma Zada taught at the Aga Khan School and at the Hope Foundation. He played an active role on the Regional Advisory Committee of the Aga Khan Education Program and served as the deputy of the Afghan Rehabilitation Program (ARP), which was affiliated with the Aga Khan Regional Council for Pakistan.

Previous occupation: After the collapse of the Taliban in 2001, Juma Zada returned to Afghanistan with his family in March 2002 and worked for a local NGO as a program officer until July 2002, when he was appointed by the Aga Khan as a member of the National Council for the Economic Portfolio in Afghanistan. In 2005, Juma Zada joined the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), affiliated with the United States Chamber of Commerce, and worked there as program manager and then program director. From 2007-2010, Zada was a board member of Focus Humanitarian Assistance for Afghanistan (FOCUS), which is affiliated with the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). In 2009, he joined Chemonics International as a trade specialist. He resigned from Chemonics in June 2010 to prepare for his campaign.

Other information: Juma Zada has known connections to Hezb-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan and to Sayed Mansoor Naderi, the leader of the party.

Haji Muhammad Dawoud Kalakani

Province: Kabul District: Kalakan Votes: 3926

Phone: 700281955 **Age:** 46 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Haji Muhammad Dawoud Kalakani was born in 1963 in Kalakan district of Kabul province. He is married with four sons. His interests include reading and sports. He speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Kalakani finished his secondary education at Mir Bacha Khan High School in Kabul in 1980. He holds a bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from Payam Noor University of Kabul, which he completed in 2009.

Previous occupation: Kalakani is a former Mujahideen commander. During the war, he became the Political Officer of eight military divisions.

2005 Parliament: Kalakani was elected to parliament in 2005 with 2,900 votes. He served on the International Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: Kalakani has been affiliated with the "Reformist" group in parliament. 40

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⁴⁰ Saroush, Qayoum. "The 'Reformists' parliamentary group splits the Parliament." Bamdad. September 26, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/text/story/1445

Sharifullah Kamawal

Province: Kabul **District:** 2nd District **Votes:** 3876

Phone: 777637777 **Age:** 28 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges (Chair, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Sharifullah Kamawal, son of Haji Kator, was born in 1983 in Nangarhar province. He is married and has three children. He has traveled to Pakistan, Iran, India and the United Arab Emirates. He is interested in reading, sports and hunting. Kamawal's first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, English and Urdu.

Education: Kamawal completed his secondary education at Omar High School in Jalalabad province in 2007. He is currently a student of Law and Political Science at the Ariana University in Nangarhar province.

Civil society/NGO connections: Kamawal has connections with civil society through his work with Afghan youth. He was the director of the Afghan Youth Social Movement, and also the director of the Youth Assembly for Afghanistan Rehabilitation (YAAR).

Previous occupation: Kamawal has served as deputy director to both the World Construction Company and the Afghanistan Rehabilitation Association (an NGO) as the deputy director. In addition, he has worked with the Kaboora Foundation (KF) as an administration and finance officer as well as at the International Airport of Kabul in 2007 for a short period of time.

Other information: A Kamawal is currently a member of the Saba ("dawn") parliamentary group, as well as having previously served as head of the International Relations Committee of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law. 41

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⁴¹ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324

Shenkai Zahen Karokhil

Province: Kabul **District**: Khak Jabar **Votes**: 2999

Phone: 700238029 Age: 49 Incumbent

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs



Personal background: Shenkai Zahen Karokhil was born in 1962 in Khak Jabar district of Kabul province. She is married and has four children. Her interests include cooking, music, and listening to the news. Her first language is Pashto and she also speaks Dari, Urdu and English.

Education: Karokhil graduated from the Rabia Balkhi High School in 1979. She studied to be a medical doctor at the Medical College from 1979-1984 and received a diploma in English from the National Institute of Modern Languages, both in Islamabad, Pakistan in 1985. In 2011, she completed her degree in Political Science and International Relations at the Kateb University of Kabul. She has been trained in computer skills and has attended workshops on report writing, management, training techniques, conflict resolution, accounting, human rights, child protection, gender, and monitoring and evaluation and has also participated in leadership training in Turkey.

Civil society/NGO connections: Karokhil has worked extensively with women's organizations and with the Afghan Women's Educational Center (AWEC) in particular.

Previous occupation: Karokhil has experience working with both NGOs and government organizations. She has worked as a Gender Trainer with the training staff of the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs (DHA) for Afghanistan, and she was also a founding member of the Afghan Women's Educational Center (AWEC) and worked there as a volunteer teacher and development worker from 1991-2002. She became Acting Director of AWEC in 2002. She then served as the chair of the Afghan Parliament Women's Network and as a board member and director of the AWEC from 2004 until November 2005.

2005 Parliament: Karokhil was elected to parliament in 2005 with 2,107 votes. She served on the Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: Karokhil has been outspoken in her support for women's rights and the need for gender budgeting in the Afghan parliament.

Dr. Said Ali Kazemi

Province: Kabul **District:** 10th District **Votes:** 3764

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Eqtedar Milli Afghanistan

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal vackground: Dr. Said Ali Kazemi, son of Said Gul, was born in 1971 in Surkh Parsa district, Parwan province. He is married and has one son and one daughter. He is the brother of Said Mustafa Kazemi, a former member of parliament and leader of Hezb-e-Eqtedar Milli Afghanistan, who was killed by insurgents in Baghlan in 2007. His interests include music, sports and reading. Kazemi's first language is Dari and he also speaks English and Pashto.

Education: Kazemi graduated from Habibia High school in 1987. In 1992, he joined Kabul Medical University and continued till 1996, but was unable to finish due to the rise of the Taliban. He then immigrated to Iran and India and continued his studies in human sciences until 2002.

Other information: After the death of his brother, Kazemi was elected by the central council of Hezb-e-Eqtedar Milli Afghanistan to lead the party. Currently, Kazemi is the Editor-in-Chief of Eqtedar Milli's weekly publication and a member of the leadership council of Dr. Abdullah's Hope and Change Coalition.

Dr. Jafar Mahdawi

Province: Kabul **District:** 13th District **Votes:** 5013

Phone: 796199241 **Age:** 33 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

Commission (2012): International Relations



Personal background: Dr. Jafar Mahdawi, son of Qurban, was born in 1978 in the Lal Wa Sar Jangal district of Ghor province. His family immigrated to Iran when he was an infant. He is married with two children. Mahdawi is interested in reading; he speaks Dari and English.

Education: Mawdawi finished his primary and secondary education in Mashhad High School, Iran in 1997. He got his bachelor's degree in Political Sociology in 1999. He holds a master's degree in Political Thought from Tehran University, Iran. Most recently, Mahdawi completed his PhD in Political Sociology in 2005 at Tehran University.

Civil society/NGO connections: Mahdawi was involved in political and cultural activities while abroad. He served as founder, advisor and lecturer at the Gharjestan Private Institute of Higher Education; he also held the role of Editor-in-Chief and owner of the "Sorosh Millat" daily newspaper. He has advised and participated in the policy-making council of "Rah-e-Farda" Radio and Television station.

Previous occupation: From 2006-2008, Mahdawi served as an advisor in the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. In 2007, he lectured at Kabul University; in 2008, he worked as a senior expert in human rights at the Ministry of Education.

Other information: Mahdawi has been affiliated with the "Reformist" group in parliament. 42

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⁴² Saroush, Qayoum. "The 'Reformists' parliamentary group splits the Parliament." Bamdad. September 26, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/text/story/1445

Abdul Hafiz Mansur

Province: Kabul **District**: 15th District **Votes:** 2903

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit (Chair)

Personal background: Abdul Hafiz Mansur, son of Mohammad Hussain, was born in 1963 in the Panjshir Valley of Afghanistan. He is married with six children. He has traveled to more than 30 countries. He is interested in reading and sports. Mansur speaks Dari.

Education: Mansur completed his primary education in Panjshir province and his secondary education at the Mujahid High School in Pakistan. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from Kabul University in 1996.

Previous occupation: Mansur has more than 30 years of experience in journalism. After the fall of the Taliban in 2001, he served as the first Director of State Radio and Television in Afghanistan, and Acting Minister of Information and Culture. He was also the Editor-in-Chief of Payam-e Mujahid Weekly magazine.

Other information: ❖ Mansur is a member of Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan. He ran unsuccessfully for president in 2004. He heads the Cultural Committee of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law. ⁴³

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⁴³ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324

Haji Muhammad Mohaqiq

Province: Kabul **District:** 10th District **Votes:** 16233

Phone: 777403838 **Age:** 56 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Justice, Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption (Chair, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Haji Muhammad Mohaqiq, son of Sarwar, was born in 1955. He is the founder and chairman of Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan. He is married and has 21 children. He has traveled widely, to countries including: the United States, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Saudi Arabia, China, Japan and the United Kingdom. He is interested in reading, hunting and political activities. He speaks Dari and Arabic.

Education: Mohaqiq has a bachelor's degree in Islamic Law.

Previous occupation: Mohaqiq is a former Mujahideen commander and a prominent Shia leader in Afghanistan. He played an active role in the jihad against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, during which time he was based in Balkh province. In 1989, Mohaqiq became leader of Hezb-e Wahdat in the Northern region. He played a major role in the civil war in Kabul in the early 1990s. When the Taliban came to power, he joined the Northen Alliance and fought against them. After 2001, he joined the new interim government and was appointed Vice-President and the Minister of Planning for one year. After leaving the cabinet he ran for president in 2004.

2005 Parliament: Mohaqiq won a seat in the parliamentary elections of 2005 with 52,686 votes – the most gained by any candidate across the country. During this term, he was a member of the Education and Higher Education commission.

Other information: Mohaqiq supported President Karzai's re-election in 2009; since then he has been vocally critical of the President. As a key Shia leader, Mohaqiq has the support of many Shia MPs inside the parliament.

Alhaj Allah Gul Mujahid

Province: Kabul **District**: 7th District **Votes**: 4115

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions



Personal background: Alhaj Allah Gul Mujahid, son of Haji Sheir Gul, was born on 1967 in Deh Sabz district, Kabul province. He is married with seven children (five sons and two daughters). He has traveled to China, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan and Germany. He is interested in agricultural activities. He speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Mujahid completed eleventh class at Deh Yahya High School.

Previous occupation: Mujahid is a former Mujahideen commander, and previously served as Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan's district commander of Deh Sabz district in Kabul province. He has business and real estate interests in Deh Sabz, and is known in the area as an influential businessman.

Other information: Mujahid is affiliated with Hezb-e Islami and a member of the Saba ("dawn") parliamentary group.

Kubra Mustafawi

Province: Kabul **District:** 6th District **Votes:** 1129

First language: Dari 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli

Commission (2012): Disabled, Martyrs and Widows

Personal background: Kubra Mustafawi, daughter of Sayed Ahmad, was born in 1968 in Jalrez district, Wardak province. She is married and has two daughters. She is interested in writing and speaking publically on Islamic issues. She speaks Dari, Arabic and English.

Education: Mustafawi graduated from Zainab Kubra High School in Iran. She attained her bachelor's degree in Islamic and social education from Jamiat Ul-Mustafa University in Iran. Currently she is studying toward her master's degree in politial science at Azad University, also in Iran.

Civil society/NGO connections: Mustafawi is the founder and head of the Afghanistan Cultural Organization, which she established in 2002. She worked there until 2005. She has also been on the editorial committee of a magazine and has written several journal articles.

Previous occupation: Mustafawi was a teacher at the Cultural Organization of Afghanistan in Wardak province, and a teacher in various schools in Kabul.

2005 Parliament: © From 2005, Mustafawi was an elected member of the Wardak provincial council, from which she was selected to serve in the Meshrano Jirga for the 2005 term. During this time, she served as the deputy of the Legislative commission, then head of the Provincial and District Councils Commission, and finally on the Internal Security commission.

Other information: Mustafawi is affiliated with Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli.

Farkhunda Zahra Naderi

Province: Kabul **District:** 4th District **Votes:** 6612

Phone: 0700289215 Age: 29 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights



Personal background: Farkhunda Zahra Naderi was born in 1982 in Kayan village, Doshi district, Baghlan province. She is single. She is the daughter of the Afghan spiritual Ismaili religious leader, Sayed Mansoor Naderi. She has traveled to India, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Russia, the United Arab Emirates, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium and Pakistan. Her interests are reading and designing, and she speaks Dari, Russian and English.

Education: Naderi finished her primary and secondary education in Kabul and Baghlan provinces and completed her baccalaureate in 2001, at Harrow Girl's High School, in the United Kingdom. She then entered college in England and completed her studies in Tashkent. In 2004, Naderi joined the Law Faculty at the Westminster International University in Tashkent, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Arts and Legal Studies in 2007. In 2008, she was a scholar in the International Conference of Munster University International Model of United Nations (MUIMUN), where she was given an outstanding participation award by the International Court of Justice.

Civil society/NGO connections: Naderi volunteered as an English translator at the Women's Wellness Center in Tashkent, which focuses on Afghan women. After completing her degree, she returned to Afghanistan and participated in various political, social and cultural activities. In 2000, she joined the Hezbe-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan to encourage women's participation in politics and to get involved with the youth. In 2007, the Central Council of the party appointed Naderi to be head of the Women's Committee & Youth Association. Since then, she has successfully developed the organizational structure for the Economic, Cultural, Disciplinary and Sports Committees; the weekly publication of the Party's Youth Association; an educational center; the party Knowledge House; a scholarship for youth in higher education; and various sports clubs and music teams. Naderi also took on the reconstruction of the Hakim Nasir Khusrow Balkhi Cultural Center and Public Library, founded by her father.

Previous occupation: Naderi previously worked as a civil society activist. She continues to encourage the Women's Committee & Youth Association towards self-sufficiency in small community projects such as producing documented DVDs, historical posters, informative publications, and other endeavors.

Other information: Naderi's father, Sayed Mansoor Naderi, leads Hezb-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan.

Wakil Fatima Nazari

Province: Kabul **District:** 6th District **Votes:** 6834

Phone: 799436684 Age: 31 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Niyaaz Milli

Commission (2012): Disabled, Martyrs and Widows



Personal background: Wakil Fatima Nazari, daughter of Haji Charman Ali, was born in 1980 in Kabul province. She is married with two children, one son and one daughter. She is interested in reading. She speaks Dari and also Pashto and English.

Education: Nazari finished her primary and secondary education in Char Qala Chahardehi High School, Kabul. She has a bachelor's degree in literature from Kabul University, which she completed in 2001.

Civil society/NGO connections: Nazari has connections with women's rights organizations as a result of her role as the head of the Department for Women's Affairs in Wardak province.

Previous occupation: Nazari was the head of the Department for Women's Affairs in Wardak province for one year in 2004.

2005 Parliament: Nazari was elected to parliament in 2005 with 2,322 votes. She served on the Cultural and Religious Affairs Commission during this term.

Other information: Nazari is the founder and leader of Hezb-e-Niyaaz Milli, which she launched in 2008.

Anwar Khan Oriakhil

Province: Kabul District: Qarabagh Votes: 3200

Phone: 700275026 **Age:** 55 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Anwar Khan Oriakhil, son of Asadullah Khan, was born in 1956 in the Qarabagh district of Kabul province. He is married and has eleven daughters and six sons. His interests include land ownership, sports, swimming and hunting. He speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Oriakhil completed his primary education at Bagh Alam School and his secondary education at Qara Bagh High School in 1977. After high school, he was offered a place at the Teacher's Training Institute in Kabul but was unable to attend due to the war.

Civil society/NGO connections: Oriakhil is considered an influential community leader in Qarabagh district.

Previous occupation: Oriakhil joined the Mujahideen as a jihadi commander in the late 1970s and fought with them until the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

2005 Parliament: Oriakhil was elected to parliament in 2005 with 2,885 votes. He served on the Health Commission during this term.

Torpekai Patman

Province: Kabul **District:** 10th District **Votes:** 2258

First language: Pashto 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights

Personal background: Torpekai Patman, daughter of Mohammadajan, was born in 1969 in Surkhrod district, Nangarhar province. She is married to the Deputy Minister of Education, Sediq Patman, and has six children. She has traveled to India, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Pakistan. Her interests include reading and sports. She speaks Pashto, Dari and English.

Education: Patman finished her primary and secondary education at the Khudaydad High School of Fatih Abad, Nangarhar province, in 1988. She earned her bachelor's degree in Pashto Literature from the Pedagogical University in Kabul in 2010.

Previous occupation: © Patman worked as a teacher in Kabul, before being elected to the Kabul provincial council in 2005.

Muhammad Younus Qanooni

Province: Kabul **District:** 10th District **Votes:** 9548

Phone: 799302201 **Age:** 54 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Afghanistan Naveen

Commission (2012): Legislative Affairs



Personal background: Muhammad Younus Qanooni was born in 1957 in Panjshir province. He is married and has three daughters and three sons. His interests include reading and writing; he speaks Dari, Pashto and a little English.

Education: Qanooni has a bachelor's degree in theology from Kabul University, which he earned in 1980.

Previous occupation: Qanooni is a prominent political figure in Afghanistan, affiliated with the former Northern Alliance, Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan and subsequently a splinter group, Hezb-e-Afghanistan Naveen. After the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, Qanooni joined the Mujahideen force led by Ahmad Shah Massoud. He later served as Interior Minister in Burhanuddin Rabbani's government. In 2001, Qanooni was chief negotiator for the Afghan Northern Alliance delegation to the Bonn Conference on Afghanistan. After the fall of the Taliban government, Qanooni was appointed as the Interior Minister in the interim administration and then Education Minister in the transitional government. He was also a security advisor to interim President Hamid Karzai.

2005 Parliament: Qanooni was elected in the 2005 Afghan Parliamentary elections, coming second in Kabul province with 31,225 votes. He was elected Speaker of the House in 2006 for the parliamentary term of five years.

Other information: Qanooni ran for president unsuccessfully in the 2004 election. He leads Hezb-e-Afghanistan Naveen.

Muhammad Ibrahim Qasemi

Province: Kabul **District:** 6th District **Votes:** 5014

Phone: 799856150 **Age:** 54 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs



Personal background: Muhammad Ibrahim Qasemi, son of Husain Bakhsh, was born in 1957 into a religious family in Wardak province. He is married and has three sons and two daughters. He has traveled to many countries, including: Canada, the United States, the Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates and Turkey. His interests include reading and history. Qasemi speaks Dari and English.

Education: Qasemi attended the Mahmmoud Hotaki High School in 1969 in Kabul and graduated from the Mahmmoud Tarzi High School in 1976. He earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from Kabul University in 1980. Currently, he studies economics at Kabul University.

Civil society/NGO connections: While living in Canada, Qasemi participated in social and cultural activities, including the establishment of a cultural complex, a mosque for Afghan immigrants and a library. He also organized Islamic gatherings and discussions, and worked to assist Afghan immigrants with day-to-day concerns. He developed a sports complex for youth and taught youth classes on Islamic topics.

Previous occupation: Following his time at Kabul University, Qasemi joined the Mujahideen and later immigrated to Canada, staying there for 21 years, where he studied accounting, undertook flight training and worked as the Director of the Afghans Islamic Society for 15 years. Qasemi has been a member of senior staff of the Economics Faculty at Kabul University.

2005 Parliament: Qasemi was elected as a member of parliament from Kabul Province in 2005 with 2,171 votes, and served as chair of the Complaints and Petitions commission during this term.

Ustad Abdul Rab Rassoul Sayyaf

Province: Kabul **District:** 5th District **Votes:** 7158

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): International Affairs (Chair, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Ustad Abdul Rab Rassoul Sayyaf was born in 1946 in Paghman district, Kabul Province. He is married with three sons and two daughters. He is interested in reading. Sayyaf's first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari and English.

Education: Sayyaf holds a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies from Kabul University, and a master's degree from the Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sayyaf is the founder and director of Dawat Private University and is also the head of Dawat Radio and Television group.

Previous occupation: Sayyaf is an influential Islamic scholar and former Muhahideen commander. He was a member of the Afghan-based Ikhwan al-Muslimin, an organization with links to the Muslim Brotherhood (Ikhwan al-Muslimin) in Egypt. Sayyaf was also a professor at a small Islamic university called the Shariat in Kabul until 1973, when he fled to Pakistan following a failed coup attempt. In later years, he played a key role in the wars against the Soviets and the civil war in Kabul. Sayyaf is currently the head of Hezb-e-Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan (the Afghanistan Islamic Invitation Party).

2005 Parliament: Sayyaf was elected to parliament in 2005 with 9,806 votes. He was the head of the International Affairs commission for the full parliamentary term of five years.

Other information: Sayyaf has been a supporter of President Karzai throughout his time in the parliament. He was a key opponent of Yunus Qanooni for the position of Speaker of the House in 2006 and again in 2011; he was unsuccessful in both instances.

Haji Muhammed Farhad Seddiqi

Province: Kabul **District:** 17th District **Votes:** 5128

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Haji Muhammed Farhad Seddiqi, son of Haji Muhammed Rafiq, was born in 1969 in Parwan province. He is married with four daughters and two sons. His interests include reading and sports. He speaks Dari and English.

Education: Seddiqi completed his primary and began his secondary education at Tajrobawey High School, Parwan province. He completed high school in Kabul at the Ustad Betab High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in Law from Kabul University, which he earned in 1995.

Previous occupation: Seddiqi worked as the head of Finance and Administration in the Department of Health in Parwan province for two years. He then worked in the Immigration Department as a manager for an additional two years. He has also served as a program officer for ACTED; Seddiqi is interested in business and owns a construction company that was registered in Kabul in 2003.

Other information: Seddiqi participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Baktash Siawash

Province: Kabul **District:** 9th District **Votes**: 4557

Phone: 0700667701 **Age:** 28 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Legislative Affairs



Personal background: Baktash Siawash was born in 1983 in Kohistan district, Kapisa province. He is single. His interests include writing and reading. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto, Urdu and English.

Education: Siawash completed his secondary education at the Abdul Hadi Dawi School in Kabul in 2004. He then went to the United Kingdom to study Political Science at the London School of Economics. He has also studied conflict reporting, in which he earned a specialist degree in 2008, and has undertaken online courses in journalism provided by institutions in Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Civil society/NGO connections: Siawash's family owns a newspaper, to which he has regularly contributed articles.

Previous occupation: Siawash has worked as a journalist with various newspapers, and more recently with Tolo TV and Lemar TV in Kabul. He is well-known as a television presenter and journalist across Afghanistan.

Other information: Siawash is known to be affiliated with Dr. Abdullah and is a critic of President Karzai. He serves as one of four spokespersons of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law. 44

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⁴⁴ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324

Dr. Abdullah Kalimzai Wardak

Province: Kabul **District**: 5th District **Votes**: 2918

Phone: 786262892 Age: 30 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs (previous Chair, 2011)

Personal background: Dr. Abdullah Kalimzai Wardak was born in 1981 in Kabul Province. He is married with one son. His interests include reading and sports. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari and English.

Education: Wardak attended Kabul Medical School and graduated in 2005.

Civil society/NGO connections: Wardak has worked with USAID and local NGOs to provide technical assistance and capacity building for local health initiatives.

Previous occupation: Wardak has served as deputy chairman of a logistics and construction company, Unique Builders Construction Company (UBCC), in Kabul.

Other information: ❖ Wardak has been a supporter of women's rights in Afghanistan and has actively promoted better health facilities at the local level through monitoring. He currently serves as one of four spokespersons of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law.⁴⁵

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⁴⁵ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324

Eng. Shir Wali Wardak

Province: Kabul **District:** 5th District **Votes:** 3409

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

(previous Deputy, 2011)

Personal background: Eng. Shir Wali Wardak, son of Khwajah Mir, was born in 1971 in Saeed Abad district, Wardak province. He is married and has seven children. He is the brother of Faruq Wardak, the current Minister of Education. His interests include sports, swimming and reading. Wardak's first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, English and Urdu.

Education: After graduating from the International Rescue Committee (IRC) High School in Peshawar in 1990, Wardak earned a bachelor's degree from the Agricultural University of Faisalabad. He also holds a master's degree in Project Management from the University of Preston/Faisalabad University in Pakistan, which he completed in 2006. Further to this he has studied project management in a course run by the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA) organization, an Afghan national NGO.

Civil society/NGO connections: Wardak has connections with NGOs, both national and international, through his work in agriculture and development.

Previous occupation: Wardak has experience working with NGOs and the Afghan government in the agricultural sector. In 1997, he worked for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as a Field Technician and as a Monitoring Officer for the Comprehensive Agriculture and Rural Development Facility. He also worked at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAIL) as the Director of Operations of the Comprehensive Agriculture and Rural Development Facility (CARD-F) in 2010, where he co-managed operations and was responsible for the supervision of technical assistance and short term consultants. From 1998-2000, he acted as an agricultural advisor with Coordination of Afghan Relief (CoAR) on a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) project. Since then, he has also worked with the International Rescue Committee, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) in Afghanistan, and the Agriculture, Health and Development Organization (AHDO).

General Nazifa Zaki

Province: Kabul **District:** 9th District **Votes:** 1210

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs (Secretary)



Personal background: General Nazifa Zaki, daughter of Shamsuddin, was born in 1963 in the first disctict of Faizabad city of Badakhshan province. She is married and has six children, three daughters and three sons. She is interested in reading and music. Zaki speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Zaki completed her secondary education at Makhfi Badakhshi High School in Badakhshan 1981. She entered the Roshan Teacher Training Institute in Kabul, then followed her interest in the Afghan National Police to attend the Police Criminal Academy, and graduated from the academy in 1982. She is currently in her second year of Law studies at the Karwan private university in Kabul.

Civil society/NGO connections: While living in Tajikistan, Zaki was the head of the Afghan Immigrant Women in Tajikistan Association, and served on the Afghan Immigrants Committee in Tajikistan.

Previous occupation: Zaki has more than 29 years of work experience in government offices. She has served as the prosecutor in the Deputy's Office of the Attorney General and as the head of the Women's Council in the Office of the Attorney General. During the Taliban rule in Afghanistan, she immigrated to Tajikistan but continued to work as a teacher.

Other information: Zaki has been critical of President Karzai. Her sister Zakia Zaki, a radio presenter, was tragically killed in 2007 by insurgents.

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission
Alhaj Mullah Sayed Muhammad Akhund 《 •	Dand	52	3452		Pashto	Independent	Education
Abdul Rahim Ayubi •	Argestan	30	4859		Pashto	Independent	Education
Turan Sahib Abdul Khaliq Khan Balakarzai	Dand	52	5662		Pashto	Independent	Education
Attaullah Jan Habib 💠	Jeray	28	3004		Pashto	Independent	Internal
Bibi Hamida •	6 th District	28	938		Pashto	Independent	International
Muhammad Naiem Lalay Hamidzai ❖◆	Spean Boldak Morgha	34	5435		Pashto	Independent	Internal
Shakeba Hashimi	1 st District	35	627	✓	Pashto	Hezb-e Mutahid Milli Afghanistan	Internal
Fariba Ahmadi Kakar	1 st District	37	2289	✓	Pashto	Independent	Transport
Dr. Mahmud Khan ��	Dand	31	3438		Pashto	Independent	International
Haji Muhammad Omer Nangyalai ❖ ⊙	6 th District	44	4946		Pashto	Independent	International
Khalid Pashton	1 st District	52	3048	✓	Pashto	Independent	Defense

Alhaj Mullah Sayed Muhammad Akhund

Province: Kandahar **District:** Dand **Votes:** 3452

Phone: 700305529 **Age:** 52 **New Member**

First language: Pashto 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Alhaj Mullah Sayed Muhammad Akhund, son of Haji Mullah Dad Muhammad Akhund, was born in 1959 in Dand district of Kandahar province. He is married with nine daughters and seven sons. His sons run businesses in Kandahar province. His interests include reading, sports and hunting. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari.

Education: Akhund graduated from Shaheed Ghulam Muhammad Madrasa in Kandahar in 1992.

Previous occupation: Akhund joined the jihad during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and from 2002-2004, he commanded the Seventh Division of the Afghan army in Kandahar province. He then participated in the Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) process.

2005 Parliament: € Akhund was elected to the Kandahar Provincial Council in 2005; from this position, he was later selected to serve in the Meshrano Jirga.

Other information: O

Abdul Rahim Ayubi

Province: Kandahar **District:** Argestan **Votes:** 4859

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Abdul Rahim Ayubi was born in 1981 in Malik Sami Mohammad Ayubi village, Arghestan district, Kandahar province. He is married. His grandfather, Malik Sami Mohammad Ayubi, was a leader of the Popalzai tribe. He is interested in reading. He speaks Pashto, Dari, Urdu and English.

Education: Ayubi graduated from the Merwais High School in Kandahar in 2010. He had previously graduated from the Science College in Quetta, Pakistan, in 1998.

Previous occupation: Ayubi worked with the Ministry of Interior from 2000-2008, and has also worked as a police commander in Ghazni, Zabul, Kandahar, and Helmand. In 2009, he established the Kakar Construction and Logistics Company. He currently serves as the deputy chairman of the Solution Logistics Company (SLC).

Other information: O

Turan Sahib Abdul Khaliq Khan Balakarzai

Province: Kandahar **District**: Dand **Votes:** 5662

Phone: 700302653 **Age:** 52 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Turan Sahib Abdul Khaliq Khan Balakarzai, son of Haji Abdul Razaq, was born in 1959 in Balakarzai village, Dand district, Kandahar province. He is married and has six children. His father, Abdul Razaq, was a Kandahar senator in 1969, under Zahir Shah's reign, and was a leader of the Popalzai tribe. Turan Sahib is interested in reading and sports. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari and a little English.

Education: Balakarzai completed his studies at Harbi Khwanzai Military School in 1975 in Kabul and graduated from the artillery department of Harbi Pohantoon Military University in Pul-i Charkhi, Kabul in 1978.

Previous occupation: From 1978-1980, Balakarzai was the Logistics Commander of the 101st Artillery Battalion of the Afghan Army's Second Corp in Kandahar. In 1980, he joined the Mujahideen and was a commander for Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan for ten years. After the fall of the Taliban, from 2001-2004, he worked with the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) process in Kandahar province. From 2004 to 2005, he served as district governor of Spin Boldak district; following this, he joined the Disbandment of Illegal Armed Groups (DAIG) program in Kandahar through 2010.

Other information: •

Attaullah Jan Habib

Province: Kandahar **District:** Jeray **Votes:** 3004

Phone: 799099991 Age: 28 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Attaullah Jan Habib, son of Hajji Habibullah Khan, was born in 1983 in Jeray district of Kandahar province. He is married and has one child. He is the son of Haji Habibullah Jan, a former parliament member who was killed during an attack in Kanadahar city. Habib's interests include reading and sports. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, English and Urdu.

Education: Habib graduated from Ahmad Shah Baba High School in Kandahar in 2006 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Economics from Kardan University in Kabul in 2009. He also studied for one year in the Faculty of Agriculture at Kandahar University.

Previous occupation: Habib was the head of the DDO Construction Company from 2004-2005. He worked as an advisor in Kandahar on the Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) program from 2005-2006 and worked as secretary for his father in the previous parliament. Currently, he is a partner in a construction company in Kabul.

Other information: *

Bibi Hamida

Province: Kandahar **District**: 6th District **Votes**: 938

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs (Previous Secretary, 2011)

Personal background: Bibi Hamida Yousufi, daughter of Haji Muhammad Yousof, was born in 1983 in Argandab district, Kandahar province. She is married and has one son. She is interested in reading. Her first language is Pashto and she speaks English, Dari, Urdu and Arabic as well.

Education: Yousufi completed her primary education at Bilal High School and her secondary education at Noor High School in Quetta, Pakistan, in 2001. She then studied medicine for two years at the Makah Mukaramah Hospital and Medical College in Quetta.

Previous occupation: She worked as a supervisor for the Joint Electoral Management Board (JEMB) in Kandahar from 2003 to 2004 and as a district field coordinator in 2005. She was a customer service representative at Azizi Bank's Kandahar branch from 2006 to 2007. From 2008-2009, she worked as a grant officer at the International Relief & Development (IRD) office in Kandahar and from 2009-2010 she worked with IRD's Afghanistan Vouchers for Increased Production in Agriculture (AVIPA) program as a grant officer.

Other information: O

Muhammad Naiem Lalay Hamidzai

Province: Kandahar District: Spean Boldak Morgha Votes: 5435

Phone: 700600005 Age: 34 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Muhammad Naiem Lalay Hamidzai, son of Anar Gul, was born in 1977 in the Toba Asakzai area of Kandahar on the Pakistani border. He is married and has four children. He is interested in reading, especially political books. His first language is Dari and he also speaks English and Urdu.

Education: Hamidzai graduated from Ghazi Abdullah Khan High School in Kandahar in 1994.

Previous occupation: From 2003-2008, Hamidzai worked as Gul Agha Sherzai's security manager. From 2008-2009, he was deputy commander of the Rapid Reaction Force of the border police of Kandahar. From 2009-2010, he was the Counter-Narcotics Manager of the Kandahar Police.

Other information: ❖ ● Hamidzai heads the Internal Relations Committee of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law. ⁴⁶

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⁴⁶ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324

Shakeba Hashimi

Province: Kandahar **District**: 1st District **Votes**: 627

Phone: 799657092 **Age:** 35 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Mutahid Milli Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs

Personal background: Shakeba Hashimi was born in 1975 in Kabul. She is married and has five children. Her interests include reading and sports. She speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Hashimi graduated from Aeno High School in Kandahar in 1988. She has a bachelor's degree in Science from the Science Faculty of Kabul University.

Previous occupation: Hashimi taught first in Kandahar at Aeno and Zahir Shahi High Schools from 1992-1996 and later in Kabul at Zarghona High School from 2001-2005.

2005 Parliament: Hashimi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 1,673 votes. She served as deputy of the Education and Higher Education commission during this term.

Other information: Hashimi is known to be a critic of President Karzai.



Fariba Ahmadi Kakar

Province: Kandahar **District:** 1st District **Votes:** 2289

Phone: 799274139 **Age:** 37 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Fariba Ahmadi Kakar was born in 1974 in the first district of Kandahar city, Kandahar province. She is married with three daughters and one son. She has traveled to Canada. Her interests include reading and writing. She speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Kakar graduated from the Aeno Girls' High School in Kandahar in 1983.

Previous occupation: Kakar was head of the women's department of the Afghan Development Association (ADA) from 2000-2005. She then taught for the Afghan Women's Association for two months.

2005 Parliament: Kakar was elected to the 2005 parliament with 2,930 votes. She served on the Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply and Municipal Affairs commission during this term.

Dr. Mahmud Khan

Province: Kandahar **District:** Dand **Votes:** 3438

Phone: 796025175 **Age:** 31 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Dr. Mahmud Khan, son of Haji Yar Muhammad Khan, was born in 1980 in Rambasi village, Dand District, Kandahar province. He is married and has three children. Khan is interested in reading and sports. He speaks Pashto and English.

Education: in 2000, Khan graduated from Kandahar's Alberuni High School. He has a bachelor's degree from the Medical Faculty of Kandahar University, which he earned in 2008.

Civil society/NGO connections: Khan founded and is the current director of an NGO based in Kandahar working for youth. He established the organization, called the Afghan Youth Educational and Social Consultancy Organization (AYESCO), in 2010.

Previous occupation: From 2006-2007, Khan worked as a volunteer doctor in the surgical department of Merwais Hospital in Kandahar city and took an official internship there in 2008. From 2009 to May 2010, Khan worked as an advisor with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kandahar.

Other information:

Haji Muhammad Omer Nangyalai

Province: Kandahar **District:** 6th District **Votes:** 4946

Phone: 703426028 **Age:** 44 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs

Personal background: Haji Muhammad Omer Nangyalai, son of Haji Abdul Wahid, was born in 1967 in the sixth district of Kandahar city, Kandahar province. He is married and has five children. His interests include reading and sports. Nangyalai's first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, English and Urdu.

Education: Nangyalai completed his primary education in Shah Husain Hotak School in Kandahar in 1974 and his secondary education in Quetta, Pakistan, at the English Intermediate High school. He has also studied management, English, computer science and computer programming in Quetta.

Civil society/NGO connections: Nangyalai has connections with civil society through his career working in the NGO sector.

Previous occupation: Nangyalai has worked in NGO administration for many years. From 1990-1992, he worked for the Inter Church Aid Committee and Christian Hospital Refugee Extension Project (CHREF) as computer instructor and finance officer. He then worked for two years with Church World Service (CWS) as a general administrator. Following the fall of the Taliban he joined the Asian Rural Life Development Foundation (ARLDF) as a field coordinator and then served as advisor to Cure International from 2002 to 2005. Nangialai has owned his own construction company since 2002, and also owns a business importing goods from Dubai and Singapore to Afghanistan.

Other information:

Khalid Pashton

Province: Kandahar **District:** 1st District **Votes:** 3048

Phone: 0700300006 Age: 52 Incumbent

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs



Personal background: Khalid Pashton, son of Bashir Ahmad Pashton, was born in 1959 in Kandahar. He is married with four children, and is related to President Karzai by marriage. He has traveled to twelve different countries and his interests include reading and music. He speaks Pashto, Dari and English.

Education: Pashton completed his primary education at the Tajrubawi School and his secondary education at Zahir Shahi High School in Kandahar. In 1981 he immigrated to the United States and enrolled in Watterson College in California, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Business and Management.

Previous occupation: Pashton taught at the Tajrubawi School from 1979-1980. From 1980-1981, he worked in a government office as an accountant. After graduating from college in the United States, he worked as the manager of a computer company and then in the American banking industry. In 2001, he began his own business in the United States. After returning to Afghanistan, he was appointed head of the Department for Foreign Affairs in Kandahar, and the political representative of Southern Kandahar. He was also a spokesperson and political advisor to the Governor of Kandahar. He owns a prominent construction company in Kandahar.

2005 Parliament: Pashton was elected to parliament in 2005 with 10,448 votes. He held the position of Deputy Chair on the Internal Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: ● In 2003, Pashton participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga. He did not win outright in the 2010 elections, ⁴⁷ but claimed his seat when another candidate was disqualified. He was elected to be First Deputy Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga in 2011. Pashton is close to Nangarhar governor Gul Agha Sherzai and was his campaign manager for the 2009 presidential election until Sherzai decided to withdraw from the race.

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⁴⁷ Ahmad, Farid. "84 Likely Poll Winners Referred to AG Office." Pajhwok. November 10, 2010. http://www.pajhwok.com/dr/node/126313

KAPISA										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Tahira Mujadidi	Kohistan	47	1464		Dari	Independent	Immunities			
Alhaj Mirdad Khan Nijrabi	Nejrab	47	10199		Dari	Independent	Internal (c)			
Eng. Muhammad Iqbal Safi	Central Kapisa	42	6641	√	Dari	Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan	Internal			
Haji Agha Jan Sayedi	Kohistan	54	3574		Pashaee	Independent	Defense (d)			

Tahira Mujadidi

Province: Kapisa **District**: Kohistan **Votes:** 1464

Phone: 799420593 **Age:** 47 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges

Personal background: Tahira Mujadidi, daughter of Ghulam Nasruddin, was born in 1963 in the Kohistan district of Kapisa. She is single. Her interests include studying, sports and music. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks English and Pashto.

Education: Mujadidi completed her secondary education at the Ishter Gram High School of Kapisa province in 1975. She then earned a diploma from the Kapisa Teacher's Training Center in 2005.

Civil society/NGO connections: Mujadidi has connections with NGOs, including serving as a master trainer with the Constitutional Rights Foundation between 2003 and 2009.

Previous occupation: Mujadidi worked as a teacher during and after the Taliban period in high schools in Kapisa. She has also worked in the Department of Education in Kapisa for more than 31 years, including as an administrative assistant and a department manager, until registering her candidacy for the elections in 2010.

Other information: Mujadidi participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga representing Kapisa province in 2003.

Alhaj Mirdad Khan Nijrabi

Province: Kapisa **District**: Nejrab **Votes:** 10199

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs (Chair; Previous Secretary, 2011)



Personal background: Alhaj Mirdad Khan Nijrabi, son of Alhaj Abdul Nabi, was born in 1964 in Najrab district, Kapisa province. He is married and has two sons and three daughters. He has traveled to countries including France, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, India, Iran and Pakistan. His interests include sports and reading political books. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto, Arabic and English.

Education: Nijrabi finished his secondary education at the Ghulam Haidar Khan High School in Kabul province in 1989. He then attained a bachelor's degree in Law and Politics from Kabul University in 2008. Currently, he is working toward his master's degree in Politics at the private Islamic Azad University in Kabul.

Civil society/NGO connections: Nijrabi has been a member of Afghanistan Lawyers Foundation since 2008.

Previous occupation: Nijrabi formerly worked at the Ministry of Interior. He served in the Afghan National Police and was the deputy to the Security Commander of Kabul for over 20 years.

Eng. Muhammad Iqbal Safi

Province: Kapisa **District:** Central Kapisa **Votes:** 6641

Phone: 7990539229 Age: 42 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Eng. Muhammad Iqbal Safi is the son of Sayed Aqa. He was born in 1969 in central Kapisa Province. He is married and has four sons and two daughters. His interests include reading and gardening. Safi speaks Dari as well as Pashto and English.

Education: Safi completed his primary education in Ghazni at the Muhammad Ayub Khan Mina School, then graduated from Nadirya High School in Kabul in 1985. He studied at the Kabul Air Force Academy and graduated in 1987.

Previous occupation: Safi is a former jihadi commander. He was in charge of the financial affairs of the Mujahideen front in Kapisa province. During the Mujahideen government of the 1990s, he managed the office of Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

2005 Parliament: Safi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 6,259 votes. He served as the chair of the Commission for Defense and Territorial Affairs during this term.

Other information: Safi led Hamid Karzai's election campaign in Kapisa province in 2009.

Haji Agha Jan Sayedi

Province: Kapisa **District**: Kohistan **Votes**: 3574

Phone: 0799501597 **Age:** 54 **New Member**

First language: Pashaee

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs (Deputy)

Personal background: Haji Agha Jan Sayedi, son of Sayed Muhammad, was born in 1957 in Kohistan district, Kapisa province. He is married and has five children. He has traveled to countries including Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Iran and India. He is interested in horseback riding and hunting. Sayedi's first language is Pashaee; he also speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Sayedi completed his primary education at Sanji School in Kapisa in 1980. He then joined the Mujahideen during the Soviet-Afghan war.

Previous occupation: Following the Soviet era in Afghanistan, Sayedi worked as a businessman in the vehicle industry. Under the Taliban, he joined Ahmad Shah Massoud as deputy commander in Kapisa province and was later promoted to general rank in Masoud's forces. He was also deputy commander of the sixth division in Kapisa during the transitional government.

Other information: Sayedi is known to be affiliated with Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan, which he joined in 1979.

KHOST									
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Leyaqatullah Babakarkhil �	Bak	35	2176	√	Pashto	Independent	Finance		
Humayoun *•	Khost Center	37	2869		Pashto	Independent	Defense (c)		
Alhaj Dr. Mirbat Khan Mangal (•	Musa Khel	41	2659		Pashto	Independent	Transport		
Kamal Nasir Osoli •	Tani	34	4921		Pashto	Independent	Education (c)		
Sahira Sharif	Ismael Mandozai	50	2110	√	Pashto	Independent	Education		

Leyaqatullah Babakarkhil

Province: Khost **District**: Bak **Votes:** 2176

Phone: 798111666 **Age:** 35 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs

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Personal Background: Mr. Leyaqatullah Babakarkhil is the son of Faiz Mohammad Khan. He was born in 1976 in the Bak district of Khost province. He is married and has one son and five daughters. His interests include reading. He speaks Pashto and also Dari, English and Urdu.

Education: Babakarkhil graduated from Adib High School in Pakistan in 2005.

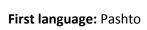
Civil Society/NGO connections: Babakarkhil has worked for NGOs including a shelter organization. He was deputy of the Youth Union in Khost province. He has also been involved in mediations between different tribes in the province.

2005 Parliament: Babakarkhil was elected to parliament in 2005 with 9,138 votes. During this term, he was a member of the Budget Commission.

Other information: *

Humayoun

New Member



Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs (Chair)

Personal background: Humayoun, son of Khan Muhauddin (a former Kabul police chief), was born in 1974 in Khost province. He is married and has three children. He has traveled to Turkey, Russia, the United Arab Emirates, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. His interests include reading, music and sports. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, English, Arabic and Russian.

Education: Humayoun finished his primary education at Nazo Ana High School in Kabul province and completed his twelfth class certificate in Russia.

Previous occupation: Humayoun has worked in construction since he graduated from school, and is currently the director of a construction company.

Other information: �O

Alhaj Dr. Mirbat Khan Mangal

Province: Khost **District**: Musa Khel **Votes**: 2659

Phone: 773374340 **Age:** 41 **New Member**

First language: Pashto 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Alhaj Dr. Mirbat Khan Mangal, son of Haji Gulat Khan, was born in 1970 in Kahwa Khola village, Musa Khel district, Khost province. He is married with six children. His father was a tribal leader and jihadi commander. He has traveled to over twelve countries. Mangal is interested in reading medical books; he speaks Pashto, Dari, Urdu and English.

Education: Mangal completed his secondary education at the Yaqubi High School in Khost in 1993. He then graduated from the Afghan Medical University in Peshawar, Pakistan in 2000. He is currently a student of Law and Political Science at Dawat University in Kabul.

Previous occupation: From 2001-2003, Mangal was the headmaster at Laji Mangal Middle School in Musa Khel, Khost. From 2003-2004, he worked as an election supervisor in Khost province and from 2003-2005, he became head of Laji Mangal Clinic.

2005 Parliament: © From 2005-2010, Mangal represented Khost province in the Meshrano Jirga, having been elected to the Khost Provincial Council and then selected as its representative to the parliament.

Other information: •

Kamal Nasir Osoli

Province: Khost **District:** Tani **Votes**: 4921

Phone: 0700092827 Age: 34 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education (Chair, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Kamal Nasir Osoli, son of Nawroz, was born in 1977 in Khost province. He is married with five children. He has traveled to more than 10 countries including Russia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and India. His interests include reading and swimming. Osoli's first language is Pashto and he also speaks English.

Education: Osoli finished his primary education at the Aqa Ali Shams School of Kabul in 1988, and completed secondary education at the Abdul Hadi Dawe High School in Kabul in 1992. He got his bachelor's degree in Law and Governmental Administration from Wego University in Russia in 2006.

Civil society/NGO connections: Osoli is the head of the Youth Committee of Khost province.

Previous occupation: Osoli is a private businessman.

Other information: ● Osoli's father was an unsuccessful candidate in the 2005 elections. Osoli has been affiliated with the "Reformist" group in parliament.⁴⁸

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⁴⁸ Saroush, Qayoum. "The 'Reformists' parliamentary group splits the Parliament." Bamdad. September 26, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/text/story/1445

Sahira Sharif

Province: Khost District: Ismael Mandozai Votes: 2110

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Sahira Sharif, daughter of Muhammad Karim, was born in 1961 in Ismael Khel Mandozai district of Khost province. She is married and has two sons and two daughters. Her brother is the chief of staff of the Afghan National Army. Sharif has traveled to more than ten countries, including France, Germany, the United States, India and Turkey. She is interested in reading. She can speak Pashto, Dari and English.

Education: Sharif graduated from Aryana High School in Kabul in 1980. She has a bachelor's degree in Educational Science from Kabul University, which she earned in 1985. In 1986 she joined the Academy of Science of Afghanistan and became a professional member of the organization in 1987. She got her master's degree in Educational Science from Kabul University in 1991.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sharif voluntarily teaches at Khost University and is the author of five books that focus on the political, cultural and economic role of women in the history of Afghanistan.

Previous occupation: From 1992-2002, Sharif was a teacher at the German Organisation for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) School in Kachagaray Refugee Camp in Peshawar, Pakistan. At the same time, she worked as an editor of the "Zani Afghan" monthly magazine's Pashto page and also edited the Pashto page in the "Khabri" Urdu-language newspaper. She was head of the Department of Women's Affairs in Khost province from 2003-2005. She directed the Afghanistan Development Association (ADA) Women's Fast Learning Program in Khost during the same period.

2005 Parliament: Sharif was elected to parliament in 2005 with 3,701 votes. She served on the Education and Higher Education Commission in the 2005 parliament.

Other information: Sharif participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission
Hamida Ahmadzai	Kabul City	29	4078		Pashto	Independent	Disabled
Haji Muhammad Nazir Ahmadzai	Mohammad Agha, Kabul	40	4216		Pashto	Independent	Migration
Haji Sher Ali Ahmadzai O	Bagrami, Kabul	32	5622		Pashto	Independent	Migration (c)
Parween Durani	Char Asiab, Kabul	40	1182	✓	Pashto	Independent	Migration (d)
Helay Irshad	Kabul city	43	1774		Pashto	Independent	Education
Alhaj Wakil Mullah Tarakhil Muhammadi •	Deh Sabz	38	26491	✓	Pashto	Independent	Narcotics
Haji Haidar Jan Naiemzai ❖ ⊙	Ahsarak Pul-e Alam, Logar	32	5270	✓	Pashto	Independent	Migration (s)
Habib-u- Rahman "Habib Afghan" •	Kabul city	46	9830		Pashto	Independent	Migration
Muhammed Yusuf Sabir •	Ghani Khil, Nangarhar	35	4679		Pashto	Independent	Migration
Alhaj Hassan Sahraye ⊙	Central Ghazni	60	4183		Pashto	Independent	Immunities (d)

Hamida Ahmadzai

Province: Kuchi District: Kabul Votes: 4078

Phone: 0786972799 **Age:** 29 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Disabled, Martyrs and Widows (Previous Secretary, 2011)

Personal background: Hamida Ahmadzai was born in 1982 in Kabul province. She is single, and her interests include reading and housework. Her first language is Pashto and she also speaks Dari, English and Urdu.

Education: Ahmadzai finished her primary and secondary education in Nahid Shahid High School in Kabul province in 2005. Presently, she is a third-year student of Law and Political Sciences at Tolo-e Aftab University of Kabul.

Civil society/NGO connections: Ahmadzai has worked with non-governmental organizations on human and women's rights.

Previous occupation: Ahmadzai has experience working with NGOs, medical organizations and government agencies. During the Constitutional Loya Jirga process in 2003, she managed the Kabul zone office. Ahmadzai has also worked as an auditor in the Department of Education in Logar province. She built schools in Logar province and served as the principal of one such school. Ahmadzai was a national-level manager with the Independent Election Commission from 2004-2010.

Other information: Ahmadzai participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 representing Logar province. She represented the people of Logar in the High Peace Council.

Haji Muhammad Nazir Ahmadzai

Province: Kuchi **District**: Kabul, Mohammad Agha **Votes:** 4216

Phone: 700291323 Age: 40 New Member

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First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Nomads, Tribal Affairs, Refugees and Migration

Personal background: Haji Muhammad Nazir Ahmadzai was born in 1971 in the Muhammad Agha district of Logar province. He is married and has five sons and three daughters. His interests include meeting with people and holding gatherings for discussion. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, Urdu and English.

Education: Ahmadzai finished his secondary education at the Janah High School in Pakistan in 1988. He has a bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from the Access University of Pakistan which he earned in 2005.

Civil society/NGO connections: Ahmadzai participates in cultural and social activities and has worked in both governmental and nongovernmental organizations. He was deputy of the Ahmadzai Council which was established by Hashmatullah Ahmadzai in 2004, and has led the Ahmadzai Council since 2006.

Previous occupation: Ahmadzai worked as an advisor on agriculture and Afghan tribes for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the provinces of Paktia, Paktika, Logar, Ghazni and Khost, from 2008 to 2010.

2005 Parliament: Ahamdzai ran unsuccessfully in the 2005 elections, gaining 3,847 votes.

Other information: **○** Ahmadzai was the deputy head of the National Consensus, a group of different parties and organizations supporting Ashraf Ghani's presidential campaign in 2009.

Haji Sher Ali Ahmadzai

Province: Kuchi **District:** Bagrami, Kabul **Votes**: 5622

Phone: 078161950 **Age:** 32 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Nomads, Tribal Affairs, Refugees and Migration (Chair)

Personal background: Haji Sher Ali Ahmadzai, son of Haji Nazir, was born in 1979 in Bagrami district, Kabul province. He is married with seven children. His elder brother, Haji Shamali, was a famous jihadi commander killed during the civil war. Ahmadzai's second brother, Haji Enayatullah, is the leader of the Ahmadzai Kuchis. Ahmadzai is interested in reading. He speaks English, Dari and Urdu.

Education: Ahdmadzai left school with a twelfth class certificate from the Altakwa School in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Previous occupation: Ahamdzai is a businessman and is contracted to deliver fuel to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

Other information: •

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Parween Durani

Province: Kuchi **District:** Kabul, Char Asiab **Votes**: 1182

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Nomads, Tribal Affairs, Refugees and Migration (Deputy, 2011 & 2012)

Personal Background: Parween Durani, daughter of Dr. Abdul Rahman, was born in 1971 in Chaar Asiab district of Kabul province. Durani is married and has four sons and one daughter. Her interests include reading. She speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Durani graduated from Reshkhur High School in Kabul-Char Asiab in 1989 and from Sayed Jamaluddin Afghan Teachers Training Institute In 1991.

Civil society/NGO connections: Durani served as trainer and director with the Women's Social Services Development Organization.

Previous occupation: Durani worked with the Embassy of Afghanistan in Iran from 1994 to 2001 and as a journalist in the media department of the Ministry of Borders and Tribes. She then worked as a journalist until her candidacy for Parliament.

2005 Parliament: Durani was elected to parliament in 2005 with 2,299 votes. She was a member of the Nomads and Immigration Commission during this term.

Other information: Durani represented Afghan refugees in Iran at the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Helay Irshad

Province: Kuchi **District**: Kabul city **Votes:** 1774

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Helay Irshad, daughter of Mawlana Muhammad Shah Irshad, was born in 1969 in Kabul city. She is married and has two daughters. Her interests include reading political books, listening to political debates and sports. She has traveled to countries including the United Kingdom, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh on trips promoting women's rights. She speaks Pashto and also Dari, English, Dutch and Russian.

Education: Irshad graduated from Rabia Balkhi High School in Kabul, and attained her bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science at Kabul University.

Civil society/NGO connections: Irshad is a writer and has been involved in the United States-sponsored Women's Writing Project.

Previous occupation: Irshad returned to Afghanistan in 2006, having immigrated to Holland during the war years. On her return she served as a gender advisor to the Minister of Education from 2006 to 2007, and then as a gender advisor to the Minister of Interior from 2008 to 2009.

Alhaj Wakil Mullah Tarakhil Muhammadi

Province: Kuchi **District:** Deh Sabz **Votes:** 26491

Phone: 779202020 **Age:** 38 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics (previous Chair, 2011)

Personal background: Alhaj Wakil Mullah Tarakhil Muhammadi, son of Alhaj Senator Janat Gul, was born in 1973 in Deh Sabz district of Kabul province. He is from the Tarakhil tribe and is a tribal leader. He is married and has seven children. Muhammadi's interests include reading and teaching Islamic issues. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari and Arabic.

Education: Muhammadi has completed Islamic religious studies in both Afghanistan and in Pakistan. He finished his secondary education in Islamic Studies at Dewbana Madrasa, a religious madrasa in Pakistan. He graduated with a fourteenth class certificate in Islamic Religious Studies from the Jabna Islamic Education Institute of Afghanistan in 2006.

Civil society/NGO connections: Muhammadi is an elder and tribal leader, and has served as head of the Scholars Council.

Previous occupation: Muhammadi is a businessman and owns gas and oil companies as well as other industrial companies. He has also worked as a teacher in Islamic madrasas.

2005 Parliament: Muhammadi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 20,027 votes. He was the chair of the Nomads, Tribal Affairs, Refugees and Migration Commission during this term.

Other information: ● Tarakhil Muhammadi participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. He has also participated in the Peace Jirga.

Haji Haidar Jan Naiemzai

Province: Kuchi **District:** Ahsarak Pul-e Alam, Logar **Votes**: 5270

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Nomads, Tribal Affairs, Refugees and Migration (Secretary, 2011 & 2012)

Personal Background: Haji Haidar Jan Naiemzai is the son of Haji Mohammad Naeem Kochi, a famous Mujahideen commander and advisor to Sebghatullah Mujadedi. He is married to two wives and has six daughters and one son. His interests include reading. Naiemzai speaks Pashto and also Dari and a little Urdu.

Education: Naiemzai graduated with a twelfth class certificate from Bebi Amnia High School in Peshawar, Pakistan, in 2006.

Previous occupation: Before coming to parliament in 2005, Naiemzai was the head of distribution of National ID cards in the Ministry of Interior Affairs.

2005 Parliament: Naiemzai was elected to parliament in 2005 with 11,366 votes. He was a member of the Nomad and Tribal Affairs commission in the 2005 parliament.

Other information:

Habib-u-Rahman"Habib Afghan"

Province: Kuchi **District**: Kabul **Votes:** 9830

Phone: 0786637677 **Age**: 46 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Nomads, Tribal Affairs, Refugees and Migration (previous Chair, 2011)

Personal background: Habib-u-Rahman "Habib Afghan," son of Kheyal Muhammad, was born in 1965 in Mahmod Raqi, Kapisa province. He is married and has sixteen sons and fourteen daughters. He has traveled to Pakistan, Turkey, India, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. He is interested in sports and hunting. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari.

Education: Afghan completed Islamic studies in private schools.

Previous occupation: Afghan was formerly a jihadi commander and now owns a construction company.

Other information: O

Muhammed Yusuf Sabir

Province: Kuchi **District:** Ghani Khil, Nangarhar **Votes:** 4679

Phone: 700157328 **Age:** 35 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Nomads, Tribal Affairs, Refugees and Migration

Personal background: Muhammed Yusuf Sabir was born in Ghani Khil district, Nangarhar province, in 1975. His grandfather was the leader of the Ahmadzai Kuchis. He is married with two sons and two daughters. Sabir's interests include reading historical and political books. He speaks Pashto, Dari and English.

Education: Sabir graduated from fourteenth class at Altaqwa High School in Peshawar, Pakistan. He spent two years at Dawat-ul jihad University and then a further two years studying Management Administration, Computer Sciences and English in Pakistan.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sabir worked with civil society organizations on youth issues in Kabul in 2002-2003.

Previous occupation: Sabir is a leader of the Kuchi people in Laghman. He was an electoral officer for the Kuchi people in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. In 2005, he served as liason officer for Kuchi women and Hindus with the Independent Election Commission. Sabir then joined the United States Agency for International Development as a contractor, working as a governance advisor to the Laghman provincial governor in 2007-2008. He later worked with the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) as a specialist during the 2009 provincial council elections.

Other information: O

Alhaj Hassan Sahraye

Province: Kuchi **District**: Central Ghazni **Votes**: 4183

Phone: 752950348 **Age:** 60 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari.

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges (Deputy; Previous Secretary, 2011)

Personal background: Alhaj Hassan Sahraye, son of Haji Mohammad Jan, was born in 1951 in Ghazni province. He is married and has seven sons and two daughters. He is interested in reading. His first

Education: Saraye studied at Rahman Baba High School in Kabul and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Education from Kabul University.

Previous occupation: Saraye worked as a teacher and teacher trainer in Paktia and other provinces. From 1976-1978, he taught in Gardez, the capital of Paktia province, and then from 1978-1979, he trained teachers in Kunduz province. Saraye then served his conscription years in the national army in Kabul, from 1979-1981. Following this, he taught at the Police Academy until 1990 before becoming a representative of the disabled and martyrs in the Ministry of Interior for three years. He worked as a police officer from 1993-2000, before resuming his previous post teaching at the Police Academy in 2001. He remained in this post for seven years, while simultaneously serving as a representative to the Ghazni and Paktia Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs). From 2008 to 2010, he was a legal advisor in the Department of Kuchi Affairs.

Other information: • He is an independent member of parliament who has been known to cooperate on some issues with MPs supporting Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan.

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Haji Salih Muhammad C	Dara Pech	35	5853		Pashto	Independent	Internal (d)		
Haji Sakhi €	Asmar	47	6827		Pashto	Independent	Internal		
Wagma Sapai	Sawkai	48	2538		Pashto	Independent	Internal		
Maulawi Shazada Shahid	Sawkai	49	8359	√	Pashto	Independent	Narcotics		

Haji Salih Muhammad

Province: Kunar **District**: Dara Pech **Votes**: 5853

Phone: 700641201 **Age:** 35 **New Member**

First language: Pashto 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs (Deputy)

Personal background: Haji Salih Muhammad, son of Mirza Muhammad, was born in 1976 in the Barkanday village of Dara Pech district. He is married and has seven sons and four daughters. He is interested in reading. Muhammad speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Muhammad completed primary school at Barkanday School in Dara Pech district, and attended secondary school in 1989 at the Imam Abu Hanifa Norman School in Bajawar, Pakistan. During the war in Afghanistan, his family immigrated to Peshawar, where he studied at a private school until 1996. In 2006, he received his Afghan High School Graduation Certificate.

Previous occupation: Muhammad fought in the jihad for a few years but left the Mujahideen during their rule in Afghanistan. From 1992 to 2005, he worked on creating his own business in food import and vehicle sales, and was head of the Kunar Business Council. From 2000-2002 he also served as general manager with the Ministry of Transportation in Kunar Province.

2005 Parliament: € From 2005-2010 he served in the Meshrano Jirga, having been named from his position on the Kunar Provincial Council. During this term, he was head of the Defense Affairs commission in the Meshrano Jirga.

Other information: Muhammad serves as one of two secretaries of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law.⁴⁹

⁴⁹ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324.

Haji Sakhi

Province: Kunar District: Asmar Votes: 6827

Phone: 700592323 **Age:** 47 **New Member**

First language: Pashto 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Haji Sakhi, son of Haji Mira Aalem Khan, was born in 1964 in the Palozai village of Asmar district in Kunar province. He is a well-known tribal leader and comes from an influential family of elders. He is married and has ten sons and eleven daughters. Sakhi is interested in reading, and has traveled to Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. He speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Sakhi graduated from ninth class at Khushal Khan High School in 1978. He then went to Pakistan and completed his secondary education there, before studying for a further two years in law at a Pakistani institute.

Previous occupation: During the jihad, Sakhi served as an artillery commander of the Kunar ninth division and was ranked Brigadier General by Burhannadin Rabbani. From 1992-1996, Sakhi was the head of the Department for Public Works in Kunar and from 1996-2001, under the Taliban regime, he was the District Governor of Asmar.

2005 Parliament: € Having been elected to the Kunar Provincial Council in 2005, Sakhi was named to the Meshrano Jirga from this position for the 2005 term.

Wagma Sapai

Province: Kunar **District:** Sawkai **Votes:** 2538

Phone: 707942827 **Age:** 48 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Wagma Sapai was born in 1963 in the Masori village of Sawkai district, Kunar province. She is married and has five children. She is interested in reading about national and international law. Sapai's first language is Pashto and she also speaks Dari and Russian.

Education: Sapai graduated from the Rahman Baba High School in Kabul in 1981. She has a bachelor's degree from the Kabul Police Academy which she earned in 1979.

Civil society/NGO connections: While with the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC), Sapai worked closely with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Afghanistan Attorney General's office, and the Judiciary, as well as with religious/tribal elders on women's affairs.

Previous occupation: From 1985-1993, Sapai was an employee at the Ministry of Interior Affairs. From 2001-2004, she worked with the Kabul-Torkham Highway Security Planning Office. She is ranked as a Major in the police force. From 2004-2007, she served as deputy for the Research and Observation office of the AIHRC in the Eastern region. She then joined AIHRC's Eastern office from 2007-2010 as the head of the Women's Support Department.

2005 Parliament: Sapai ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 1,272 votes.

Maulawi Shazada Shahid

Province: Kunar **District:** Sawkai **Votes**: 8359

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics



Personal background: Maulawi Shazada Shahid, son of Haya Khan, was born in 1962 in Dewgul Dara village, Sawkai district, Kunar province. He is married and has eleven children. He is a religious and influential person in Kunar. Shaid is interested in reading Islamic and religious books. His first language is Pashto and he speaks Dari, Arabic and Urdu as well.

Education: Shahid began his primary Islamic religious studies in 1975 in Peshawar, Pakistan and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Islamic Studies from the Jamiya Alarbia Hadeqa Alolom, Pakistan, in 1986.

Civil society/NGO connections: Shahid has been a member of religious and national institutions including the Afghanistan Scholars' Council, the Kunar Scholar's Council, the Regional Peace Jirga and the High Peace Council.

Previous occupation: Shahid was a teacher for one year in 1987 at the Jamiya Arabia Sediqa Ulom in Peshawar, Pakistan. He established an Islamic studies center in Sokai district of Kunar province in 1988 and both directed and taught there from 1988-2002. From 2003-2005, he served as the head of the Kunar Provincial Courts and in 2005, head of the Kabul Provincial Courts for a few months, before being elected to parliament.

2005 Parliament: Shahid was elected to parliament with 10,045 votes. During this term, he traveled to Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, France, Sweden, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for seminars, workshops and conferences. He was a member of the commission for Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics.

Other information: Shahid participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. He also participated in the Peace Jirga in 2010 and has served on the High Peace Council. He has been affiliated with the "Reformist" group in parliament.⁵⁰

⁵⁰ Saroush, Qayoum. "The 'Reformists' parliamentary group splits the Parliament." Bamdad. September 26, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/text/story/1445

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission
Shukria Paykan Ahmadi	Kunduz Center	43	3200	√	Uzbek	Independent	Economy
Dr. Fatima Aziz ❖ ●	Kunduz Center	39	2172	✓	Dari	Independent	Economy
Mualim Chahari •	Qala-e Zal	65	3651		Turkmen	Independent	Transport
Haji Abdul Raouf Ibrahimi	Imam Saheb	49	6978	√	Uzbek	Independent	Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga
Eng. Kamal	Dasht Archi	38	5705		Pashto	Independent	Finance (s)
Said Dawoud Nadiri �	Doshi, Baghlan	39	3629		Dari	Hezb-e- Paiwand Milli Afghanistan	Environment (d)
Shaista Baz Nasiri ❖ ○	Khanabad	35	3874		Pashto	Independent	Defense
Abdul Wudod Payman	Anaba, Panjshir	53	4063		Dari	Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan	Education
Alhaj Nazari Turkmani ⊙	Qala-e Zal	38	4124		Turkmen	Hezb-e- Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan	Legislative (s)

Shukria Paykan Ahmadi

Phone: 799693688 Age: 43 Incumbent

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development and Agriculture

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Personal background: Shukria Paykan Ahmadi, daughter of Mahmood Khan, was born in 1968 in the center of Kunduz province. She is married and has four children. Ahmadi has traveled to France, Germany, the Netherlands, Korea, and the United Arab Emirates. She is interested in reading. Her first language is Uzbek, and she also speaks Dari, Pashto and English.

Education: Ahmadi finished her primary and secondary education at Mariam High School in Kabul province in 1984. She received her bachelor's degree in Planning and Economics from the Agricultural University of Kabul in 1989.

Previous occupation: After receiving her bachelor's degree, Ahmadi worked as a teacher at Spen Adi School in Kabul from 1981-1990. She then joined Zargona High School in Kabul from 1990-1993. For the three years following, she taught Agriculture at Balkh University until the Taliban regime forced women to stay at home. She resumed her position in 2002 and stayed for a further two years before becoming a teacher at the Technical Institute in Balkh in 2004. She resigned from this post to run in the 2005 parliamentary election.

2005 Parliament: Ahmadi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 7,636 votes. She served on the Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit commission during this term.

Dr. Fatima Aziz

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal background: Dr. Fatima Aziz, daughter of Abdul Aziz, was born in 1972 in Kunduz city. Aziz is married and has two daughters and two sons. She is interested in reading. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks Pashto, English and Urdu.

Education: Aziz completed her secondary education at Naswan High School in Kunduz in 1987. She earned her bachelor's degree in medicine from Kabul Medical University in 1993.

Previous occupation: After receiving her degree, she began working as a doctor in Wazir Akbar Khan and Malalai hospitals in Kabul, as well as in the provincial hospital of Kunduz. She also worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for one year.

2005 Parliament: Aziz was elected to parliament in 2005 with 4,725 votes. She was Deputy Chair of the Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply and Municipal Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: ❖ ○ Aziz participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002, and in the Peace Jirga representing Kunduz province in 2010.

Mualim Chahari

Province: Kunduz **District:** Qala-e Zal **Votes**: 3651

Phone: 796407011 **Age:** 65 **New Member**

First language: Turkmen

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Mualim Chahari, son of Muhammad Rahim, was born in 1946 in the Qalai Zal district of Kunduz province. He is married and has seven daughters and seven sons. He has traveled to Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Pakistan. He is interested in reading. Chahari can speak Dari and Pashto.

Education: Chahari finished his primary education in Qalai Zal School and graduated from fourteenth class at the Teachers Training Institute of Kunduz province in 1971.

Previous occupation: Chahari has more than nine years' experience as a teacher in government schools in Kunduz province. He became a jihadi commander in 1980. Chahari has served as governor of districts in Kunduz province, including Qala-e Zal for two years, Ali Abad for two years and Char Dara for three years.

Other information: O

Haji Abdul Raouf Ibrahimi

Province: Kunduz **District:** Imam Saheb **Votes:** 6978

Phone: 797582050 **Age:** 49 **Incumbent**

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga



Personal background: Haji Abdul Raouf Ibrahimi was born in Hazrati Amam Saheeb district of Kunduz province in 1962. He is married with fourteen children. His main interest is studying. He has traveled to many countries, including: Pakistan, the United States, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Ireland.

Education: Ibrahimi completed his primary education at the Basous School, Kunduz Province and completed his secondary education in Takharestan Religious High School in 1979. He was then admitted to the language & literature program at Kabul University, where he is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in Arabic.

Previous occupation: After graduating from university, Ibrahimi joined the Mujahideen to fight against the Soviet Union. At the end of the jihad he was assigned as the commander of Sherkhan Bandar in 1993. He was subsequently appointed as the commander of the third Southern Border zone. After the Taliban regime collapsed, he worked as the Commander of Border Forces.

2005 Parliament: Ibrahimi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 8,849 votes. He was a member of the Internal Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: Ibrahimi participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002. He was elected as the Wolesi Jirga's Speaker of the House in February 2011.

Eng. Kamal

Province: Kunduz **District:** Dasht Archi **Votes**: 5705

Phone: 0799434400 Age: 38 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Affairs and Banking (Secretary, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Eng. Kamal, son of Sawdagar, was born in 1973 in the Dasht Archi district of Kunduz province. He is married and has three children. He has traveled to Pakistan, India, Japan and Tajikistan. His interests include reading and surfing the internet. Kamal's first language is Pashto, and he also speaks Dari, Urdu and English.

Education: Kamal completed his secondary education at Abdullah Bin Masoud Higher Secondary School in Pakistan in 1987. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Engineering and Technology of Teksela (Islamabad, Pakistan) in 1994. He has a master's degree in Leadership and Management Skills Development from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), which he earned in 2007.

Civil society/NGO connections: Kamal participated in social, civic and political activities during and after his studies and has worked primarily with NGOs. He was a member of the Blood Donation Society, manager of the Afghan Immigrants Camp in Pakistan, and director of the north zone of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in Wadan, Afghanistan. He is also a member of UNITAR in Afghanistan.

Previous occupation: Kamal is the director of a construction joint venture company and of the Society for Sustainable Development of Afghanistan (SSDA). He served as regional manager with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) from 2001 to 2006.

Said Dawoud Nadiri

Province: Kunduz **District**: Doshi, Baghlan **Votes:** 3629

Phone: 799358075 **Age**: 39 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Natural Resources and the Environment (Deputy)

Personal background: Said Dawoud Nadiri, son of Sayed Abdul Qadir, was born in 1972 in the Doshi district of Baghlan province. He is the nephew of Said Mansur Nadiri, the leader of Paiwand Milli and a Member of Parliament serving Baghlan province. He is married and has two sons and one daughter. He has traveled to Uzbekistan, Russia, Germany, England, India and France. Nadiri's interests include reading, sports and hunting. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto, English and French.

Education: Nadiri completed his primary and secondary education in the United Kingdom in 1991. He has a bachelor's degree in Literature from a Manchester, United Kingdom university, which he earned in 1996.

Previous occupation: Nadiri was a businessman, importing and exporting cars.

Other information: And Nadiri is a member of the Executive Council of Hezb-e-Paiwand Milli Afghanistan.

Shaista Baz Nasiri

Province: Kunduz **District**: Khanabad **Votes**: 3874

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs (Previous Secretary, 2011)

Personal background: Shaista Baz Nasiri, son of Haji Lal Baz, was born in 1976 in Khanabad district, Kunduz. He is married and has four sons. Nasiri's interests include reading and sports. He speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Nasiri completed his secondary education at Khan Abad High School in Kunduz province, graduating from twelfth class in 2003. Currently he is studying Law at the Dawat University of Kabul, in his third semester.

Previous occupation: Nasiri has experience working in construction companies and in the agricultural sector. He was the border manager of the Shir Khan Border in 2006. He is also a landowner.

Other information: *•

Abdul Wudod Payman

Province: Kunduz **District:** Anaba, Panjshir **Votes:** 4063

Phone: 787700740 **Age:** 53 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Religious and Cutural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Abdul Wudod Payman, son of Muhammad Kabir, was born in 1958 in the Anaba district of Panjshair province. He is married and has four daughters and three sons. He has traveled to Pakistan, India, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Tajikistan and Russia. Payman is interested in reading. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Urdu and Arabic.

Education: Payman completed his secondary education at Rukha High School in Panjshir province in 1977. He then graduated from the Hadiqat ull-Ulom Islamic Madrasa of Peshawar in 1981.

Previous occupation: Much of Payman's experience is in teaching Islamic studies. He also fought with the Mujahideen. He has served as a political officer for the National Guard of the Ministry of Defense and as a director in the Air Force. He has also worked as a businessman dealing in precious stones.

Other information: Payman is affiliated with Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan, led by Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal. He joined the party in 1976. He participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.



Alhaj Nazari Turkmani

Province: Kunduz **District:** Qala-e Zal **Votes:** 4124

Phone: 700979703 **Age:** 38 **New Member**

First language: Turkmen

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Legislative Affairs (Secretary, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Alhaj Nazari Turkmani, son of Ana Murad, was born in 1973 in the Qala Zal district of Kunduz province. He is married and has five daughters and one son. He has traveled to Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, France and Russia. His interests include reading and swimming. His first language is Turkmen and he also speaks Turkish, Arabic, Urdu, Dari, Pashto and English.

Education: Turkmani completed his secondary education at the Mawlawi Sarajuddin High School in Kunduz province in 2005. He received a diploma in Islamic Studies and Journalism from Hayat Abad University of Pakistan in 1990. Currently, he is a student of Law and Political Science at a private university in Kunduz.

Previous occupation: Turkmani worked in an orphanage in Kabul for one year. He was the Secretary to the Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga from 2005 through 2010.

2005 Parliament: Turkmani ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 4,564 votes.

Other information: ● Turkmani is affiliated with the Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan. He was the deputy for Parliamentary Election Affairs at the Third Congress of the party.

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Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Haji Muhammad	Mehtarlam	48	8730		Pashto	Hezb-e-Islami	Internal		
Hassan Mamozai	Center					Afghanistan			
Alhaj Major General	Mehtarlam	50	5202		Pashto	Hezb-e-Jamiat	Narcotics		
Naqibullah �	Center					Islami Afghanistan			
Eng. Muhammad	Alinghar	52	8215	√	Pashaee	Independent	Internal		
Alam Qarar				·					
Alhaj Zefnoon Safi	Mehtarlam	40	2336	√	Pashto	Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli	Finance		
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Haji Muhammad Hassan Mamozai

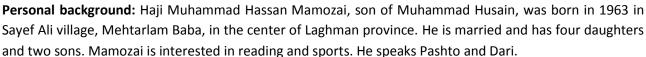
Province: Laghman **District:** Mehtarlam Center **Votes**: 8730

Phone: 700602973 **Age:** 48 **New Member**

Language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Education: Mamozai graduated from Nangahar High School in 1984. He was admitted to the Engineering Program at Kabul University in 1988, where he studied for two years. He was unable to complete these studies due to the war in Afghanistan.

Previous occupation: From 1990-1996, Mamozai worked as a teacher at the Chahar Asyab School of the Chahar Asyab district of Kabul province. He is an athlete and ran a gym during the Taliban government in Nangarhar province. He was later jailed during the Taliban period. In 2001, he established the Esrar Muzamil Construction Materials Company.

Alhaj Major General Nagibullah

Province: Laghman **District:** Mehtarlam Center **Votes:** 5202

Phone: 700399900 **Age:** 50 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics



Personal background: Alhaj Major General Naqibullah, son of Muhammadullah, was born in 1961 in the center of Laghman province, in Mehtarlam Baba. He is married and has eleven children. Naqbullah's interests include reading Islamic books. His first language is Pashto and he speaks English and Arabic as well.

Education: Naqibullah graduated from Rokhan High School in Laghman in 1981. He then continued his studies at the Harbi Pohantoon Military University of Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami in Pakistan in 1984.

Previous occupation: Naqibullah was a former jihadi commander of Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan in Khyber Zone, south-eastern Afghanistan. He has also worked as a police chief, and as the head of the Tribal and Ethnic Affairs Department in Laghman province. From 1984-1992, he fought against the Soviet Army and then against the Taliban regime. From 1992-2001, he was the team leader at Afghan Technical Consultants (ATC), a demining organization. He also commanded the 100th division of the Afghan National Army in Laghman province in 2003; he then participated in the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) process. From 2003-2010, he served as an elder in the province, participating in jirgas and solving local problems.

Other information: Anapibullah is affiliated with Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan, which he joined in 1979. He participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. His younger brother won a parliamentary seat in 2005, but was killed shortly afterwards.

Eng. Muhammad Alam Qarar

Province: Laghman **District:** Alinghar **Votes:** 8215

Phone: 0700608008 Age: 52 Incumbent

Language: Pashaee

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Eng. Muhammad Alam Qarar is the son of Malik Wali Mohammad. He was born in 1959 in the Alingar district of Laghman province. He is married and has eight daughters and three sons. He is interested in reading. He speaks Pashaee and also Dari and Pashto.

Education: Qarar graduated from Shaikh Muhammad Husain High School in Alinghar district, Laghman province, in 1976. He studied engineering for three years at Kabul University, starting in 1979.

Previous occupation: Qarar was a well-known Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan commander in southern Afghanistan during the jihad. He also worked as police chief as well as head of Tribal and Ethnic Affairs of Laghman province.

2005 Parliament: Qarar was elected to the 2005 parliament with 7,332 votes. During this term, he served on the Internal Affairs commission.

Other information: Qarar participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. He is known to be affiliated with Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan.

Alhaj Zefnoon Safi

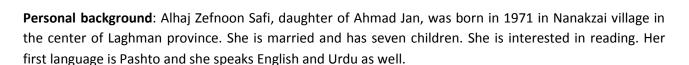
Province: Laghman **District**: Mehtarlam Center **Votes**: 2336

Phone: 799273283 Age: 40 Incumbent

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs



Education: Safi graduated from Mastoora High School in Laghman in 1989. She earned her fourteenth class certificate from the Teacher Training Institute of Laghman in 1996.

Civil society/NGO connections: Safi volunteered with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in the area of women's affairs.

Previous occupation: From 1989-1996, Safi worked as a teacher at Mastoora High School in Laghman. From 2002-2005, she served as head of the Women's Affairs Department in Laghman province. She was also a provincial trainer for the Women's Fast Learning Program at the Afghanistan Development Association (ADA).

2005 Parliament: Safi was elected to the 2005 parliament with 1,848 votes. She served on the Budget, Finance, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: ❖ Safi is affiliated with Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan, having joined the party in 2005.

LOGAR										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Alhaj Shakila Hashimi	Central Logar	43	1174	√	Dari	Independent	Economy			
Eng. Sahib Khan 🌣	Azra	54	1831		Pashto	Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan	Transport			
Haji Ali Muhammad •	Pul-e Alam	58	3540	✓	Pashto	Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan	Transport			
Haji Muhammad Akbar Stanikzai	Central Logar	31	2224		Pashto	Independent	Finance			

Alhaj Shakila Hashimi

Province: Logar District: Central Logar Votes: 1174

Phone: 700235434 **Age:** 43 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development and Agriculture

Personal background: Alhaj Shakila Hashimi was born in 1968 in the center of Logar province. She is married and has two daughters and one son. Hashimi's interests include reading. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks Pashto and English.

Education: Hashimi finished her secondary education at the Professional School of Women in Kabul in 1995. She earned her bachelor's degree in medicine (with a specialty as an ultrasound technician) from a university in Pakistan in 2002.

Civil society/NGO connections: Hashimi has been the head of the Development Solidarity Center for Children, Culture and Youth since 2002.

Previous occupation: During the Taliban period, Hashimi conducted ultrasound courses and was a master trainer on 35 courses supported by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). She was one of the first women to perform ultrasound diagnostics in Afghanistan in 1998. She also worked at the Wahaj Private Diagnostic Hospital. From 2002-2005, she was head of the Women's Council in the seventh district in Kabul province and from 2003-2005 she was deputy of the Women's Section on the International Commission of Human Rights, a non governmental organization based in Pakistan.

2005 Parliament: Hashimi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 2,855 votes. She served on the Health, Sport, Youth, Labor and Workers commission and later as deputy chair of the Defense and Territorial Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: Hashimi participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. She lost her teenage daughter when insurgents attacked her home in Kabul in 2006.

Eng. Sahib Khan

Province: Logar **District**: Azra **Votes**: 1831

Phone: 777079381 **Age:** 54 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Eng. Sahib Khan is the son of Mohammada Jan. He was born in 1957 in Darki Khil village in the Azra district of Logar province. He is married and has seven children. He enjoys reading and playing with his kids. Khan speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Khan graduated from Rahman Baba High School in 1974. He has a bachelor's degree in Forestry and Horticulture from the Agriculture Program at Kabul University, which he earned in 1978. He has taken many agricultural, business, training, management and social courses.

Civil society/NGO connections: Khan has written publications on agricultural and beekeeping issues.

Previous occupation: From 1985-1987, Khan was the Afghan refugees' village representative for the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in NWFP Pakistan. From 1989-1998, he supervised beekeeping training for the IRC in six provinces of Afghanistan. From 2000-2001 he served as a beekeeping consultant and training supervisor with the Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees (DACAAR) in Laghman and Ghazni provinces. From 2003-2006, he was an agronomist coordinator for an International Medical Corps (IMC) emergency program in Wardak province and from 2006-2010 he worked as a project agronomist and field manager with DACAAR in Laghman, Ghazni and Paktia provinces.

Other information: <

Haji Ali Muhammad

Province: Logar **District:** Pul-e Alam **Votes:** 3540

Phone: 707124141 **Age:** 58 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Haji Ali Muhammad is the son of Haji Aziz Mohammad. He was born in 1953 in the center of Logar province. He is married and has seven sons and four daughters. He is interested in reading. Muhammad's first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari.

Education: Muhammad graduated from the twelfth class of Kalengar High School in Logar Province in 1973.

Previous occupation: Muhammad is a former jihadi commander. He was also the director of the Muhmad Hospital in Kabul, where he worked from 1992-2009. He owns a business importing German vehicles and also a construction company, which he established in 2002.

2005 Parliament: Muhammad was elected to parliament in 2005 with 3,534 votes. He served on the Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply and Municipal Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: O

Haji Muhammad Akbar Stanikzai

Province: Logar District: Central Logar Votes: 2224

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs

Personal background: Haji Muhammad Akbar Stanikzai is the son of Ghulam Farouq. He was born in 1980 in the center of Logar province. Stanikzai is married and has three sons. He is interested in reading and sports. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari and English.

Education: Stanikzai finished his primary education at Ahmadya Padkhwab Shana School of Logar province in 1993. He graduated from the Imam Husain Bibi Ayesha Sediqa High School in Peshawar, Pakistan in 2003. He is currently in his first year with the Law faculty of Dawat University in Kabul.

Civil society/NGO connections: Stanikzai is the head of the Stanikzai Tribal Council.

Previous occupation: Stanikzai is a tribal elder in Logar. He directed the Farooq Stanikzai Logistic and Contract Company from 2004-2011.

NANGARHAR									
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Haji Hazrat Ali ⊙	Kushmoon	46	13458	√	Pashaee	Hezb-e- Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Internal		
Frishta Anwari	District 3	34	3889		Pashto	Independent	International		
Amir Jan Dauwlatzai	Chaperzai	51	4908		Pashto	Independent	Complaints		
Eng. Said Ekram ❖	Sorkh Rod	42	5746		Dari	Independent	Finance		
Haji Pir Bakhsh Gardiwal �	Momandara	47	7427	✓	Pashto	Independent	Immunities		
Eng. Abdul Ghafar	Behsud	54	6824		Pashto	Independent	Complaints		
Layluma Wali Hakimi	Sorkh Rod	45	2625		Pashto	Independent	Finance		
Saima Khogyani	Khogyani	39	2640	✓	Pashto	Independent	Environment		
Farydoon Momand	Goshta	43	7554	✓	Pashto	Independent	Immunities		
Haji Abdul Zahir Qader	Sorkh Rod	38	10026		Pashto	Independent	Defense (2011), First Deputy Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga		
Dr. Asamatullah Shenwari (Achen	37	6202		Pashto	Independent	Complaints		
Haji Amir Khan Yar	Kama	37	10031		Pashto	Independent	Finance (c)		
Mirwais Yasini	Kama	47	13624	✓	Pashto	Independent	Education		
Arian Yoon	Khiva	37	4920	✓	Pashto	Independent	International		

Haji Hazrat Ali

Province: Nangarhar **District**: Kushmoon **Votes**: 13458

First language: Pashaee

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Haji Hazrat Ali is the son of Mullah Mohammad Amir. Born in 1964, he grew up in the mountain village of Kushmoon in Char Bagh district, Laghman province. He is a well-known commander in Nangarhar and the leader of the Pashaee people. He is married with five sons and eight daughters. Ali is interested in reading. His first language is Pashaee, and he speaks Pashto, Dari and Urdu as well.

Education: Ali completed his basic education in Laghman province. He completed his secondary education in Nangarhar province.

Previous occupation: Following his education, Ali commanded a small military group during the Soviet war. After some years he became a powerful military commander and an important leader in the Pashaee community. He worked as a commander of Nangarhar Airbase and Nangarhar Army Corps. Later, he became a police chief in his home province of Nangarhar.

2005 Parliament: Ali was elected to parliament in 2005 with 12,604 votes. He served on the Legislative Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: •

Frishta Anwari

Province: Nangarhar **District**: District 3 **Votes**: 3889

Phone: 700981010 **Age:** 34 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Frishta Anwari, daughter of Abdul Qader, was born in 1977 in the Shahahid area of Kabul city. She is married, has four children, and enjoys reading. She can speak Pashto, Dari and English.

Education: Anwari graduated from the Bakhtar High School in Balkh province in 1995. She received her fourteenth class certificate from Said Jamaluddin Teacher Training Institute in Kabul in 2003. She also has a degree in Business Administration from Kardan University in Kabul, which she completed in 2006.

Civil society/NGO connections: Anwari has worked with NGOs during her career, including the Afghanistan Development Association (ADA).

Previous occupation: From 2001-2002, Anwari was a teacher at the Abdul Qasim Ferdawsi High School. From 2002-2003, she served as an administrative officer at the Afghan/German Help Coordination Office (AGHCO) and from 2003-2004, she worked as an administrative and financial officer for the Development of Humanitarian Services for Afghanistan (DHSA). From 2004-2006, she was the human resources director at ADA and from 2006-2010, she served as chief of staff for the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG) in Kabul.

Amir Jan Dauwlatzai

Province: Nangarhar **District:** Chaperzai **Votes:** 4908

Phone: 794201350 **Age:** 51 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions



Personal background: Amir Jan Dauwlatzai, son of Haji Mullah Jan, was born in 1960 in Dauwlatzai village of the Chaperzai district. He is married and has six children. He is interested in always being with the people of his country. Dauwlatzai speaks Pashto.

Education: Dauwlatzai completed his primary and secondary education in Nangarhar, then graduated from Ibn-e-Sina High School in 2005.

Civil society/NGO connections: Dauwlatzai is well-known in Nangarhar as a tribal leader. He has helped to solve tribal problems through his work on jirgas.

Previous occupation: Before running for parliament, Dauwlatzai worked in the import-export business and in vehicle sales. He now works in real estate.

2005 Parliament: Dawlatzai ran unsuccessfully in the 2005 elections, gaining 6,284 votes.

Other information: Dauwlatzai was a member of Hezb-e-Islami Mawlawi Khalis (the Islamic Party of Mawlavi Khalis) during the jihad.

Eng. Said Ekram

Province: Nangarhar **District**: Sorkh Rod **Votes**: 5746

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs

interested in reading. His first language is Dari but he speaks English as well.

Personal background: Eng. Said Ekram, son of Haji Sayed Burhan, was born in 1969 in Bagrami village, Sorkh Rod district. He is married and has six children. Ekram has traveled to more than ten countries and is

Education: Ekram graduated from Chaknori High School in Nangarhar in 1989. He earned his bachelor's degree from the Engineering Faculty of Nangarhar University in 1997.

Previous occupation: From 1989-1992, Ekram worked as a supply manager for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Department for Afghan Refugees in Peshawar, Pakistan. From 1992-1997, he was deputy of the Reconstruction and Social Services for Afghanistan (RSSA) and then became head of RSSA from 1997-2000. He did not return to Afghanistan until 2004, after which he was a construction adviser at the Kohi Noor Foundation. He has been the director of the Sayed Bilal Sadath Construction Company (SBSCC) since 2008.

Other information: *

Haji Pir Bakhsh Gardiwal

Province: Nangarhar District: Momandara Votes: 7427

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges

Personal background: Haji Pir Bakhsh Gardiwal is the son of Haji Pir Mohammad. He was born in 1964 in the Momandara district of Nangarhar province. He is married and has eleven children. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari and Urdu.

Education: Gardiwal graduated from Emal Khan Baba High School in Nangarhar in 1982.

Previous occupation: Gardiwal worked as the chairperson of the Nangarhar Transportation Department from 1993 to 1995. He served as chairperson of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) of Nangarhar province from 2002-2004. In 2005, he worked as a deputy of tribal affairs in the Kabul NDS and later in the same year as the political deputy for the NDS in Logar.

2005 Parliament: Gardiwal was elected to parliament in 2005 with 8,646 votes. He served on the Commission for Narcotics, Toxic Substances and Ethics during this term.

Other information: *

Eng. Abdul Ghafar

Province: Nangarhar **District:** Behsud **Votes:** 6824

Phone: 700293534 **Age**: 54 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions

Personal background: Eng. Abdul Ghafar was born in 1957 in Behsud district, Nangarhar province. He is married and has seven sons and seven daughters. His interests include reading and sports. He speaks Pashto as well as Dari, Urdu, Russian and English.

Education: Ghafar finished high school in 1969 and traveled to Balkh to study at the Polytechnic University. He studied there for three years and then left Balkh for Pakistan.

Previous occupation: Ghafar lived in Pakistan for 24 years and was involved with jihadists working in Afghanistan. When the Mujahideen took power, he became the head of the Customs Department in Nangarhar for five years. During the civil war he went back to Pakistan and remained there for five years. In 2001, he returned to Afghanistan and was appointed as Mayor of Jalalabad for one year. Alongside his responsibilities in parliament, he runs a business importing vehicles from the United States to Afghanistan.

2005 Parliament: Ghafar ran unsuccessfully for the Wolesi Jirga in 2005, gaining 3,867 votes.

Other information: Ghafar participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Layluma Wali Hakimi

Province: Nangarhar **District:** Sorkh Rod **Votes:** 2625

Phone: 799338626 **Age:** 45 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs

Personal background: Layluma Wali Hakimi, daughter of Muhammad Qasim, was born in 1966 in Malik Khel village, Sorkh Rod district. She is married and has one son and two daughters. She is interested in reading. Hakimi's first language is Pashto and she also speaks Dari and English.

Education: Hakimi graduated from Soraya High School in Kabul in 1986. She attained her bachelor's degree in History and Philosophy from Kabul University in 1990.

Previous occupation: Hakimi taught at Khair Khana High School in Kabul from 1995-1996. From 1996-2006, she taught at Ferdawsi High School in Kabul and from 2007-2008, she took the role of principal.

Saima Khogyani

Province: Nangarhar **District:** Khogyani **Votes:** 2640

Phone: 0700692115 Age: 39 Incumbent

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Natural Resources and the Environment



Personal background: Saima Khogyani was born in 1972 in Bar Bahar village, Khogyani district. She is married with two sons. She is interested in reading. Her first language is Pashto and she also speaks Dari and English.

Education: Khogyani graduated from Bagram Airport High School in Parwan province in 1990 and received her bachelor's degree in science from the Science Faculty of Kabul University in 2009. She is currently studying Law and Politics at Aryana Private University in Nangarhar province.

Civil society/NGO connections: During the Taliban period, Khogyani worked with non-governmental = and aid organizations in Pakistan.

Previous occupation: From 1993-1996, Khogyani was a teacher and administrative assistant at the Shahed Mohammad Arif High School. From 1996-2001, she worked with Swiss Aid, the Mother and Child Support Clinic and with the German Agro Action Program in Peshawar, Pakistan. From 2002-2004, she joined the Red Crescent Society and from 2004-2005, she was responsible for the Women's Department in the Nangarhar regional office of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC). She was also a journalist for Voice of America (VOA) for a short period of time while serving as the head of the Independent Parliamentary Association of Afghan Women.

2005 Parliament: Khogyani was elected to parliament in 2005 with 5,860 votes. She served on and later chaired the Women's Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: In 2002, Khogyani participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga.

Farydoon Momand

Province: Nangarhar **District:** Goshta **Votes:** 7554

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges



Personal background: Farydoon Momand was born in 1968 in Goshta village, Goshta district, Nangarhar province. He is married with six sons and one daughter. His interests include reading and sports. Momand speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Momand graduated from Khoshal Khan High School in Jalalabad in 1985. He has also participated in courses and seminars conducted by the Ministry of Defense.

Previous occupation: Momand was a tribal leader who fought against the Taliban in his area during the Taliban regime. From 1985-1987, he commanded the 818th border platoon of the Afghan National Army (ANA). From 1987-1989, he served as deputy commander of the 563rd brigade of the ANA and from 1989-1990, as commander of the 568 battalion of the ANA. From 2001-2004, he acted as head of the Department for Tribes and Frontiers in Nangarhar province.

2005 Parliament: Momand was elected to parliament in 2005 with 6,819 votes. He served on the Defense and Territorial Affairs commission during this term.

Haji Abdul Zahir Qader

Province: Nangarhar **District:** Sorkh Rod **Votes:** 10026

Phone: 0777620620 **Age:** 38 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs (2011), First Deputy Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga

Personal Background: Haji Abdul Zahir Qader was born in 1973 in Nangarhar Province. Qadir is the son of Abdul Qadir, a senior member of the United Islamic Front (also called the Northern Alliance) and one of the first Vice Presidents of the Afghan Transitional Administration, who was assassinated on July 8, 2002. Qadir's family has long-standing ties with Mohammed Zahir Shah, the last king of Afghanistan. He is married with three sons and two daughters. His interests include reading. He speaks Pashto, Dari, Arabic, English and Urdu.

Education: Qadir graduated from high school in Saudi Arabia with a twelfth class certificate. He studied Law in Pakistan.

Civil Society/NGO connections: Qadir is the leader of the Peace Karwan group, a social/political movement based in Nangarhar. He is also currently the director of a body-building club and leader of the Coalition for Support of Rule of Law, formerly the Peace Karwan Party parliamentary group.

Previous occupation: Qadir was formerly a general in Afghanistan's Border Guard. He is currently the president of the Rana Institute of English Language and Computer Science in Nangarhar. Qadir founded the Karwan-e-Solh ("Peace Caravan") parliamentary group⁵¹ and chairs the 200 plus member Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law.⁵²

⁵¹ Ruttig, Thomas. "Special Court Suggests to Change 62 MPs: The Outgoing and the Outcome (amended)." Afghan Analysts Network. June 26, 2011. http://aan-afghanistan.com/print.asp?id=1843.

⁵² "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324.

Dr. Asamatullah Shenwari

Province: Nangarhar **District:** Achen **Votes:** 6202

Phone: 0799554870 **Age:** 37 **New Member**

First language: Pashto 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions



Personal background: Dr. Asamatullah Shenwari, son of Abdul Aziz, was born in 1974 in the Batan village, Achen district in Nangarhar province. His family is well-known among Nangarhar residents because his grandfather was a brigadier general in the Afghan National Army and his uncle governed Khewa district. He is married and has six children. Shenwari is interested in reading religious and Islamic books. He speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Shenwari graduated from Nangahar High School in 1993. He earned his bachelor's degree in Stomatology from the Medical Faculty of Nangarhar University in 1996.

Previous occupation: © After his schooling, Shenwari began work in a private pharmacy. From 1998-1999, he worked at the Isra Private Clinic in Nangahar province and remained in the medical field until 2005. From 2005-2009, he served on the Nangarhar Provincial Council.

Haji Amir Khan Yar

Province: Nangarhar **District**: Kama **Votes**: 10031

Phone: 700601415 **Age:** 37 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs (Chair, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Haji Amir Khan Yar was born in 1973 in Kama district, Nangarhar province. He is married and has five sons and four daughters. His interests include reading. His first language is Pashto and he speaks Pashaee, Urdu, Dari and English as well.

Education: Yar finished his primary studies up to tenth class in Peshawar High School, Pakistan. He then graduated from high school in Nangarhar province in 1995. He received his fourteenth class certificate from an International Rescue Committee (IRC) run engineering institute in Peshawar in 1997. Beside these studies, Haji Amir has completed many short courses on different topics including management, accounting, leadership and human rights in Pakistan, the United States and Italy.

Previous occupation: Yar has experience working in governmental and national/international non-governmental organizations. He also owns a trade company, which he established in 2004.

Mirwais Yasini

Province: Nangarhar District: Kama Votes: 13624

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Mirwais Yasini, son of Maulavi Abdul Sattar, was born in 1963 in Tahir village, Kama district in Nangarhar province. He is married with two sons and three daughters. Yasini's interests include reading. He can speak Pashto, Dari, Arabic, English and Urdu.

Education: After the invasion of Russian troops in Afghanistan, Yasini immigrated to Pakistan and was admitted to Islamabad Islamic International University. He earned a bachelor of laws degree in Sharia and Law in 1993 and then a master's degree in Sharia and Political Science.

Civil society/NGO connections: Yasini served as director of the Afghan Red Crescent Society in 2002.

Previous occupation: Yasini fought against the Soviet occupation beginning in 1978, fighting in the Tora Bora region, Khost and Paktia until the late 1980s. After the fall of the Taliban he worked with the Red Crescent Society and then as the director of foreign relations and economic affairs at the Ministry of Finance. He was later appointed the Deputy Minister of Counter-Narcotics, and held the post for one year, from 2004-2005.

2005 Parliament: Yasini was elected to the 2005 Wolesi Jirga with 7,612 votes. He was later appointed as the first deputy speaker of the parliament.

Other information: Yasini participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002, serving as the Jirga's deputy. He ran unsuccessfully for president in 2009.

Arian Yoon

Province: Nangarhar **District**: Khiva **Votes**: 4920

Phone: 700635759 **Age:** 37 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs

Personal background: Arian Yoon is the daughter of Abdullah Mohammadi. She was born in 1974 in Nangarhar province. She is married and has four children. Yoon is interested in reading. She can speak Pashto and Dari.

Education: Yoon graduated from Amin-e-Fedawi High School in Kabul. She has a master's degree in Languages and Literature which she earned from Kabul University in 2007.

Previous occupation: Yoon has worked as a lecturer at Damhat-ul-Momineen University. She also taught at Amin-e-Fedawi High School. With the United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghansitan, she has worked with women in Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan provinces. Yoon has published many academic works and compilations including "Landayo ta Katana" ("A look into Pashto Poetry"), "Biographies of Pashton Female Poets" and a translation of geometry into Pashto for class ten.

2005 Parliament: Yoon was elected to parliament in 2005 with 2,608 votes. She served on the Commission for International Affairs during this term.

NIMROZ										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Frishta Amini	Zaranj	36	3369		Dari	Independent	Economy			
Farida Hamedi	Zaranj	44	3480		Balochi	Independent	International			

Frishta Amini

Province: Nimroz **District**: Zaranj **Votes:** 3369

Phone: 797220841 **Age**: 36 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

(previous Secretary, 2011)

Personal background: Frishta Amini, daughter of Dr. Solayman, was born in 1975 in Zeranj district, Nimroz province. Amini's father was a doctor on the Nimroz front for the Mujahideen. She is married and has two children. Her interests include reading and music. Amini speaks Dari.

Education: Amini finished her primary and secondary education at the Den wa Danish High School in Iran in 1993. She attained her bachelor's degree in Laboratory Science from Mazendaran University, Iran, in 2009.

Previous occupation: Amini spent 32 years in Iran during the war. After returning to Afghanistan she ran a diagnostic clinic in Zaranj city and served as a laboratory doctor for two years.

2005 Parliament: Amini ran unsuccessfuly for parliament in 2005, gaining 1,154 votes.

Farida Hamedi

Province: Nimroz **District:** Zaranj **Votes:** 3480

Phone: 799349720 **Age**: 44 **New Member**

First language: Balochi

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Farida Hamedi, daughter of Abdul Razaq, was born in 1967 in Zeranj district, Nimroz province. Her grandfather was an MP under the Zahir Shah regime. She is married and has two sons and four daughters. She is interested in reading and sports. Her first language is Balochi and she speaks Dari and English as well.

Education: Hamedi completed her primary education at Mirwais Hotaki School in Kabul, and her secondary education at Gawari School in Kabul. She graduated from Soraya High School in Kabul in 1983. She attained her diploma from the Sayed Jamaluddin Teacher Training Institute in Kabul in 1985.

Previous occupation: Hamedi taught science at underground girls' schools in Kabul from 1986 throughout the Taliban regime. She later became the head of the Department of Women's Affairs in Nimroz – a position she held for eight years, from 2001-2009.

2005 Parliament: Hamedi ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 940 votes.

Other information: Hamedi participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002, the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003 and the Peace Jirga in 2010.

NURISTAN									
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Maulawi Ahmadullah Mujahid �	Waygal	40	2261		Nuristani	Independent	Immunities		
Dr. Parween Nuristani	Waygal	36	3349		Nuristani	Independent	Health		

Maulawi Ahmadullah Mujahid

Province: Nuristan District: Waygal Votes: 2261

First language: Nuristani

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges



Personal background: Maulawi Ahmadullah Mujahid (Mowahed), son of Alhaj Mia Gul, was born in 1971 in the Waygal district of Nuristan province. He is married and has four sons and three daughters. He is interested in reciting the Holy Quran. Mujahid speaks Nuristani and also Dari, Pashto, Urdu, Arabic and English.

Education: Mujahid completed his primary education in his village and his secondary education at Ibn-e Sina High School in Peshawar. He received his bachelor's degree in Islamic Education from Jamiat UI-Islamia University in Pakistan in 1995.

Civil society/NGO connections: Mujahid is a tribal elder and deputy chair of the Nuristani People's Council.

Previous occupation: From 1996 to 1998, Mujahid taught at the Ibn-e Sina High School. From 1998 to 1999, he supervised with the Beljim Educational Organization in Nuristan. He then joined a Swedish NGO working in Nuristan through 2001, at which point he became the education manager in Nuristan for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) until 2004. He became an international trainer with the Mission d'Aide au Développement des Economies Rurales (MADERA) in 2004-05; following this, Mujahid worked with the Afghan-German Education Organization from 2006-2008. He is the chair of the Mahir Construction Company, which has projects across Nuristan province.

2005 Parliament: Mujahid ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, winning 10,399 votes and coming in second in the province.

Other information: *

Dr. Parween Nuristani

Province: Nuristan **District:** Waygal **Votes**: 3349

Phone: 772588342 **Age**: 36 **New Member**

First language: Nuristani

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Health, Sports, Youth, Labor and Workers

Personal background: Dr. Parween Nuristani, daughter of Abdul Qader, was born in 1975 in the Waygal district of Nuristan province. She is married and has three children. She is interested in reading. Her first language is Nuristani and she speaks English as well.

Education: In 1990, Nuristani graduated from Abu UI Qasem Ferdosi High School in Kabul. She received her bachelor's degree in Medicine from Kabul Medical University in 2010.

Previous occupation: From 1996 to 2001, Nuristani taught at the Waygal School in Nuristan. From 2002 to 2008 she studied at the Kabul Medical University, at the same time working with the Department of Women's Affairs in Nuristan. Upon graduating, she worked in various Nuristani hospitals for two years before campaigning for parliament.

Other information: •

PAKTIA									
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission		
Muhammad Ibrahim Ghashtalay �	Sayed Karam	31	3925		Pashto	Independent	Transport (d)		
Alhaj Gul Padshah Majedi •	Zazi Aryub	45	5917	✓	Pashto	Independent	Environment		
Alhaj Nawab Mangal •	Laja Mangal	55	4654		Pashto	Independent	Internal		
Razia Sadat Mangal	Mirzaka (Sayed Karam)	38	3850		Pashto	Independent	Education		
Dr. Mujiburrahman Samkani	Samkani	38	4099		Pashto	Independent	Health (d)		

Muhammad Ibrahim Ghashtalay

Province: Paktia **District:** Sayed Karam **Votes:** 3925

Phone: 774129290 Age: 31 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs (Deputy)

Personal background: Muhammad Ibrahim Ghashtalay, son of Haji Khan Padshah, was born in 1980 in Kot Kala village, Sayed Karam district, Paktia province. Ghashtalay is married and has two sons and two daughters. His family is well-known in Paktia as his father was a prosecutor and his uncle was a Major General under Shahed Ghani Khan, a famous jihadi leader. He is interested in reading. His first language is Pashto and he speaks English as well.

Education: Ghashtalay graduated from Hazrat Bilal High School in Hango city, Pakistan in 1992. He got his bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from Kabul University in 2004.

Civil society/NGO connections: Ghashtalay established Pam ("Think"), a cultural organization, in 2007. He has since served as editor-in-chief for its publication.

Previous occupation: From 2006-2010, Ghashtalay worked as the Human Resources and Capacity Building Manager at the Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority.

2005 Parliament: He ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 547 votes.

Other information: *

Alhaj Gul Padshah Majedi

Province: Paktia **District**: Zazi Aryub **Votes:** 5917

Phone: 7993711710 **Age:** 45 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Natural Resources and the Environment (previous Deputy, 2011)

Personal background: Alhaj Gul Padshah Majedi is the son of Haji Zargul. He was born in 1966 in Zazi Aryub district of Paktia province. He is married and has one daughter and four sons. His interests include reading, politics, sports and music. Majedi's first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, English, Urdu and German.

Education: Majedi graduated from Noor Muhammad Shah Mina High School in Kabul. He earned his bachelor's degree in English Literature at Kabul University, and studied law at the University of Karachi, Pakistan.

Civil society/NGO connections: Majedi is a member of foundations working with youth, specifically the Majedi Foundation, of which he is the head after having established in 2011.

Previous occupation: Majedi runs his own business. He also works as a chairperson of the National Society of the southern zone and as an executive member of Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami party. He is also deputy of the Committee for Paktia Rehabilitation in Germany. He has been the head of the Paktia Construction Organization since 1992.

2005 Parliament: Majedi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 13,207 votes. He served on the Commission for Immunity and Privileges of the Parliamentarians during this term.

Other information: •

Alhaj Nawab Mangal

Province: Paktia **District:** Laja Mangal **Votes**: 4654

Phone: 788302020 **Age**: 55 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Alhaj Nawab Mangal, son of Haji Yardin, was born in 1956 in Shato village in the Laja Mangal district of Paktia province. He is the brother of Gulab Mangal, the governor of Helmand province. He is married and has seven children. He has traveled to countries including Pakistan, India, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Germany and China. He is interested in sports, reading and hunting. Mangal's first language is Pashto and he speaks Russian as well.

Education: Mangal graduated from the Harbi Khowanzay Military School in Kabul in 1986. He later took a six-month course in communication; he then studied tourism and archeology at the Institute of Kabul in 2005.

Previous occupation: During the Mujahideen and Taliban times, Mangal worked in private business. From 1989-2010, he worked with the Afghan National Army in many different provinces. He is ranked as a Colonel in the army and retired in 2010. He also leads a group of four companies.

Other information: O

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⁵³ Clark, Kate. "2010 Elections 5: Relatives of the Powerful Run for Parliament (Updated)." Afghan Analysts Network. September 17, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1051

Razia Sadat Mangal

Province: Paktia **District**: Sayed Karam **Votes:** 3850

Phone: 700147910 Age: 38 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education



Personal background: Razia Sadat Mangal, daughter of Neik Muhammad, was born in 1973 in the Sayed Karam district of Paktia province. She is married and has three children. Her family has a history of working in central government – both her father and grandfather held positions in the Ministry of the Interior. She is also the daughter-in-law of Taj Mohammed Wardak, a former Paktia Governor and Minister of Interior. She is interested in reading and sports. Mangal speaks Pashto, Dari, Urdu and English.

Education: Mangal graduated in 1989 from the Aims High School in Islamabad, Pakistan. She holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Banking from West Valley College in the United States, which she earned in 1996.

Civil society/NGO connections: While living in the United States, Mangal decided to pursue her interest in women's affairs in Afghanistan. She joined the Development Organization for the Revival of Afghanistan (DORA) in 2000 and became the director of the organization in 2004. She holds the position to date and has undertaken projects for women through the organization.

Previous occupation: In 1989, Mangal and her family moved to California in the United States, where she worked as a banker at the Bank of America from 1996 to 2000. In 2005, she established the first femaleowned construction company in Afghanistan.

Other information: Mangal has been vocal and active in her support of women's rights campaigns.

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⁵⁴ Clark, Kate. "2010 Elections 5: Relatives of the Powerful Run for Parliament (Updated)." Afghan Analysts Network. September 17, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1051

Dr. Mujiburrahman Samkani

Province: Paktia **District:** Samkani **Votes:** 4099

Phone: 799326796 **Age**: 38 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Health, Sports, Youth, Labor and Workers (Deputy, 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Dr. Mujiburrahman Samkani, son of Wakil Fazulrahman Samankai, was born in 1973 in the Chelsetoon area of Kabul city. He is married and has two sons and two daughters. He was selected as the Samkani tribal leader after his father's death. Samkani's father — a former parliament member — was killed in a suicide attack in November 2007. Samkani is interested in reading medical books. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks English and Urdu. He is locally known as an author and poet.

Education: Samkani graduated from Abdullah Bin Masoud High School in Hango, Pakistan in 1993. He completed his bachelor's degree in surgery at Afghan Medical University in Peshawar in 2001.

Previous occupation: Samkani worked as a doctor at the Kamal Medical Center and at the Al Kuwait Hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan from 2001-2004, then at the Samkani Hospital in Paktia province. From 2009-2010, he was an advisor with the governmental Office of Administrative Affairs and active on the Council of Ministers Secretariat.

PAKTIKA										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Sayed Ishaq Gailani	Yaya Khil	56	3975	√	Pashto	Hezb-e-Nuhzat Hambastagi Milli	International			
Nadir Khan Katawazai O	Khair Kot	54	11600	√	Pashto	Independent	International			
Mahmood Khan Suliman Khil ■	Janakhil	45	7604		Pashto	Independent	Complaints			
Najia � O	Urgun	43	2308		Pashto	Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan	Education (s)			

Sayed Ishaq Gailani

Province: Paktika **District**: Yaya Khil **Votes:** 3975

Phone: 799007311 **Age:** 56 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e Nuhzat Hambastagi Milli

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Sayed Ishaq Gailani, son of Sayed Ali Gailani, was born in 1973 in the second district of Kabul province to a well-known religious family. He is the leader of Hezb-e-Nuhzat Hambastagi Milli and is a Sufi religious leader (or "pir"). He is married and has two daughters. His interests include reading and sport. He speaks Pashto and also Dari and English.

Education: Gailani graduated from Nadirya High School in Kabul in 1978, and later earned his bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from Tehran University.

Civil society/NGO connections: Gailani was the founder of the *Arman* ("Hope") publication on migration. He also acted as volunteer director of the Afghan University in Peshawar.

Previous occupation: After completing university, Gailani joined the Mujahideen in 1978. In 1992 he was appointed head of the National Council for Understanding and Unity (Tafahum Wahdat Milli) in Peshawar for three sessions. He established Hezb-e-Nuhzat Hambastagi Milli in 2001.

2005 Parliament: Gailani was elected to parliament in 2005 with 34,920 votes. He served on the International Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: ❖ Gailani is the nephew of Pir Gailani, the leader of the Qadiriyya Sufist Order. Gailani participated in the Bonn conference in 2001 as well as the Cyprus meetings. He ran unsuccessfully for president in 2004. In 2009, he supported Dr. Abdullah's candidacy. He did not win outright in the 2010 elections,⁵⁵ but claimed his seat when Mahmmod Sulaimankhail was disqualified. Gailani heads the Political Committee of the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law.⁵⁶

⁵⁵ Ahmad, Farid. "84 Likely Poll Winners Referred to AG Office." Pajhwok. November 10. 2010. http://www.pajhwok.com/dr/node/126313

⁵⁶ "Parliament Unites in the Coalition for the Support of the Rule of Law." Bamdad. July 18, 2011. http://www.bamdad.af/index.php/english/story/1324.

Nadir Khan Katawazai

Province: Paktika **District**: Khair Kot **Votes:** 11600

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal background: Nadir Khan Katawazai, son of Haji Amanullah Khan, was born in 1957 in Khair Kot district, Paktika province. He is married and has six sons and two daughters. He has traveled to India, Pakistan, Iran, Germany, the United Arab Emirates and Japan. Katawazai is interested in reading and music. His first language is Pashto and he speaks Dari, English, Hindi and Urdu.

Education: Katawazai graduated from Sayed Jamaluddin Teacher Training Institute in Kabul in 1978. He has also studied at Abu Kalam Azad, a college in India.

Previous occupation: Katawazai taught in Paktika province. He was then appointed as the head of the Department of Tribes and Frontiers in Paktika. He is also a businessman.

2005 Parliament: Katawazai was elected to parliament with 25,616 votes. He served on the commission for Complaints and Petitions during this term.

Other information: • Katawazai participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003 respectively.

Mahmood Khan Suliman Khil

Province: Paktika **District:** Janakhil **Votes:** 7604

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions



Personal background: Mahmood Khan Suliman Khil was born in 1966 in Janakhil district, Paktika province. He is married with five sons and three daughters, and is a leader among the Kuchi people in Kabul. Suliman Khil's interests include participating in jirgas and meeting with people. He speaks Pashto, Dari, Urdu, Arabic and a little English.

Education: Suliman Khil graduated from Harbi Showanzi High School in Kabul in 1979. He then studied for one year at the Harbi Pohantoon Military University before participating in the jihad.

Previous occupation: Suliman Khil was the head of the Department for Kuchi Affiars in Paktika in 2007. In addition to his work as a tribal leader, he also runs a business importing medicines from Pakistan.

2005 Parliament: Suliman Khil ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 15,873 votes.

Other information: ■ During the jihad, Suliman Khil was affiliated with Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan, but is currently without affiliation. Suliman Khil was disqualified as a result of Electoral Complaints Commission investigations. He later replaced Haji Abdul Qadir as an MP for Paktika province in August 2011.

Najia

Province: Paktika **District**: Urgun **Votes**: 2308

Phone: 700200162 Age: 43 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education (Secretary)

Personal background: Najia, daughter of Haji Pir Mohammad, was born in the Deh Sabz district of Kabul city in 1968. She is married and has two daughters and three sons. Babakarkhil is interested in reading, and speaks Pashto, Dari, and a little English.

Education: Najia graduated from Amin-e-Fedawi High School in Kabul in 1981. She has a bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Economics at Kabul University, which she earned in 1985. She participated in the National Democratic Institute (NDI) Political Party Trainer Program, during which she received six weeks of intensive training on the basics of democracy, campaign management, party structure, direct voter contact, the roles of polling agents and personal leadership skills.

Civil society/NGO connections: Najia is a member of the Afghan Women's Political Participation Organization, and also a deputy of the Movement of Afghan Sisters. She is chairwoman of the Afghan Teachers' Cultural Union, and runs Dewa Private School in Kabul. During her training with NDI, she went on to train 130 party activists over six months.

Previous occupation: After earning her degree, Najia worked as a teacher at the Accounting Institute of Kabul from 1985-1987. She then taught economics at the Jamhoryat Professional School from 1987-1996, before becoming the school's director in 2001. From 2005-2010, she served as an environmental advisor at the Kabul municipality.

Other information: �O Najia is affiliated with Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan.

PANJSHIR										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Dr. Zaheer Sadat	Khinch	37	5400	√	Dari	Independent	Health			
Qazi Rahila Salim	Dara	44	4545	✓	Dari	Independent	International			

Dr. Zaheer Sadat

Province: Panjshir **District**: Khinch **Votes:** 5400

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Health, Sports, Youth, Labour and Workers



Personal Background: Dr. Zaheer Sadat, son of Tora Mer, was born in 1974 in Khinch district, Panjshir province. He is married and has six children. He has traveled to countries including Pakistan, Iran, China, Turkey, Russia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Italy and Germany. Sadat is interested in reading and sports. His first language is Dari and he also speaks English.

Education: Sadat completed his primary education at Khinch District School and his secondary education at Mujahid High School, Peshawar. He received a bachelor's degree in Administration and Management in London in 1999, and bachelor's and master's degrees in Medicine from Kabul University, both in 2007.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sadat is a member of the Afghan Private Hospital Doctors' Association.

Previous occupation: Sadat was a member of London hospitals' medical team in the United Kingdom from 1997-1998. From 1998-2002, Sadat worked with gemstones as a technician and from 2002-2006, he acted as head of the Jeehoon Reconstruction Services Organization (JRSO). In 2006, he became the head of the Aria City Hospital in Kabul city, a position he held through 2009, when he became a member of parliament due to another MP's resignation. He was elected to parliament in 2010.

2005 Parliament: Sadat ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005. He came in second in the province, behind Salih Muhammad Registani. When Registani resigned from his seat in 2009, Sadat served the final year of the term in Registani's place.

Qazi Rahila Salim

Province: Panjshir **District**: Dara **Votes**: 4545

Phone: 700010669 **Age:** 44 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): International Affairs



Personal Background: Qazi Rahila Salim was born in 1969 in Dara district, Panjshir province. She is married with five sons and one daughter. Her interests include reading. She speaks Dari, Pashto and some English.

Education: Salim has a bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from Kabul University in 1988.

Civil society/NGO connections: Salim worked as a master trainer in women's rights from an Islamic point of view with the Afghan Women's Network (AWN).

Previous occupation: Salim has 17 years of experience working with the Afghanistan Supreme Court and in the Attorney General's Office.

2005 Parliament: Salim was elected to parliament in 2005 with 4,401 votes. She served on the Legislative Affairs commission during this term.

	PARWAN									
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Alhaj Muhammad Almas Zahid	Bagram	50	12361	✓	Dari	Independent	Internal			
Saranwal Abdul Satar Khawasi	Ghorband	40	12555	√	Pashto	Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan	Education (2011), Secretary of the Wolesi Jirga			
Khuwaja Sediq Ahmad Osmani	Charikar	59	13074	✓	Dari	Hezb-e- Jamhori Afghanistan	Finance			
Alhaj Mir Rahman Rahmani	Bagram	49	16998		Dari	Independent	Economy (c)			
Samiah Azizi Sadat	Charikar	41	1679	√	Dari	Independent	Education			
Zakia Sangeen	Charikar	33	1802		Dari	Independent	Immunities			

Alhaj Muhammad Almas Zahid

Province: Parwan **District:** Bagram **Votes**: 12361

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal Background: Alhaj Muhammad Almas Zahid was born in 1961 in Bagram district, Parwan province. He is married to two wives with five daughters and six sons. His interests include reading and he speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Almas Zahid completed his secondary education at a high school in Parwan province, and later graduated from twelfth class at Bagram High School in 1978 (now Shafaq Shaheed High School).

Previous occupation: Before becoming a member of parliament in 2005, Almas Zahid worked as a provincial commander with the Ministry of Defense. He is currently a businessman and owns a well-known restaurant in Kabul.

2005 Parliament: Almas Zahid was elected to parliament in 2005 with 9,043 votes. He was the chair of the Internal Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: Almas Zahid has been known to be close to both Hezb-i-Islami Afghanistan and Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan in the past – the former under the Soviet regime and the latter during the civil war. In the 1990s, he was a commander with Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan.

Saranwal Abdul Satar Khawasi

Province: Parwan **District**: Ghorband **Votes**: 12555

Phone: 700021884 **Age:** 40 **Incumbent**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education (2011), Secretary

of the Wolesi Jirga

Personal Background: Saranwal Abdul Satar Khawasi was born in 1971 in Parwan province. He is married with seven daughters. His interests include reading and writing. He speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Khawasi graduated from Etehad Islami High School in Peshawar in 1992. He received his bachelor's degree in Journalism from Kabul University in 1997 and his master's degree from Alazhar University of Egypt, based in Kabul, in 2002.

Previous occupation: Khawasi served as a commander in the Northern Alliance from 1978 through 1991. Later, he served as a prosecutor in the government office of Monitoring in the Implementation of Law in Kabul from 1997-1998. He then joined the Ministry of Justice: first in the loans department from 1999-2001, then with the Legal Advisory Board – where he served as a legal advisor – in 2001, and finally with the Rights Department where he served as deputy head and then acting supervisor first in Kabul in 2004, then in Kandahar.

2005 Parliament: Khawasi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 3,326 votes. He served as Secretary of the Wolesi Jirga during this term.

Other information: ● He did not win outright in the 2010 elections, ⁵⁷ but claimed his seat after an Independent Election Commission recounting of votes.

⁵⁷ Ahmad, Farid. "84 Likely Poll Winners Referred to AG Office." Pajhwok. November 10. 2010. http://www.pajhwok.com/dr/node/126313

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Khuwaja Sediq Ahmad Osmani

Province: Parwan **District:** Charikar **Votes:** 13074

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamhori Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs (formerly Deputy on Justice,

Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption commission, 2011)

Personal Background: Khuwaja Sediq Ahmad Osmani, son of Mir Muhammad Osman, was born in 1952 in Parwan province. He is married and has three daughters and four sons; and his brother is Zarar Moqbel, the current Minister of Counter Narcotics and former Minister of Interior Affairs. His interests include reading, and he speaks Dari, Pashto, Danish and some English.

Education: Osmani graduated from Numan High School in Parwan in 1970 and completed his bachelor's degree in Science from Kabul University in 1975.

Previous occupation: Osmani worked as a supervisor of Mathematics and Physics in Kunduz province from 1976 to 1980 and as a supervisor in Kabul from 1980 to 1984. From 1984 to 1989 he taught in Kabul. He left the teaching field in 1989 to run a construction company. He has written two books: "A Guide for Teachers in the Laboratory" and "Solutions for Physics Questions."

2005 Parliament: Osmani was elected to parliament in 2005 with 4,210 votes. He served on the Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs commission, spending two years of the term as the commission chair.

Other information: Osmani ran unsuccessfully for the position of Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga in 2011. He is known to be a Karzai supporter.

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⁵⁸ Hewad, Gran, et al. "Lower House Speaker Election: Intermezzo of the Surprise Candidates." Afghan Analysts Network. Feburary 4, 2011. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1471

Alhaj Mir Rahman Rahmani

Province: Parwan **District**: Bagram **Votes:** 16998

Phone: 707575757 **Age:** 49 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

(Chair)

Personal background: Alhaj Mir Rahman Rahmani, son of Alhaj Qalandar Khan and brother of General Baba Jan, was born in 1962 in Bagram district, Parwan province. He is married and has one son and five daughters. He has traveled within Europe and Asia. His interests include reading books, sports, music, swimming and hunting. Rahmani speaks Dari.

Education: Rahmani graduated from Bagram High School in 1979. After school, he traveled to Russia to study at the Military University of Russia, from which he graduated in 1982.

Civil society/NGO connections: Rahmani has financially supported various cultural, sporting and industrial associations. In 2006, he established the Ajmal Rahmani Charitable Foundation. His keen interest in cultural activities prompted him to establish a weekly newspaper, *Agah*, in 2006 in Parwan province. Since 2008, Rahmani has served as the head of the People's Social Council of Bagram district, a civil society organization registered with the Ministry of Justice.

Previous occupation: After graduating from high school, Rahmani joined the military and was a commander in Bagram. In the later years of his military career he served as a General at a military base in Afghanistan. In 2002, he started his own business in the transportation sector. He was later appointed head of the Parwan provincial Chamber of Commerce, a position he held from 2007-2010.

Samiah Azizi Sadat

Province: Parwan **District**: Charikar **Votes:** 1679

Phone: 700025883 Age: 41 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Samiah Azizi Sadat, daughter of Mir Rahmatullah, was born in 1970 in Parwan province. She is married and has one son and three daughters. She has formally traveled to Switzerland and Germany with members of parliament and informally visited India and Tajikistan. She is interested in reading. She speaks Dari and English.

Education: Sadat graduated from Hira Jalal High School in Parwan province. She earned her bachelor's degree in Science from Kabul University in 1986, and a master's degree in Economics from Qum University in Tajikistan, where she studied from 2003-2008.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sadat's involvement with civil society is extensive and includes previous roles as the head of agricultural, cultural, medical associations. She is the director of the Women's Handicrafts Association of Parwan province, of which there are more than 6000 members. Sadat is also the director of the *Tolo Khurshid* (Sunrise) radio station, which is newly established.

Previous occupation: Sadat began her career as a teacher at the Hira Jalal High School. She taught at the Jabal Saraj High School in Parwan from 1987-1996, and Bibi Sarwari Secondary School in Kabul from 1996-2001. From 2001-2003, she taught at Al Jahad High School in Parwan. She lectured at the Parwan Institute for Higher Education from 2003-2004 and was then appointed as the head of the Department of Education in Parwan province, a position she held from 2004-2006. She served as program coordinator with the International Medical Corps (IMC) for three years and with the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) for one year.

2005 Parliament: Sadat was elected to parliament in 2005 with 4,740 votes, coming in second in the province. She was initially disqualified for not having resigned from her governmental position before registering as a candidate; she was later reinstated as a winning candidate. During this term, she served on the Religious and Cultural Affairs commission.

Other information: Sadat participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. She is known to have links with Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan.

Zakia Sangeen

Province: Parwan **District**: Charikar **Votes**: 1802

Phone: 700147262 Age: 33 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges



Personal background: Zakia Sangeen, daughter of Abdul Hashim, was born in 1978 in Sayyad district, Parwan province. Her father has been a well-known local leader for over 40 years, and her family members are well-known intellectuals. She is single, and her interests include reading and tailoring. Her first language is Dari and she speaks Pashto and English as well.

Education: Sangeen finished her secondary education at the Hira Jalali High School, Parwan province in 1991. She attained her fourteenth class certificate from the Teacher Training Institute in Parwan province in 1995. Later, Sangeen returned to school and studied for her bachelor's degree in Science, Biology and Chemistry at the Parwan Institute of Higher Education, which she earned in 2007.

Civil society/NGO connections: Sangeen founded the Sayyadan Girl's High School in Parwan during the Taliban regime. Currently, she is an active member of a governmental youth foundation connected to the Istiqlal and Malalai High Schools, where she has also worked as a teacher.

Previous occupation: Sangeen served as teacher for more than ten years at the Istiqlal and Malalai High Schools in Parwan province. She was the principal of Hira Jalali High School for one year. She worked for three years as an academic staff member in the Department of Education's supervision section in Parwan until 2010, when she left in order to run for election.

SAMANGAN									
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission		
Alhaj Makhdum Muhebullah Furqani	Dara-e Suf Payin	57	7638		Dari	Independent	Complaints		
Dr. Masoma Khawri ❖	Dara-e Suf Bala	26	3561		Dari	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan	Human Rights		
Makhdum Abdullah Muhammadi	Ruyi Du Ab	34	8982		Dari	Independent	Complaints (s)		
Alhaj Ahmad Khan Samangani ○ ■	Aybak	50	19166	√	Uzbek	Independent	Internal		

Alhaj Makhdum Muhebullah Furqani

Province: Samangan **District**: Dara-e Suf Payin **Votes:** 7638

Phone: 0771242007 Age: 57 New Member

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions

Personal background: Alhaj Makhdum Muhebullah Furqani, son of the late MP Mawlavi Noor Mohammadi Khan, was born in 1954 in Dara-e Suf district, Samangan province. He is married and has five daughters and one son. He is interested in reading political and religious books. Furqani's first language is Dari and he speaks Pashto and Arabic as well.

Education: Furgani completed his private Islamic studies in Mazar-i Sharif and Samangan in 1978, and later attained his fourteenth class certificate from an Islamic Madrasa in 2005.

Previous occupation: Furgani is a former Mujahid and jihadi commander. For more than 25 years, he served with the Mujahideen, during both the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan as well as during the Taliban period. He has also served as the district governor of Dara-e Suf from 2002 to 2005 and again from 2007 to 2010.

2005 Parliament: Furgani ran unsuccessfully for parliament in 2005, gaining 4,751 votes.

Other information: Furqani has previous connections to Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan but is currently an independent member of parliament.

Dr. Masoma Khawri

Province: Samangan **District:** Dara-e Suf Bala **Votes:** 3561

Phone: 793126898 **Age:** 26 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights

Personal background: Dr. Masoma Khawri, daughter of Juma Khan, was born in 1985 in Iran. Her family is originally from the Dara-e Suf Bala district in Samangan province. She is married and has one daughter. Khawri is interested in reading. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks Pashto, English and Turkish.

Education: Khawri completed her primary education in 1992 and her secondary education in 2000 in Iran. She then enrolled in a professional school, where she studied art and graduated in 2002. Following, she earned a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Ankara University in Turkey in 2009.

Civil society/NGO connections: During her time in Iran and in Turkey, Khawri participated in political and social activities. She founded the Afghan University Student's Association, which explored the issues of Afghan students living in Turkey.

Previous occupation: Khawri has worked in various Turkish hospitals, including the Ibn-e-Sina hospital and the Medical University of Ankara. She returned to Afghanistan in 2009.

Other information: *

Makhdum Abdullah Muhammadi

Province: Samangan **District:** Ruyi Du Ab **Votes**: 8982

Phone: 799705277 **Age:** 34 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions (Secretary, 2011 & 2012)



Personal background: Makhdum Abdullah Muhammadi, son of Mawlawi Muhammad Islam, was born in 1977 in the Rui Du Aab district of Samangan province. Muhammadi's father was the governor of Bamyan Province during the late 1990s. He is married and has four children. He is interested in reciting the Holy Quran and reading. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto.

Education: Muhammadi completed his studies in Islamic Religious Studies in Afghanistan and earned his fourteenth class certificate from the Rahat Abad Madrasa in Pakistan in 2003. Currently he is a third year student of Islamic Sharia at Salam Private University in Kabul.

Previous occupation: Muhammadi is a tribal elder in Samangan. He worked with the Presidential Protocol Department in Kabul from 2008 until 2010, when he left to run for parliament.

Alhaj Ahmad Khan Samangani

Province: Samangan **District:** Aybak **Votes**: 19166

Phone: 700553010 **Age:** 50 **Incumbent**

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Alhaj Ahmad Khan Samangani was born in 1961 in Aybak city. He is married with three daughters and six sons. He is interested in sports. His first language is Uzbek and he also speaks Dari and Pashto.

Education: Samangani completed his private Islamic studies in Samangan in 1974.

Previous occupation: Samangani is a former Mujahid commander, and the principal commander in Samangan province. He was aligned with Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan before forming an alliance with General Abdul Rashid Dostum and joining his party, Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan. He served as the Deputy Governor of Samangan province from 1995-1997.

2005 Parliament: Samangani was elected to Parliament in 2005 with 24,870 votes. He served on the Natural Resources and the Environment commission during this term.

Other information: ■ Samangani is known to have connections with Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami, but is currently an independent member of parliament. He was disqualified as a result of Electoral Complaints Commission investigations. Samangani later replaced Tahir Zahir as an MP for Samangan province in August 2011.

SAR-I-PUL										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Haji Khair Muhammad Aymaq	Sancharak	49	9224	√	Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Complaints			
Said Muhammad Hassan Sharifi Balkhabi •	Balkh Aab	37	9804		Dari	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan	Justice			
Muhammad Hussain Fahemi ❖	Dushakh	48	7878	√	Dari	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan	Audit			
Aziza Jalis	Khesht Pul	47	3091		Uzbek	Independent	Human Rights (d)			
Said Anwar Sadat	Emamkhurd	40	8645		Uzbek	Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan	Health			

Haji Khair Muhammad Aymaq

Province: Sar-i-Pul **District**: Sancharak **Votes:** 9224

Phone: 799538230 **Age**: 49 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions

Personal background: Haji Khair Muhammad Aymaq, son of Ekramuddin, was born in 1962 in Sancharak district, Sar-I-Pul province. He is married and has three sons. He has traveled to different countires including Germnay, Holland, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, India, Tajikistan and Saudi Arabia. He is interested in reading and sports. Aymaq's first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto and is fluent in English.

Education: Aymaq completed his secondary education at Zargon Kot High School in Sar-i-Pul in Sancharak district. He graduated from twelfth class in 1980.

Previous occupation: After completing his education, Aymaq joined the Mujahideen and was a jihadi commander with Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan during the war years.

2005 Parliament: Aymaq was elected to parliament in 2005 with 9,670 votes. He served on the Disabled, Martyrs and Widows commission during this term.

Other information: Aymaq participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.



Said Muhammad Hassan Sharifi Balkhabi

Province: Sar-i-Pul **District:** Balkh Aab **Votes:** 9804

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Justice, Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption

Personal background: Said Muhammad Hassan Sharifi Balkhabi, son of Sayed Hasan, was born in 1974 in Balkhab district of Sar-e-Pul province. He is married and has seven children. He has travled to Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Pakistan and Iran. He is interested in reading and researching Islmaic issues. His first language is Dari, and he also speaks Pashto and Arabic.

Education: Balkhabi finished his primary and secondary education at the Said Jamaluddin School in Balkhab district of Sar-i-Pul in 1995. He earned a master's degree in Islamic Religious Studies from Qum University in Iran in 2001.

Civil society/NGO connections: Balkhabi has been involved in the establishment of libraries, schools, cultural associations and Islamic studies courses. He served as head of the Balkhab Scholars Council, the imam of a mosque, and manager of the Ayatullah Muhaqiq Kabuli Office in Balkhab.

Previous occupation: During the jihad, Balkhabi was a judge and supervisor of Balkhab district, as well as communication officer and member of the jihadi Provincial Council in Sar-i-Pul.

Other information: •

Muhammad Hussain Fahemi

Province: Sar-i-Pul **District**: Dushakh **Votes:** 7878

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit (previous Chair, 2011)

Personal background: Muhammad Hussain Fahemi was born in 1963 in Dushakh district, Sar-i-Pul province. He is married with seven sons. His interests include reading and sports. Fahemi speaks Dari, Pashto and some English.

Education: Fahemi received his bachelor's degree in Islamic Studies in Iran. He is currently a fourth class student of Law and Politics at the Kateb Private University in Kabul.

Previous occupation: Fahemi was a commander in Hezb-e Wahdat Islami Afghanistan during the war years. He served as the district governor of Dara-e Suf Payin after the fall of the Taliban, and has also worked in the provincial planning office.

2005 Parliament: Fahemi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 11,592 votes. He served on the Defense and Territorial Affairs commission during this term, in addition to belonging to the "Afghanistan" Parliamentary group.

Other information: Fahemi is known to be close to Abdul Karim Khalili, and generally pro-government.

Aziza Jalis

Province: Sar-i-Pul **District**: Khesht Pul **Votes**: 3091

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights (Deputy, 2012; previous Chair, 2011)

Personal background: Aziza Jalis, daughter of Safiullah, was born in 1964 in Khesht Pul district, Sar-i-Pul province. She is married and has four daughters and two sons. She is interested in reading political books. Her first language is Uzbek and she also speaks Dari, Pashto and a little English.

Education: Jalis finished her secondary education in Khadija High School in Jowzjan province in 1983. She completed her bachelor's degree in Literature at Kabul University in 1988.

Civil society/NGO connections: Jalis worked voluntarily as the deputy of the civil society department in the Department for Women's Affairs in Sar-i-Pul from 2004-2005. She has been involved in civil society activities including: running literacy courses for children and organizing workshops for women on the subject of gender and women's rights from an Islamic perspective. Jalis was also the editor-in-chief for the *Semay Zan* monthly publication from 2002-2010.

Previous occupation: Jalis taught for more than eight years at the Imam Zada Yahya High School in Sar-i-Pul province. She then served as the principal of a nursery for five years. In 2002, she was appointed as the head of the Sar-i-Pul Department of Women's Affairs and held the post until 2010. Jalis also worked as a supervisor for the Kowaz organization, overseeing office training programs from 2003-2005.

2005 Parliament: Jalis ran unsuccessfuly for parliament in 2005, gaining 2,979 votes.

Other information: Jalis is a former party activist with Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan. When the party did not support her in the 2005 parliamentary election, she stood independently for election in 2010. She has been outspoken in condemning violence against women.

Said Anwar Sadat

Province: Sar-i-Pul **District:** Emamkhurd **Votes:** 8645

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Health, Sports, Youth, Labor and Workers

Personal Background: Said Anwar Sadat was born in 1971 in Emankhurd district, Sar-i-Pul province. He is married with two daughters. His interests include reading. His first language is Uzbek and he also speaks Pashto, Dari and Turkish.

Education: Sadat graduated from Menhaj o Siraj school of Sar-i-Pul, and received his Bachelors degree in Journalism from Istanbul University in 2001.

Previous occupation: Sadat is a journalist, and previously served as General Abdul Rashid Dostum's press advisor. He is also the manager of Ariana TV in Kabul. He established the first privately owned Afghan TV station, Afghanistan-Ayena TV, in 2002, and served as its head from 2002-2005. In 2005, he left to head the Turk Tabaran Afghanistan social and cultural organization, later returning to Ayena TV in 2007.

TAKHAR										
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission			
Habiba Danish	Taliqan	30	4866	✓	Dari	Independent	Economy			
Amir Abdul Wahid Faqir Zada	Bangi	53	6366		Uzbek	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Transport			
Alhaj Wakel Abdul Jabar	Wolsaj	56	10277	√	Dari	Independent	Complaints			
Maryam Kufi	Kofab, Badakhshan	41	3907		Dari	Independent	Human Rights			
Rais Abdul Baqi Malik Zada	Farkhar	42	11286	✓	Dari	Independent	Finance			
Qazi Muhammad Kabeer Marzban	Darqad	56	7052		Uzbek	Hezb-e-Adalat Islami Afghanistan	Justice			
Said Ekram-u-din Masomi ❖	Eshkamish	56	5914		Dari	Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan	Transport			
Alhaj Abdul Mutalib Bek (Deceased)	Hazar Soch	57	9411		Uzbek	Independent	Internal			
Qudratullah Zaki	Bangi	32	7041		Uzbek	Independent	Economy			

Habiba Danish

Province: Takhar **District:** Taliqan **Votes:** 4866

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry

Personal Background: Habiba Danish was born in 1981 in the Eshkamish district of Takhar province. She is married with one son. Her interests include reading. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks Pashto and a little English.

Education: Danish graduated from Almominat High School in Peshawar in 2002 and received her bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Biology from Takhar University in 2006.

Previous occupation: Danish taught as a university lecturer at Takhar University in English and Chemistry from 2004-2010.

2005 Parliament: Danish was elected to parliament in 2005 with 8,549 votes. During this term, she served on the International Affairs committee.

Amir Abdul Wahid Faqir Zada

Province: Takhar **District:** Bangi **Votes**: 6366

Phone: 700709262 **Age:** 53 **New Member**

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Amir Abdul Wahid Faqir Zada, son of Haji Khair Muhammad, was born in 1958 in Bangi district, Takhar province. He is married and has nine sons and thirteen daughters. He is interested in hunting and reading. Faqir Zada speaks Uzbek.

Education: Faqir Zada finished his secondary education at Abu Usman Taliqani High School in Takhar province in 1981.

Previous occupation: Following his graduation, Faqir Zada joined the Mujahideen and served as a jihadi commander. Since then, he has served as a district governor in Takhar Province: he was the governor of the Sangi district for ten years, of Urtaq district for one year and of Khwaja Bahauddin district for three years. He was deputy governor of Takhar province from 2005-2010.

Alhaj Wakel Abdul Jabar

Province: Takhar **District:** Wolsaj **Votes:** 10277

Phone: 700712080 **Age:** 56 **Incumbent**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions



Personal background: Alhaj Wakel Abdul Jabar, son of Haji Ghulam Naqshband, was born in 1955 in the Wolsaj district of Takhar province. He is married and has six sons and one daughter. Jabar is interested in reading. His first language is Dari and he also speaks English and Pashto.

Education: Jabar finished his primary and secondary education at Harbi Shwanzi High School in Takhar in 1977. He earned his bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from Kabul University in 2008.

Previous occupation: Jabar was a security commander in Wolsaj district in Takhar from 1992 to 2002. He served as the deputy governor of Takhar province for three years, from 2002 to 2005.

2005 Parliament: Jabar was elected to parliament in 2005 with 8,525 votes. He was a member of the International Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: Jabar participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003.

Maryam Kufi

Province: Takhar **District**: Kofab, Badakhshan **Votes:** 3907

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights



Personal background: Maryam Kufi was born in 1970 in Kofab district, Badakhshan province. She is married and has five sons and three daughters. She is the sister of Fawzia Kufi, a member of parliament from Badakhshan province, and her father was a senator during Zahir Shah's regime. She is interested in reading. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks English, Pashto and Uzbek.

Education: Kufi finished her primary and secondary education at Ansari High School in Kabul province in 2007. She is currently a student of Law and Political Science at the Mashal University in Kabul province, in her fourth semester of studies.

Previous occupation: Kufi has over 17 years' experience working in private business and for with non-governmental organization. She was the director of the Darwaz Reconstruction and Service Association from 2003 to 2011. She joined Save the Children Sweden in 2004, the Canadian Embassy in Kabul in 2005, and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) – where she served as a supervisor – from 2007-2010. She currently heads an import/export business, and until recently she was the director of the Kofi Brothers Construction Company. Since coming to parliament, her son has taken on this role.

Rais Abdul Baqi Malik Zada

Province: Takhar **District:** Farkhar **Votes:** 11286

Phone: 700712080 Age: 42 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs

Personal background: Rais Abdul Baqi Malik Zada, son of Haji Abdul Wodud, was born in 1969 in Farkhar district of Takhar province. He is married and has three daughters and four sons. Malik Zada is interested in reading and swimming. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto and Uzbek.

Education: Malik Zada completed his secondary education at Samae Shahed High School, Takhar province, in 2000. He is currently a student of Economics in his fifth year at the National University of Tajikistan.

Previous occupation: Malik Zada is in the clothing business in Takhar province. Since 1985, he has owned a shop and has been the head of imports and exports for his business.

2005 Parliament: Malik Zada was elected to parliament in 2005 with 8,590 votes. He served on the Finance and Budget Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: Malik Zada participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003 for Takhar province. He is known to be close to General Daud Daud, a former Shura-e Nazar commander.⁵⁹

⁵⁹ Foschini, Fabrizio. "2010 Elections 17: A Tense Electoral Run in Takhar." Afghan Analysts Network. September 30, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1177

Qazi Muhammad Kabeer Marzban

Province: Takhar **District:** Darqad **Votes:** 7052

Phone: 700706911 **Age:** 56 **New Member**

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Adalat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Justice, Administrative Reform and the Fight against Corruption

Personal background: Qazi Muhammad Kabeer Marzban, son of Muhammad Juma, was born in 1955 in Darqad district of Takhar province. He is married to two wives and has nine children. He has traveled to countries including: Pakistan, Germany, India, the United Arab Emirates, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran and France. His interests include reading and horseback riding. Marzban's first language is Uzbek and he also speaks Dari, Pashto, English and Arabic.

Education: Marzban graduated from fourteenth class at the Islamic Religious Madrasa of Imam Abu Hanifa in Kabul province in 1978.

Previous occupation: After completing school, Marzban was jailed for supporting the Russian government in Afghanistan, but was released in 1979. He was a member of the Mujahideen from 1980 to 2002 as a jihadi officer in six districts in Takhar province. He served as an advisor to the president on Ethnicities and Tribal Affairs from 2002 to 2005, and was governor of Takhar province from 2003-2005.

2005 Parliament: Marzban was appointed to the Meshrano Jirga for five years, from 2005-2010.

Other information: Marzban participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. He is the leader of Hezb-e-Adalat Islami Afghanistan.

Said Ekram-u-din Masomi

Province: Takhar **District:** Eshkamish **Votes**: 5914

Phone: 0700555333 **Age:** 56 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Jamiat Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Transport, Telecommunications, Urban and Housing Affairs, Water and Power Supply

and Municipal Affairs

Personal background: Said Ekram-u-din Masomi, son of Sayed Masom, was born in 1955 in Eshkamish district of Takhar province. He is married and has six daughters and six sons. He is interested in reading and sports. Masomi's first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto and a little English.

Education: Masomi finished his secondary education at Ziring High School in Takhar province in 1971. He then joined the Teacher Training Center in Kunduz, where he studied from 1972 until 1974. Masomi joined the Science Faculty of Kabul University in 1975 and completed his bachelor's degree in 1978.

Civil society/NGO connections: Currently, he is the head of the north zone People's Council, a non-governmental social entity.

Previous occupation: After graduating from university, Masomi immigrated to Pakistan. Upon his return to Afghanistan, he became a commander in Eshkamish district in Takhar province. During Mujadidi's government, he was the General Director in the Ministry of Finance for one year (1992-1993) and then the Deputy Minister of Finance for two years (1994-1995). During the Taliban period, he returned to Eshkamish as a commander. He later served as the governor of Takhar province from 2002 to 2003 and as governor of Badakhshan province under the transitional government. He has also served as the Minister of Work and Social Affairs for a year and a half (2004-2005) and was governor of Baghlan province for 6 months.

Other information: *

Alhaj Abdul Mutalib Bek (Deceased)

Province: Takhar Votes: 9411 **District:** Hazar Soch

Phone: 7000700004 **Age:** 57 (age at death) **New Member**

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Personal background: Alhaj Abdul Mutalib Bek, son of Abdul Majid Bek, was born in 1954 in Hazar Soch district, Takhar province. He was married and had thirty children. He traveled to countries including Iran, Tajikistan, Pakistan, India, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Germany and Switzerland. He was interested in reading and swimming. Mutalib Bek spoke Uzbek.

Education: Mutalib Bek studied Islamic Religious Studies and at the Military Academy in Pakistan for four years in 1986. Mutalib Bek later completed his education at Sarai Sang Evening High School in Kunduz province and graduated in 2006.

Previous occupation: Mutalib Bek was a commander for over 28 years during the jihad and Taliban period in provinces including Baghlan, Kabul, Mazar-e-Sharif, Takhar and Kunduz. He was the Political Deputy of the Ministry of Borders from 2007 to 2009.

Other information: Mutalib Bek was opposed to Hezb-e-Junbish Milli Islami Afghanistan and was a supporter of Dr. Abdullah in the 2009 Presidential election. On December 25, 2011, a suicide attack on a funeral procession – believed to be targeting local political leadership – killed at least 19 people, including Mutalib Bek.

⁶⁰ Foschini, Fabrizio. "2010 Elections 17: A Tense Electoral Run in Takhar." Afghan Analysts Network. September 30, 2010. http://aan-afghanistan.com/index.asp?id=1177

Qudratullah Zaki

Province: Takhar **District:** Bangi **Votes**: 7041

Phone: 797380242 Age: 32 New Member

First language: Uzbek

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): National Economy, NGOs, Rural Development and Agriculture

Personal background: Qudratullah Zaki, son of Mawlawi Ezatullah Shaheed, was born in 1979 in Bangi district, Takhar province. He is married and has one daughter. He is interested in reading and playing sports. His first language is Uzbek and he also speaks Dari, Pashto, English, Urdu, Arabic and Turkish.

Education: Zaki completed his secondary education at the Sayed Jamaluddin High School in Peshawar, Pakistan, in 1995. He then went on to earn his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Istanbul, Turkey, in 2004.

Civil society/NGO connections: During his studies in Turkey, Zaki participated in political and social activities as a member of the Afghan Student's Committee in Turkey. He participated in the International Conference of the World Turk Tabaran in Romania as a representative of Afghan youths in 2004, where he was selected to be a member of the Writer's Committee. He is the director of the Shaheed Zaki Cultural and Social Foundation.

Previous occupation: Zaki has managed the Gas and Oil Department of Takhar and Badakhshan provinces since 2006.

Other information: Zaki participated in the 2010 Peace Jirga. His brother, Sebghatullah Zaki, was also a member of parliament in 2005, but was killed during his term in office in a 2007 suicide bombing in Baghlan factory.

UROZGAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission
Raihana Azad (•	Zardani	29	251		Dari	Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli	Human Rights
Haji Obaidullah Barakzai	Chore	52	2251		Pashto	Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan	Complaints (c)
Muhammad Hashim Watanwal (Deceased)	Tarin Kot	59	1218	~	Pashto	Independent	Defense (d)

Raihana Azad

Province: Urozgan **District:** Zardani **Votes:** 251

Phone: 705947896 **Age:** 29 **New Member**

First language: Dari 2005 PC Member

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli

Commission (2012): Women's Affairs, Civil Society and Human Rights

Personal background: Raihana Azad, daughter of Ishaq, was born in 1982 in Zardini district, Daikundi province. She is married and has two children. She is interested in reading and leadership. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks English and Pashto.

Education: Azad completed her secondary education at Alama Shaheed Balkhi High School in Sharistan district, Daikundi province in 2005. She is currently a student of Political Science and International Relations at Kateb University in Kabul.

Civil society/NGO connections: Azad has worked with non-governmental organizations and on cultural, political and social activities with a focus on women's rights and the elimination of violence against women. She has also run projects for women's capacity building and the defense of women's rights. Azad was a member of the Women's Peace Committee in Daikundi, and of the Afghan Women's Network.

Previous occupation: © Azad worked at the Cooperation Center for Afghanistan (CCA) as a supervisor in the Women's Department in 2002 for one year, and at the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) as an educator in Shahristan district, Daikundi, in 2004. From 2005-2009, Azad served on the Daikundi Provincial Council as the Council's Deputy. She was also a supervisor of the Auditing and Monitoring Committee to investigate women's complaints and cases in the Provincial Council. At the same time, she worked at the Afooq Organization as an advisor in the Women's Capacity Building and International Affairs departments.

Other information: ■ Azad is affiliated with Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli, a party she joined in 2007. She also representated Daikundi province in the 2010 Peace Jirga.

Haji Obaidullah Barakzai

Province: Urozgan **District:** Chore **Votes:** 2251

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan

Commission (2012): Complaints and Petitions (Chair 2011 & 2012)

Personal background: Haji Obaidullah Barakzai, son of Muhammad Rasul, was born in 1959 in Chore district of Urozgan province. He is married and has twenty-five children. He is interested in reading. His first language is Pashto and he also speaks Dari, English and Arabic.

Education: Barikzai finished his primary and secondary education in Chore district and graduated from twelfth class.

Previous occupation: Barikzai was a jihadi commander in the war years. After 2001, he became a military commander in Kandahar. He worked as district governor of Khasa Urozgan district in Urozgan province in 2006. Barikzai has been a tribal elder and worked as head of the Department of Tribes and Borders – both in Urozgan province – from 2007 to 2010, when he ran for parliament.

Other information: Barikzai is a member of Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan, a party he joined in 1982, and a member of the Saba ("dawn") Parliamentary group.

Muhammad Hashim Watanwal (Deceased)

Province: Urozgan **District:** Tarin Kot **Votes:** 1218

Phone: 70242570 Age: 59 (age at death) Incumbent

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Defense and Territorial Affairs (Deputy, 2011)

Personal background: Muhammad Hashim Watanwal was born in 1952 in Urozgan Province. He was married with four daughters and three sons.

Education: Watanwal earned his bachelor's degree in Science from Kabul University.

Previous occupation: During the Communist regime, Watanwal was the Deputy Minister of Interior Affairs and also held the position of General Director of Administrative Affairs in the Interior Affairs Ministry. During the Taliban regime, he traveled overseas.

2005 Parliament: Watanwal was elected to parliament in 2005 with 6,666 votes. He chaired the Commission for the Oversight of the Implementation of Law during this term.

Other information: Watanwal was assassinated by insurgents on July 17, 2011 in Kabul, while visiting the home of a senior advisor to President Karzai. ⁶¹

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⁶¹ Watanwal's host, Jan Mohammad Khan – a former governor of Urozgan province, was also killed during the attack. For more information: http://www.pajhwok.com/en/2011/07/18/lives-jan-mohammad-khan-and-hasham-watanwal

WARDAK							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission
Eng. Hamida Akbari	Behsud	37	2236		Dari	Independent	Finance
Haji Abdul Aahad Durani	Jalrez	52	12774		Pashto	Hezb-e-Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan	Internal
Haji Abdul Majed	Jaghato	56	5470		Pashto	Independent	Immunities
Sediqa Mubariz	Behsud	41	3176	✓	Dari	Independent	Audit
Ghulam Husain Naseri	Behsud	52	8552		Dari	Independent	Legislative (d)

Eng. Hamida Akbari

Province: Wardak **District:** Behsud **Votes:** 2236

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs

Personal background: Eng. Hamida Akbari, daughter of Muhammad Akbar Khan, was born in 1974 in the Behsud district of Wardak province. She is single. Her interests include reading, sports and engineering activities. Her first language is Dari and she also speaks Pashto and English.

Education: Akbari finished her secondary education at the Rabia Balkhi High School in 1989. She earned her bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Kabul University in 1990.

Previous occupation: Akbari has more than ten years of professional experience. She started teaching at Char Qala Wazir Abad High School in Kabul in 1999, and continued until 2003. She then worked as an engineer with the Kabul office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) from 2003-2007, and later as a master trainer for an educational non-governmental organization in Wardak province.

Haji Abdul Aahad Durani

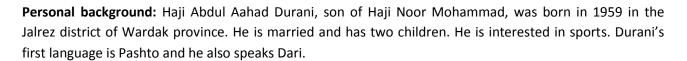
Province: Wardak District: Jalrez Votes: 12774

Phone: 777206148 **Age:** 52 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Hezb-e Tanzim Dawat Islami

Commission (2012): Internal Affairs



Education: Duarni was educated privately and completed class ten.

Previous occupation: Durani was a former jihadi commander and has also worked with the Ministry of Defense. He was the deputy of Haji Sayed Alam, the jihadi commander in Northern Kabul. In 2001, he worked as a police commander in Wardak province.

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Haji Abdul Majed Wardak

Province: Wardak **District:** Jaghato **Votes:** 5470

Phone: 700246407 **Age:** 56 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges



Personal background: Haji Abdul Majed Wardak, son of Abdul Latif, was born in 1953 in Zarifkhel village of Jaghato district in Wardak province. He is married and has seven children. He is interested in volleyball and music, and speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Wardak completed his primary education at Gorbat School in Wardak province and his secondary education at the Inqelab School in Kabul in 1963. He graduated from the Kabul Police Academy in 1965, and then from Kabul University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in history and philosophy.

Previous occupation: After completing his education at the Police Academy, Wardak worked in the police force until he retired in 2007, spending 33 years (1972-2005) in the criminal technical department of the Ministry of Interior Affairs. He holds the rank of colonel in the police force.

Other information: *

Sediqa Mubariz

Province: Wardak **District:** Behsud **Votes:** 3176

Phone: 700030258 Age: 41 Incumbent

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Oversight of the Implementation of the Law and Central Audit

Personal background: Sediqa Mubariz daughter of Hussain Bakhsh was born in 1970 in Chandilwel district, Kabul province. Her family is originally from Behsud district in Wardak. She is married with three sons and five daughters. Mubariz is interested in reading. She speaks Dari, Pashto and some English.

Education: Mubariz completed her education at Hazrat Khadija and Nargisia High Schools in Iran in 1997. She received her bachelor's degree in Administration and Management from Payam Noor University in Iran in 2003. She is currently studying Political Science and International Relations at Kateb University.

Civil society/NGO connections: She participated in cultural and social activities while in Iran and after returning to Kabul. She was the chief editor of the Hajar publication, exclusively for women, and she is the founder of schools for Afghan refugee children in Iran.

Previous occupation: When she was very young, Mubariz's family immigrated to Iran and stayed there for more than 30 years. Mubariz was head of the Women's Affairs Commission in Iran.

2005 Parliament: Mubariz was elected to parliament in 2005 with 4,763 votes. She served as secretary of the Health commission during this term.

Other information: In 2003, when she returned to Afghanistan, Mubariz participated in the Constitutional Loya Jirga. She has connections to Mohaqiq's Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan through her husband.

Ghulam Husain Naseri

Province: Wardak **District:** Behsud **Votes:** 8552

Phone: 779017283 **Age**: 52 **New Member**

First language: Dari

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Legislative Affairs (Deputy)



Personal background: Ghulam Husain Naseri, son of Ali Juma, was born in 1959 in Behsud district of Wardak province. Naseri is married and has two daughters and three sons. He is interested in reading and daily exercise. His first language is Dari and he also speaks Pashto and English.

Education: Naseri completed his primary education in Behsud Primary School. He then went to Kabul and completed his secondary education, graduating from Amanullah Ghazni High School in 1971. He holds a bachelor's degree in Islamic Law and Islamic Philosophy from Jamiatul Mustafa Al-Alamiyya University of Qum in Iran in 2007, where he studied for six years. In addition, he also undertook Islamic studies in a Madrasa for eight years.

Previous occupation: Naseri immigrated to Iran in 1982 and stayed there until 2008, while continuing to visit Afghanistan. He was spokesmen of the Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan party's decision-making council in Tehran, Iran from 1997 through 2002. He worked with the Bamyan Regional Office of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) for one year in 2003 as a secretary and translator. Naseri also worked for two and a half years with the Independent Election Commission's main office in Kabul in the legal department from 2006 to 2008.

ZABUL							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First language	Affiliation	Commission
Abdul Qadir Qalatwal	Qalat	47	753		Pashto	Independent	Education
Hamidullah Tukhi ● ■	Qalat	48	2795	✓	Pashto	Independent	Disabled (d)
Zahra Tukhi Zabuli 🌣	Center	43	756		Pashto	Independent	Immunities (s)

Abdul Qadir Qalatwal

Province: Zabul **District:** Qalat **Votes:** 753

Phone: 700282283 Age: 47 New Member

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Religious and Cultural Affairs, Education and Higher Education

Personal background: Abdul Qadir Qalatwal, son of Muhammad Jan, was born in 1964 in the Qalat district of Zabul province. He is married and has four children. He is interested in reading and sports. He speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Qalatwal finished his primary and secondary education at the Shaikh Mati High School of Zabul province in 1981. He attained his bachelor's degree in Journalism from Kabul University in 1995.

Civil society/NGO connections: In addition to his work at the Ministry of Communication, Qalatwal volunteered as a newscaster at the National Radio and Television of Afghanistan.

Previous occupation: Qalatwal has more than 20 years of work experience at the Ministry of Communication, where he worked from 1987 to 2010. During this time he held positions including: Manager of International Associations, General Manager of the Secretary of the Ministry, Chief of the Publication Department and Chief of the Ministry of Communication Spokesman's Office. He resigned to run in the 2010 parliamentary election.

Other information: * Qalatwal was elected Secretary of the Wolesi Jirga in early 2011.

Hamidullah Tukhi

Province: Zabul **District:** Qalat **Votes:** 2795

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Disabled, Martyrs and Widows (Deputy)



Personal background: Hamidullah Tukhi was born in 1963 in Qalat district, Zabul province. He is married with eight daughters and five sons. His interests include social activities and participating in local gatherings. He speaks Pashto and Dari.

Education: Turkhi studied at the Shaikh Mati High School in Zabul and graduated in 1978.

Previous occupation: Tukhi was a jihadi commander during the war years. He was later appointed to the position of governor of Zabul province for two years (2002-2004) and governor of Wardak province for three months in 2004.

2005 Parliament: Tukhi was elected to parliament in 2005 with 2,134 votes. He was a member of the Internal Affairs commission during this term.

Other information: ○■ Tukhi was disqualified as a result of Electoral Complaints Commission investigations. He later replaced Habibullah Andiwal as an MP for Zabul province in August 2011.

Zahra Tukhi Zabuli

Province: Zabul **District:** Center **Votes**: 756

Phone: 700266300 **Age:** 43 **New Member**

First language: Pashto

Party Affiliation: Independent

Commission (2012): Immunities and Privileges (Secretary)

Personal background: Zahra Tukhi Zabuli was born in 1968 in the center of Zabul province. She is married and has four sons and two daughters. She is interested in reading. Her first language is Pashto and she also speaks Dari, English and Russian.

Education: Zabuli completed her secondary education at the Bibi Khala High School in Zabul province in 1986. She earned her bachelor's degree in Dentistry at the University of Kyrgyzstan in 2005.

Civil society/NGO connections: Zabuli served as a volunteer teacher in an Afghan school in Kyrgyzstan and managed the culture department at the same school.

Previous occupation: Zabuli taught for one year in 1987, and was the head of the Women's Council (connected to the Department of Women's Affairs) in Zabul province in 1988. In the same year, she became a member of the Wolesi Jirga in Dr. Najibullah's government. During the war period, she immigrated to Pakistan, and then to Kyrgyzstan. She lived in Kyrgyzstan for seven years and completed university there. Zabuli returned to Afghanistan in 2005.

Other information: *





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