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## NDI in Afghanistan

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, Bamyan, 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, and the observation of the voter and candidate registration periods. 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 [afghanistanelectiondata.org](http://afghanistanelectiondata.org), 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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## About This Directory

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This directory provides basic information about the members of the *Meshrano Jirga*, the upper house of Afghanistan's National Assembly, and features the profiles of 102 individuals serving the 2009-2014 term.<sup>1</sup>

As with *The 2010-2015 Wolesi Jirga Directory*, this guide is intended as a source of information for Afghan members of parliament (MPs), civil society groups, political networks, international organizations working in partnership with the Afghan government, and the broader public.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this directory is accurate. Data was collected and compared against as many available sources as existed at the time, including: the *Meshrano Jirga's* compilation of profiles, collated by the Secretariat; information gathered by NDI from MPs specifically for this project; information made public by MPs on personal websites or in public statements; news reports; 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.

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 a Member is commonly known.

**Province:** Official constituency for Provincial Council (PC) elected Members; home province for appointed Members.

**District:** Birthplace or area in which a Member has strong family or societal connections.

**Appointed/PC member:** Status of a Member (appointed by the President or representing a Provincial Council) and number of votes.

**Phone:** Current phone number.

**Age:** Age in 2012.

**Incumbent:** Indicates whether the Member served in the 2005 Meshrano Jirga.

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

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<sup>1</sup> According to the Constitution of Afghanistan, Article 84 (Chapter 5), the Meshrano Jirga (MJ) should be comprised of provincial council representatives (one per province, amounting to one third of MJ members), for a four-year term; district council representatives (one per province, totaling one third of MJ members), for a three-year term; and 'experts and experienced personalities selected by the President (totaling the remaining one third of MJ members), for a five-year term. As District Councils have yet to be formed, two thirds of the MJ are comprised of Provincial Council representatives, serving a four-year term.

**First language:** Primary language, as reported by Member.

**Party affiliation:** Party connection if used by the Member on an official Provincial Council election ballot or if affiliation is public and affirmed by the Member.

**Commission:** Meshrano Jirga commission under which the Member is serving at the time of publication.

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

**Education:** Details of the Member's primary, secondary and higher education, where applicable.

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

**Previous occupation:** Details of Member's former or concurrent employment/livelihood.

**2005 parliament:** Details regarding the MP's previous term in parliament and their previous commission (if applicable) or whether they were an unsuccessful candidate in 2005. The 2005 commission names are, in some cases, different from those used in the current parliament.

**Other information:** Participation in national activities, unofficial party affiliations and other points of interest.

## Meshrano Jirga Administrative Board

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### *5<sup>th</sup> Session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Parliament / 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Year of the 2009-2014 Meshrano Jirga*

Speaker	Fazel Hadi Muslimyar, <i>Nangarhar</i>
First Deputy Speaker	Alhaj Mohammad Alam Izedyar, <i>Panjshir</i>
Second Deputy Speaker	Haji Rafiullah Gul Afghan, <i>Kabul</i>
Secretary	Sayed Farukh Shah Janab Faryabi, <i>Faryab</i>
Deputy Secretary	Sayed Azizullah Ultafee, <i>Jawzjan</i>

## Meshrano Jirga Committees & Abbreviations <sup>2</sup>

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<i>Finance</i>	National Economic, Finance, Budget and General Accounts
<i>Tribal</i>	Ethnic/Tribal, Frontiers and Kuchi (Nomads) Affairs
<i>International</i>	International Affairs
<i>Justice</i>	Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary
<i>Education</i>	Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Cultural and Scientific Research Affairs
<i>Environment</i>	<i>Health</i> , Public Welfare Affairs, Natural Resources and Environment
<i>Complaints</i>	Complaints and Petitions
<i>House</i>	Relations with Provincial/District Councils and the Immunities and Privileges of the House
<i>Transport</i>	Transport and Telecommunication
<i>Disabled</i>	Handicapped, Disabled, Dependents of Martyrs and Refugees
<i>Civil Society</i>	Widows, Gender Issues and Civil Society
<i>Defense</i>	Internal Security, Defense Affairs and Local Organs

### Meshrano Jirga Commissions (as of March 2013)

#### **1. National Economy, Finance, Budget and General Accounts (Rural Development, Agriculture and Livestock, International and Local NGOs, General Inspection and Campaigns against Narcotics)**

1) Abdul Wahab Irfan, <i>Takhar</i>	Chair
2) Eng. Mohammad Din Hamdard, <i>Kunduz</i>	Deputy Chair
3) Sayed Mohammad Sayedi, <i>Bamyan</i>	Member

<sup>2</sup> Committee titles taken from: <http://mj.parliament.af>

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|---|--------|
| 4) Haji Sirajudin Safari, <i>Faryab</i>             | Member |
| 5) Dr. Andar Kali Hunaryar, <i>Kabul</i>            | Member |
| 6) Mulwai Noor Mohammad Kafeel Noori, <i>Kapisa</i> | Member |
| 7) Rafiullah Haidari, <i>Kunar</i>                  | Member |
| 8) Hila Asakzai, <i>Uruzgan</i>                     | Member |

## 2. *Ethnic/Tribal, Frontiers and Kuchi (Nomad) Affairs*

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1) Lotfullah Baba, <i>Nangarhar</i>             | Chair        |
| 2) Haji Mohammad Essa Shiwari, <i>Nangarhar</i> | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Fawzia Sadat Samkanai, <i>Paktiya</i>        | Secretary    |
| 4) Farida Kuchi, <i>Balkh</i>                   | Member       |
| 5) Abdul Majid, <i>Balkh</i>                    | Member       |
| 6) Rafiullah Gul Afghan, <i>Kabul</i>           | Member       |

## 3. *International Affairs*

- |  |              |
|--|--------------|
| 1) Arifullah Pashtun, <i>Khost</i>           | Chair        |
| 2) Shahnaz Ghawsee, <i>Herat</i>             | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Mohammad Yunus Takhari, <i>Takhar</i>     | Secretary    |
| 4) Humaira Namati, <i>Balkh</i>              | Member       |
| 5) Najiba Hussaini, <i>Daikundi</i>          | Member       |
| 6) Sayed Farukh Shah Janab, <i>Faryab</i>    | Member       |
| 7) Ihsanullah Bayat, <i>Kabul</i>            | Member       |
| 8) Nisar Ahmad Haress, <i>Kabul</i>          | Member       |
| 9) Alhaj Baz Muhammad Zormati, <i>Paktia</i> | Member       |
| 10) Mulwai Mohammad Faizi, <i>Panjshir</i>   | Member       |

## 4. *Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary (Legal Monitoring, Human Rights and Anti-Corruption)*

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1) Mulwai Ghulam Muhaiuddin Munsif, <i>Kapisa</i> | Chair        |
| 2) Hafiz Abdul Qayum, <i>Nuristan</i>             | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Haji Abdullah, <i>Kunduz</i>                   | Secretary    |
| 4) Haji Nazar Muhammad, <i>Baghlan</i>            | Member       |
| 5) Sayed Azizullah Ulfatee, <i>Jawzjan</i>        | Member       |
| 6) Mohammad Ismail Munshi, <i>Jawzjan</i>         | Member       |
| 7) Haji Muhammad Hasan Hotak, <i>Zabul</i>        | Member       |

## 5. *Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Cultural and Scientific Research*

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1) Mawlawi Mahmud Danishjo, <i>Balkh</i>      | Chair        |
| 2) Sefatullah Haqmal, <i>Logar</i>            | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Mulwai Habiburrahman, <i>Sar-e-Pul</i>     | Member       |
| 4) Mulwai Mir Hamdullah Muneeb, <i>Parwan</i> | Member       |
| 5) Belqis Roshan, <i>Farah</i>                | Member       |
| 6) Khaliqdad Balaghi, <i>Kabul</i>            | Member       |
| 7) Rana Tareen, <i>Kandahar</i>               | Member       |
| 8) Mulwai Arsalan Rahmani, <i>Paktia</i>      | Member       |

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| 9) Lailuma Ahmadi, <i>Panjshir</i>             | Member |
| 10) Meer Hussain Sadiqi Parwani, <i>Parwan</i> | Member |
| 11) Haji Sulaiman Yari, <i>Wardak</i>          | Member |

**6. Public Welfare Affairs, Natural Resources and Environment (Health, Labor and Workers, Sports, Red Crescent and Administrative Reforms)**

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|--|--------------|
| 1) Dr. Ahmad Bashir Samim, <i>Badakhshan</i> | Chair        |
| 2) Taiba Zahidi, <i>Herat</i>                | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Abdul Hanan Haqyoun, <i>Paktiya</i>       | Secretary    |
| 4) Gulalai Akbari, <i>Badakhshan</i>         | Member       |
| 5) Mulwai Abdul Wali Raji, <i>Baghlan</i>    | Member       |
| 6) Roshan Ara Alkozai, <i>Kunar</i>          | Member       |

**7. Complaints and Petitions**

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1) Dr. Zalmai Zabuli, <i>Zabul</i>          | Chair        |
| 2) Gul Ahmad Azami, <i>Farah</i>            | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Abdul Sattar Effat, <i>Baghlan</i>       | Secretary    |
| 4) Wali Shah Nayaibzada, <i>Badghis</i>     | Member       |
| 5) Hidayatullah Rahayee, <i>Bamyan</i>      | Member       |
| 6) Mohammad Dawood Ghafari, <i>Ghor</i>     | Member       |
| 7) Nematullah Popal, <i>Helmand</i>         | Member       |
| 8) Baymurad Quenli, <i>Jawzjan</i>          | Member       |
| 9) Salih Muhammad Pahlawan, <i>Kandahar</i> | Member       |
| 10) Dr. Hazrat Sha, <i>Nuristan</i>         | Member       |
| 11) Mohamad Asif Azimi, <i>Samangan</i>     | Member       |

**8. Immunities and Privileges of the House and Relations with the Provincial/District Councils**

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|--|--------------|
| 1) Mukaram Khan Nasari, <i>Laghman</i>       | Chair        |
| 2) Sayed Mohammad Khalid, <i>Faryab</i>      | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Haji Khan Mohammad Alayar, <i>Badghis</i> | Member       |
| 4) Mohammad Amin Ahmadi, <i>Ghazni</i>       | Member       |
| 5) Mawen Ahmad, <i>Ghor</i>                  | Member       |
| 6) Bismillah Afghanmal, <i>Kandahar</i>      | Member       |
| 7) Bibi Haji Khairunisa, <i>Nimroz</i>       | Member       |
| 8) Khan Mohammad Khagi, <i>Paktika</i>       | Member       |
| 9) Haji Amanullah, <i>Uruzgan</i>            | Member       |

**9. Transport and Telecommunication (Urban Development, Aviation, Working Resources, Kabul Municipality, Housing Affairs, Water and Energy Supply)**

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|--|--------------|
| 1) Eng. Ahmad Javed Rauf, <i>Herat</i>   | Chair        |
| 2) Hedayatullah Ahmadzai, <i>Logar</i>   | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Mir Bahadar Wasifi, <i>Badakhshan</i> | Member       |
| 4) Asadullah Jafari, <i>Bamyan</i>       | Member       |
| 5) Shafiqa Nawrozkhalil, <i>Ghazni</i>   | Member       |

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| 6) Bakhat Bibi Rahimi, <i>Ghazni</i> | Member |
| 7) Suhaila Shareefi, <i>Kabul</i>    | Member |
| 8) Dair Khail Mangal, <i>Khost</i>   | Member |
| 9) Juma Din Gyanowal, <i>Paktika</i> | Member |
| 10) Malika Mayazada, <i>Parwan</i>   | Member |
| 11) Aziza Musleh, <i>Samangan</i>    | Member |

#### **10. Handicapped, Disabled, Dependents of Martyrs and Refugees**

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|---|--------------|
| 1) Nafisa Sultani, <i>Kabul</i>                 | Chair        |
| 2) Abdul Baqi Baryal, <i>Ghazni</i>             | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Sayed Mohammad Sadat Nasari, <i>Daikundi</i> | Member       |
| 4) Ustad Abdul Shakoor Freed, <i>Kapisa</i>     | Member       |
| 5) Mohammad Alam Izedyar, <i>Panjshir</i>       | Member       |
| 6) Sayed Agha Husain, <i>Samangan</i>           | Member       |

#### **11. Widows, Gender Issues and Civil Society**

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1) Sediqa Balkhi, <i>Kabul</i>     | Chair        |
| 2) Zuhra Shareefi, <i>Wardak</i>   | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Sara Surkhabi, <i>Faryab</i>    | Secretary    |
| 4) Gulhar Jalal, <i>Kunar</i>      | Member       |
| 5) Wahida Safi, <i>Laghman</i>     | Member       |
| 6) Masuma Shadab, <i>Sar-e-Pul</i> | Member       |

#### **12. Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs**

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|---|--------------|
| 1) Bibi Roh Gul Khairzad, <i>Nimroz</i>           | Chair        |
| 2) Mohammad Dawood Asas, <i>Zabul</i>             | Deputy Chair |
| 3) Haji Abdul Ahad Sultanzai, <i>Helmand</i>      | Secretary    |
| 4) Ali Akbar Jamshidi, <i>Daikundi</i>            | Member       |
| 5) Haji Allahdad Andar, <i>Ghazni</i>             | Member       |
| 6) Haji Sheer Mohammad Akhondzada, <i>Helmand</i> | Member       |
| 7) Haji Muhammad Amin Safi, <i>Kunar</i>          | Member       |
| 8) Saliha Mehrzad, <i>Nimroz</i>                  | Member       |
| 9) Haji Bahram Khan Samkani, <i>Paktia</i>        | Member       |

### **Political Parties with Representatives in the Meshrano Jirga**

National Coordination Party	Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli led by Najibullah Sadeq Modaber, Head of Administration Department
Afghanistan Islamic Movement Party	Hezb-e-Harakat Islami Afghanistan led by Said Hussain Anwari, MP from Kabul
Afghanistan Islamic Party	Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan led by Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, Minister of Economy

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 Islamic Front Party	Hezb-e-Muhaz Milli Islami Afghanistan led by Sayed Ahmad Gilani, Sufi Pir ("leader")
Afghanistan Islamic Invitation Party	Hezb-e-Tanzim Dawat Islami Afghanistan led by Abdul Rab Rasul Sayaf, MP from Kabul
Afghanistan National Salvation Front Party	Hezb-e-Tanzim Jabhayee Nejat Milli Afghanistan led by Sebghatullah Mujadidi, current MJ Member and former MJ Speaker
Afghanistan Islamic Unity Party	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Afghanistan led by Abdul Karim Khalili, Second Vice President
Afghanistan People's Islamic Unity Party	Hezb-e-Wahdat Islami Mardom Afghanistan led by Haji Muhammad Mohaqiq, MP from Kabul
Afghanistan Islamic Revolutionary Movement Party	Hezb-e-Harakat Inqilab Islami Afghanistan led by Muhammad Musa Hotak, former MP from Wardak and current member of the High Peace Council
Afghanistan Islamic United Party	Hezb-e-Islami Muttahid Afghanistan led by Wahidullah Sabauon, Presidential Advisor Minister on Tribal and Elders Affairs

**BADAKHSHAN**

BADAKHSHAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Mir Bahadar Wasifi	Kishm	71	Appointed		Dari	Independent	Transport
Ahmad Basher Samim	Darim	38	5,296		Dari	Independent	Environment (c)
Gulalai Akbari	Jurm	47	4,964		Dari	Independent	Environment

## Mir Bahadar Wasifi

**Province:** Badakhshan

**District:** Kishm

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0700197527

**Age:** 71

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication



**Personal background:** Mir Bahadar Wasifi, son of Mir Mohammad Nabi Wasifi, was born in 1941 in Kishm district, Badakhshan province. Wasifi is from the Mira tribe. His father was a famous writer and poet who also worked as a bursar in the Kishm District Governor's office. Wasifi is married and has 12 daughters and five sons. He has traveled to China, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, the United Ara Emirtaes, and Uzbekistan. He speaks Dari, Pashto, Uzbek and some English.

**Education:** Wasifi studied at the Najab Ashraft Islamic Institute in Iraq in 1958 and graduated from Kabul Teacher Training College in 1961. In 1974, he enrolled in a management course in India, which was conducted by the United Nations.

**Previous occupation:** From 1962 to 1968, Wasifi held a number of positions in education, including high school teacher at the Ghazi High School in Kabul, principal of Jar Shah Baba High School and Jurm High School in Badakhshan, and director of Shah Faisal High School in Badakhshan. In 1970, he became an educational inspector in Badakhshan. In 1972, he was appointed as the deputy of the Provincial Education Department. After one year, he became deputy of the Education Department in Takhar province, a post he held for five years. From 1978 to 1979, he was the cultural advisor to the Minister of Education. From 1979 to 1984, he served as the head of the department of information and publications at the Ministry of Energy and Water. In 1984, he was made head of the secretariat office in the Chamber of Commerce.

Wasifi then left the civil service to start a business in weaving and fabrics, of which he was the director until 1992. He was then involved in teaching at various madrasas in Badakhshan. From 2006 to 2008, he returned to work in government as the cultural and publications advisor to the Minister of Agriculture. From 2008 to 2009, he was cultural advisor to Afghan Wireless Communication Company (AWCC). He was then appointed as a senator in the Meshrano Jirga.

**Other Information:** Wasifi has published three books of poems: *Dewani Mer Bahardar Wasifi*, *300 Lessons from Luqman Hakim* (published in Iran) and *Kalela and Dehma*, an ancient Indian narration translated into Dari in poetry form.

**Ahmad Basher Samim**

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**Province:** Badakhshan**District:** Darim**PC:** 5,296 votes**Phone:** 0702242479**Age:** 38**New Member****First language:** Dari**Email:** samem.senator@gmail.com**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Public Welfare Affairs, Natural Resources and Environment (Chair)

**Personal background:** Ahmad Basher Samim, son of Haji Khuda Bakhsh, was born in 1974 in Darim district, Badakhshan province. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto and English. He has traveled to Iran, to Tajikistan in 2010 for the opening of a bridge construction project, and to Pakistan in 2011 for a parliamentary conference. Samim is married and has one daughter and two sons.

**Education:** Samim graduated from Muhammad Alam Faizad School in 2000. He received his diploma from the Medical Technology Institute in 2003. Currently, he is pursuing a degree in law and political science at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Samim has connections with civil society groups and the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

**Previous occupation:** From 2004 to 2005, Samim was the Badakhshan provincial head of the Independent Election Commission. In 2006, he worked for an NGO that assisted families in Kunduz province.

## Gulalai Akbari

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**Province:** Badakhshan

**District:** Jurm

**PC:** 4,964 votes

**Phone:** 0799297601

**Age:** 47

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Public Welfare Affairs, Natural Resources and Environment



**Personal background:** Gulalai Akbari, daughter of Muhammad Akbar, was born in 1965 in Jurm district, Badakhshan province. She is married and has two daughters and four sons. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto and Arabic. Akbari has traveled to Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Turkey.

**Education:** Akbari graduated from Makhfi Badakshi High School in Badakhshan province in 1995. She received her diploma in Islamic Sharia from the Islamic College in Peshawar, Pakistan. Currently, she is pursuing a degree in law and political science at the Dawat University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Akbari has 18 years of work experience in the education and social services sector. She was elected as a member of the Badakhshan Provincial Council in 2005, and again in 2009, when she was selected as a representative to the Meshrano Jirga. She was deputy chair of the Transportation and Telecommunication Commission in the Meshrano Jirga from 2009 to 2011.

**BADGHIS**

BADGHIS							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Wali Shah Nayailbzada	Qadis	41	8,967		Dari	Independent	Complaints
Haji Khan Muhammad Allahyar	Jand	46	5,580		Dari	Independent	House

**Wali Shah Nayaibzada**

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**Province:** Badghis**District:** Qadis**PC:** 8,967 votes**Phone:** 0707090711**Age:** 41**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Complaints and Petitions

**Personal background:** Wali Shah Nayaibzada was born in 1971 in Qadis district, Badghis province. He is the son of Haji Fatahullah, a renowned Jihadi commander. His uncle, Haji Abdullah Khan, was a representative of Badghis province in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Parliaments (elected in 1965 and 1969) during the reign of Zahir Shah. Nayaibzada is married and has one daughter and two sons. He has traveled to Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. He speaks Dari and Pashto.

**Education:** Nayaibzada attended Hanzala Badghisi High School in Badghis province. Currently, he is a law student at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Before joining the Meshrano Jirga in 2010, Nayaibzada was running a private construction business.

**Other Information:** Nayaibzada was affiliated with Hezb-e Jamiat Islami during the jihad period. Currently, he is an independent member.

## Haji Khan Muhammad Allahyar

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**Province:** Badghis

**District:** Jond

**PC:** 5,580 votes

**Phone:** 0793628817

**Age:** 46

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Immunities and Privileges



**Personal background:** Haji Khan Muhammad Allahyar, son of Majnoon, was born in 1966 in Jond district, Badghis province. He is married. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto.

**Education:** Allahyar graduated from high school in Badghis province.

**Previous occupation:** Allahyar has served as the head of security, chief of police, and acting district commander in Jond district. He was elected as a member of the Badghis Provincial Council in 2005, and chosen by other members to serve as the deputy head of the council. He was re-elected in 2009 and then selected to represent the council in the Meshrano Jirga.

**BAGHLAN**

BAGHLAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Haji Nazar Mohammad Faqeer	Pul-e Khumri	67	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Independent	Justice
Abdul Satar Aifat	Dehani Ghor	53	3,027	✓	Dari	Independent	Complaints (s)
Mawlawi Abdul Wali Rajee	Khost	39	2,604		Dari	Hezb-e Harakat-e Inqalab Islami	Environment

## Haji Nazar Mohammad Faqeri

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**Province:** Baghlan

**District:** Pul-e Khumri

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799890595

**Age:** 67

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary



**Personal background:** Haji Nazar Mohammad Faqeri, son of Haji Hazrat Mohammad, was born in 1955 in Pul-e Khumri district of Baghlan province. He is married and has eight children. He speaks Dari and Pashto. Faqeri is from the Ahmadzai tribe, and his grandfather, Haji Hazrat Muhammad, served in the Wolesi Jirga during Zahir Shah's reign. He has traveled to Hungary, India, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

**Education:** Faqeri graduated from Bagh Shamal High School in Baghlan province in 1965.

**Previous occupation:** Faqeri is a renowned tribal elder.

**Other Information:** Faqeri moved to Pakistan in 1980 and became the head of two large Afghan refugee camps. He also was the head of the Afghan Immigrants Council in Pakistan.

## Abdul Satar Aifat

**Province:** Baghlan

**District:** Dehani Ghori

**PC:** 3027 votes

**Phone:** 0700683936

**Age:** 53

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Complaints and Petitions (Secretary)



**Personal background:** Abdul Satar Aifat, son of Alhaj Mohammad Alam, was born in Dehani Ghori district, Baghlan province. Both his father and grandfather served as tribal leaders. He is married and has six daughters and five sons. He has traveled to India, Iran and the United Arab Emirates. He speaks Dari and Pashto.

**Education:** Aifat studied up to 12<sup>th</sup> class at the Ibn-e-Sina High School in Kabul, and left in 1979. He was able to claim his certificate of graduation from the school in 2005.

**Previous occupation:** In the 1980s, Aifat was a representative of Baghlan province to Mawlawi Khali's party in Peshawar. In the 1990s, he led a division of Mujahedeen in Baghlan province. From 2000 to 2001, Aifat was appointed district governor of Dehani Ghori district. From 2001 to 2003, he was district governor of Baghlan-e Markazi district. He was elected to the Baghlan Provincial Council in 2005 and re-elected in 2009.

## Mawlawi Abdul Wali Rajee

**Province:** Baghlan

**District:** Khost

**PC:** 2604 votes

**Phone:** 0705740718

**Age:** 39

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Harakat-e Inqalab Islami

**Commission:** Public Welfare Affairs, Natural Resources and Environment



**Personal background:** Mawlawi Abdul Wali Rajee, son of Mawlawi Mohammad Arif Khan, was born in 1973 in Wagho village in Khost district, Baghlan province. He is married and has four daughters and three sons. His brother was the former head of the Regional Court in the northern provinces. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto and Arabic. He has traveled to India and Iran for conferences on parliamentary affairs.

**Education:** Rajee graduated high school in Baghlan province in 1997, and received his diploma in Islamic Sharia from the Central University of Islamabad in Pakistan in 2007.

**Previous occupation:** During the Jihad, Rajee was a judge in Jawzjan province. In 2001, he became the principal of the Mohammadia Islamic Madrasa in Khost district, Baghlan province, and was in this role for eight years before he was elected to the Provincial Council in 2009. He was subsequently elected by the council to be a senator in the Meshrano Jirga.

**Other Information:** Rajee has authored a number of publications, including an analysis of social and Islamic issues, "Bayan-e-Haqeeqat," that was published in 2003; a collection of poems called *Majmoa-e-Ashaar Rajee* published in 2004, and a booklet about women and Islamic affairs, "Zan Dar Aeena Sharia," which was published in 2006. He has been a member of Harakat-e Inqilab-e Islami (currently led by Ahmad Nabi) since the jihad time. Rajee is a voluntary member of the Public Welfare Affairs Commission while formally holding the role of First Secretary in the Meshrano Jirga.

**BALKH**

BALKH							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Sediqah Balkhi	Balkh	62	Appointed	✓	Dari	Independent	Civil Society (c)
Farida Kuchi	Balkh	48	Appointed		Pashto	Independent	Tribal
Humaira Nemati	Dehdadi	51	Appointed	✓	Dari	Independent	International
Mawlawi Mahmood Danishjo	Kishendeh	40	4,499		Dari	Hezb-e Jamiat Islami	Education
Haji Abdul Majeed	Shortepa	43	4,051		Turkmen	Independent	Tribal

## Sediqah Balkhi

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**Province:** Balkh

**District:** Balkh

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0700202303

**Age:** 62

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Dari

**Email:** balkhi-sediqa@yahoo.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** Widows, Gender Issues and Civil Society (Chair)

**Personal background:** Sediqah Balkhi, daughter of Sayed Ismael Balkhi, was born in 1950 in Balkh district, Balkh province. She is married and has three daughters and three sons. She speaks Dari and English, and has traveled to a number of Asian and European countries for conferences.

**Education:** Balkhi graduated from Princess Belqis High School (now called Mariam High School) in Kabul province in 1970. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Law from the Azad Islamic University in Iran in 1984.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Balkhi is the head of the Ershad Political and Social Activities Center (an NGO in Balkh province) and the director of Shahhed Balkhi Higher Academic and Research foundation. She is also Chief Editor and owner of Ershad-e-Naswan magazine.

**Previous occupation:** Balkhi worked as a teacher and principal in girls' schools for 17 years. In 2004, she was appointed as the Minister of Work, Social Affairs and Martyrs and Disabled. She was appointed as a senator in 2005.

**Other Information:** Balkhi was a participant at the first Bonn Conference in 2001, a member of the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002, and the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. She is a member of the High Peace Council.

## Farida Kuchi

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**Province:** Balkh

**District:** Balkh

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 073535227

**Age:** 48

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Ethnic/Tribal, Frontiers and Kuchi (Nomad) Affairs



**Personal background:** Farida Kuchi, daughter of Ghulam Mohammad, was born in Balkh province in 1964. Her father was a commander in Balkh. She is married and has two daughters and three sons. Her native language is Pashto; she also speaks English.

**Education:** Kuchi graduated from high school in Pakistan in 1995.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Kuchi has been the Head of the Kuchi Women's Committee in the northern region of Afghanistan for 16 years.

**Previous occupation:** During the Taliban period, Kuchi was the head of the Sakhi Camp in Balkh province, which comprised of 580 houses and dwellings. She was responsible for coordinating between the Red Crescent and the beneficiaries of Red Crescent assistance.

**Other Information:** Before being appointed to the Meshrano Jirga in 2011, Kuchi was a candidate in both the 2005 and 2010 Wolesi Jirga elections, but was unsuccessful.

## Humaira Nemati

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**Province:** Balkh

**District:** Dehdadi

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0700275086

**Age:** 51

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** International Affairs



**Personal background:** Humaira Nemati, daughter of Namatullah, was born in 1961 in Dehdadi district, Balkh province. She is married and has two children. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto and Russian. She has traveled to the United States and a number of European and Asian countries to participate in conferences.

**Education:** Nemati graduated from Abedai Balkhi High School in Balkh province in 1979. She received her Master's Degree in Law and Political Science from the State University of Kiev, Ukraine in 1987. Nemati has written two books on the principles of law and business.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Nemati was a member of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission from 2002 to 2005. Since she was in high school, she has been an activist for women's rights.

**Previous occupation:** Nemati served as a lecturer in economics at Balkh University from 1967 to 2001. She was the Director of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences at Balkh University from 2001 to 2002.

**Other Information:** Nemati was a member of the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002, and was a recipient of the Loya Jirga Medal.

## Mawlawi Mahmood Danishjo

**Province:** Balkh

**District:** Kishendeh

**PC:** 4499 votes

**Phone:** 0797475797

**Age:** 40

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Jamiat Islami



**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Culture and Scientific Research

**Personal background:** Mawlawi Mahmood Danishjo was born in 1972 in Kishendeh district, Balkh province. He is the son of Mohammad Bunyad, who was an educated farmer and Mullah. Danishjo is married and has five daughters. He has traveled to India, Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. He speaks Dari, Pashto, Arabic and Urdu.

**Education:** Danishjo studied in seminaries in Pakistan and Afghanistan. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Islamic studies from Ahsan-ul-Olom Seminar in Karachi, Pakistan in 1998. Currently, he is completing his Master's Degree in Quran Explanation at the Kabul branch of the Jamia-Al-Mustafa Al-Alamyia University of Iran.

**Previous occupation:** After getting his Bachelor's Degree, Danishjo taught Islamic subjects in different seminaries in Kabul and Balkh. In 2004, he was made the head of the Development Council in his village in the Kishendeh district of Balkh province. In that role, he represented his province and district in various gatherings held in Kabul and in other parts of Afghanistan. From 2006 to 2008, he was a professor of Islamic studies at the Asadia Seminary in Balkh province. In 2009, he was elected to the Balkh Provincial Council, and was subsequently elected by the council to the Meshrano Jirga.

**Other Information:** Danishjo established the Ulema Council of Balkh province in 2001. He has written multiple materials, including: a preface on Quran translation, a volume on how to debate, and a collection of poems.

## Haji Abdul Majeed

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**Province:** Balkh

**District:** Shortepa

**PC:** 4051 votes

**Phone:** 0779973759

**Age:** 43

**New Member**

**First language:** Turkmen

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Ethnic/Tribal, Frontiers and Kuchi (Nomad) Affairs



**Personal background:** Haji Abdul Majeed, son of Haji Ewaz, was born in 1969 in Shortepa district, Balkh province. His family owned a carpet-weaving and animal husbandry business before the communist era in Afghanistan. Majeed is married and has six daughters and four sons. He has traveled to Iran, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. He speaks Dari and Turkmen.

**Education:** Majeed was educated privately in local seminaries in Shortepa district and Mazar-i-Sharif.

**Previous occupation:** From 2001 to 2005, Majeed was a Border Police commander in Shortepa district. From 2005 to 2009, he was the head of the Community Development Council of Shortepa as well as the deputy of the local carpet producers' union. In 2009, he was elected to the Balkh Provincial Council.

**BAMYAN**

BAMYAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Hidayatullah Rehae	Panjab	47	4,701	✓	Dari	Independent	Complaints
Sayed Asadullah Jafari	Bamyan	55	3,889		Dari	Independent	Transport

## Hidayatullah Rehae

**Province:** Bamyan

**District:** Panjab

**PC:** 4,701 votes

**Phone:** 0774696163

**Age:** 47

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Complains and Petitions



**Personal background:** Hidayatullah Rehae, son of Muhammad Ali, was born in 1965 in Panjab district, Bamyan province. He is married and has five daughters and three sons. His father, Muhammad Ali, was a senator from Bamyan province in the 13th round of the Meshrano Jirga. His uncle, Muhammad Akbar Khan, was a member of the Wolesi Jirga from Bamyan province in the 12th and 13<sup>th</sup> rounds of parliament during Zahir Shah's reign. Rehae's native language is Dari; he also speaks English. He traveled to Indonesia in 2008 to participate in a parliamentary conference. He also has been to Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

**Education:** Rehae graduated from Panjab High School in Bamyan province in 2000. Currently, he is pursuing a degree in law and political science at the Khwarazmi University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** He has been member of Afghanistan Laborious Party (*Hezb-e-Zahmatkashan Afghanistan*) which was led by Abdul Majid Kalakani; the party and the leaders were killed during Dawoud Khan Regime. Rehae served as a teacher at Panjab High School in Bamyan from 1992 to 2005. He also was the head of a local council connected to the Oxfam office in Bamyan from 1995 to 1998. He is the founder of the "Semai Rozgaran" publication, which he publishes on a monthly basis.

## Sayed Asadullah Jafari

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**Province:** Bamyan

**District:** Bamyan

**PC:** 3889 votes

**Phone:** 0775413786

**Age:** 55

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication



**Personal background:** Sayed Asadullah Jafari, son of Ghazanfar Shah Alimi, was born in 1957 in the provincial center of Bamyan province. His father was the leader of Dasht Esa Khan, Dara Seya Leyak and Zekriya Foladi villages and was a member of the Loya Jirga during Zahir Shah's reign. His father was also a Jihadi leader in Bamyan province in the beginning of the uprising against the communist government. Jafari is married and has four daughters and two sons. He has traveled to China, Iran and Pakistan.

**Education:** In 1977, Jafari graduated from high school in Bamyan. In 1978, he enrolled in the Teacher Training Institute in Parwan province.

**Previous occupation:** Jafari worked in the recruitment department of the Bamyan governor's office in 1978. During the uprising against the communist regime, he joined the Jihad. During the Taliban period, he led a commission on security and development in Bamyan province, which was comprised of former Jihadi leaders. In 2009, he was elected as a member of the Bamyan Provincial Council.

**DAIKUNDI**

DAIKUNDI							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Najiba Husaini	Shahristan	45	Appointed	✓	Dari	Independent	International
Haji Sayed Mohammad Sadaat Nasiri	Kajran	38	6,237		Dari	Independent	Disabled
Ali Akbar Jamshidi	Sang Takht	39	3,995		Dari	Hezb-e Wahdat Islami Mardum	Defense

## Najiba Husaini

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**Province:** Daikundi

**District:** Shahrستان

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0700283420

**Age:** 45

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Dari

**Email:** najiba-hussaini25@yahoo.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** International Affairs



**Personal background:** Najiba Husaini, daughter of Ghulam Muhammad, was born in 1967 in Shahrستان district, Daikundi province. She is single. She has traveled to Switzerland and has been to the United States as a participant of the U.S. State Department's International Visitors Program. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto.

**Education:** Husaini graduated from Zarghona High School in Kabul province in 1984. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science from Kabul University in 1988. She has a certificate from a Judicial Stazh course, which she completed in 2010.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Husaini is a member of the Afghan Women's Network (AWN), the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, and the Women Parliamentarian's Network.

**Previous occupation:** During her career, Husaini has been a school teacher in Daikundi province. In 2002, she served as member of the Executive Board of the Ministry of Women's Affairs. She also served on the Judicial Reform Commission for three years before being appointed to the Meshrano Jirga.

## Haji Sayed Mohammad Sadaat Nasiri

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**Province:** Daikundi

**District:** Kajran

**PC:** 6237 votes

**Phone:** 0706414445

**Age:** 38

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** Handicapped, Disabled, Dependents of Martyrs and Refugees

**Personal background:** Sayed Mohammad Sadaat Nasiri, son of Sayed Ayub Shah, was born in 1974 in Kajran district, Daikundi province. Nasiri's father was a well-known land owner in Kajran district. Nasiri is married and has three daughters and four sons. He has traveled to Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Syria. He speaks Dari and Pashto.

**Education:** Nasiri studied at the Ibn-Sina High School in Kabul and received his diploma in 2011.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Nasiri is a member of the Youth Loya Jirga.

**Previous occupation:** From 2006 to 2007, Nasiri was the head of an unofficial development council in Kajran district. In 2009, he was elected to the Daikundi Provincial Council.

## Ali Akbar Jamshidi

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**Province:** Daikundi

**District:** Sang Takht

**PC:** 3995 votes

**Phone:** 0706699065

**Age:** 39

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Wahdat Islami Mardum

**Commission:** Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs



**Personal background:** Ali Akbar Jamshidi, son of Ibrahim Jamshidi, was born in 1973 in Sang Takht district, Daikundi province. Jamshidi is married and has two daughters and two sons. He has traveled to Iran, Turkey and the United States. He speaks Dari and Pashto.

**Education:** Jamshidi graduated from Shahid Sadiqi High School in Daikundi province in 1994. Currently, he is a political science student at the Ibn-e Sina private university.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Jamshidi is not a permanent member of any civil society organization, but he has participated in various seminars and conferences on women's rights.

**Previous occupation:** In 2001, Jamshidi constructed a number of schools in his district, with the assistance of UNICEF. Shortly thereafter, he worked as a teacher. From 2004 to 2005, he worked as an employee of the Department of Education in Uruzgan province. From 2005 to 2009, he served as the head of the Department of Education in Sang Takht district of Baghlan province. In 2009, he was elected to the Daikundi Provincial Council.

**FARAH**

FARAH							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Gul Ahmad Azami	Push Rod	43	8:369		Dari	Independent	Complaints (d)
Belqis Roshan	Center	38	3,388		Dari	Independent	Education

## Gul Ahmad Azami

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**Province:** Farah

**District:** Push Rod

**PC:** 8369 votes

**Phone:** 0708502003

**Age:** 43

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Complaints and Petitions (Deputy Chair)



**Personal background:** Gul Ahmad Azami, son of Ghulam Hazrat, was born in 1969 in Push Rod district, Farah province. Azami is married and has five children. His father is a retired military colonel and his uncle Ghulam Mahi-uddin was a senator during the Najibullah government. Azami has traveled to Iran, and Pakistan. He speaks Dari, Pashto and some English.

**Education:** Azami graduated from Kabul Military School in 1982, and from the Infantry Department of Kabul Military University in 1984.

**Previous occupation:** From 1984 to 1986, Azami was an officer at the Kabul Military University. From 1986 to 1987, he worked in the executive office of the Reserve Battalion of the Herat corps. From 1987 to 1989, he was commander of this battalion. He then served as the commander of the Special Brigade for Urban Security in Herat until 1991. From 1992 to 1994, he was commander of the battalion of students at Herat Military University. After 2008, he worked in the Ministry of Education, was an education auditor in Farah province, and was a teacher at the Abu Annas Farahi Girls' High School. In 2009, he was elected as a member of the Farah Provincial Council.

## Belqis Roshan

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**Province:** Farah

**District:** Center

**PC** 3388 votes

**Phone:** 0799600197

**Age:** 38

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Email:** Belqis-roshan@gmeul.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Cultural and Scientific Research

**Personal background:** Belqis Roshan, daughter of Sarfaraz, was born in Farah province in 1973. She is single. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto. She traveled to Kazakhstan in 2010 to participate in a conference on counter narcotics.

**Education:** Roshan graduated from high school in Peshawar, Pakistan in 1993. She received her diploma from the History and Sociology Department of the Farah Teacher Training Center in 2009.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Roshan was a member of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission before she was elected to the Meshrano Jirga.

**Previous occupation:** Roshan was a high school teacher in central Farah province from 2002 to 2003. She then worked as a midwife at the Hamoon Medical center in Farah province from 2003 to 2005. She was elected to the Farah Provincial Council in 2005, re-elected in 2009, and then chosen by the council as a representative to the Meshrano Jirga.

**FARYAB**

FARYAB							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Haji Sirajudin Safari	Almar	60	Appointed		Uzbek	Independent	Finance
Bibi Haji Sara Surkhabi	Maimana	65	Appointed	✓	Uzbek	Independent	Civil Society (s)
Sayed Muhammad Khalid Hashemi	Maimana	44	7,948		Dari	Independent	House (d)
Sayed Farukh Shah Janab Faryabi	Qaisar	39	6,361		Dari	Independent	International; current MJ Secretary

## Haji Sirajudin Safari

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**Province:** Faryab

**District:** Almar

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799424346

**Age:** 60

**New Member**

**First language:** Uzbek

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** National Economy, Finance, Budget and General Accounts

**Personal background:** Haji Sirajudin Safari was born in 1952 in Almar district, Faryab province. His father and grandfather were religious and tribal elders who were renowned in northern Afghanistan, particularly in Faryab, Samangan and Sar-e-pul provinces. Safari is married and has eight daughters and seven sons. He has traveled to Japan, Saudi Arabia and the United States. He speaks Dari, Pashto, Turkish and Uzbek.

**Education:** Safari has undertaken private studies and completed his basic education at the Shali Baba Seminary in Faryab province.

**Previous occupation:** Safari was district governor of Almar district, Faryab province from 1992 to 1997. He was elected as a representative of Faryab province to the Wolesi Jirga in 2005. On completing his five-year term as an MP, he was appointed as a senator.

**Other Information:** Safari is a leader of the Khudiamat tribe.

## Bibi Haji Sara Surkhabi

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**Province:** Faryab

**District:** Maimana

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799170334

**Age:** 65

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Uzbek

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Widows, Gender Issues and Civil Society (Secretary)



**Personal background:** Bibi Haji Sara Surkhabi, daughter of Rizwanqul, was born in 1947 in Maimana district, Faryab province. She is a widow and has one daughter. Her husband was a police officer in Faryab province and died 30 years ago. Surkhabi speaks Dari, Pashto and Uzbek. She has traveled to India, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Turkmenistan.

**Education:** Surkhabi graduated from Khadim Qaesar High School in Maimana in 1962. She has participated in several training programs on the education system and curriculum development.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** During her time in office as the Head of Women's Affairs in Faryab province, Surkhabi worked on a number of programs for women's capacity building and on women's health campaigns and fundraising. She maintains connections with women's organizations in the province.

**Previous occupation:** From 1962 to 1966, Surkhabi worked as a teacher in Andkhai Girls' School in Faryab province. From 1966 to 1981, she was the principal of Setara High School in Faryab. She then left Afghanistan and spent time in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. In 2001, she returned to Afghanistan and was appointed head of the Department of Women's Affairs in Faryab province, where she worked until she was appointed as a senator in 2005.

**Other Information:** Surkhabi was a member of the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003, and a recipient of the Loya Jirga Medal. She was one of the eight women appointed to be on the Afghanistan High Peace and Reconciliation Council in 2010.

**Sayed Muhammad Khalid Hashemi**

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**Province:** Faryab**District:** Maimana**PC** 7948 votes**Phone:** 0799197771**Age:** 44**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Immunities and Privileges (Deputy Chair)

**Personal background:** Sayed Muhammad Khalid Hashemi, son of Sayed Abdul Wahab, was born in 1968 in Maimana district, Faryab province. He is married and has three daughters and three sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto and Uzbek. Hashemi has traveled to Mexico, Malaysia and countries in West Africa.

**Education:** Hashemi graduated from Abu Obaid Juzjani School in Faryab province. Currently, he is a student of law and political science at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Hashemi has been involved in running his own business since 1995. He is the Deputy Chairman of the Sayed Ibrahim Temor Zada Business Company, which trades in oil and gas.

## Sayed Farukh Shah Janab Faryabi

**Province:** Faryab

**District:** Qaisar

**PC:** 6361 votes

**Phone:** 079400400

**Age:** 39

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** International Affairs

**Meshrano Jirga Leadership/Administrative Board:** Secretary



**Personal background:** Sayed Farukh Shah Janab Faryabi, son of Sayed Fariduddin Janab, was born in 1973 in Qaisar district, Faryab province. He is married and has three daughters and two sons. His brother, Musa Jenab, is a member of the Wolesi Jirga representing Badghis province. His uncle, Nazar Muhammad Khan Nawa, was deputy speaker of the Wolesi Jirga during Zahir Shah's reign. Faryabi's native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto and Uzbek. He has traveled to China, India, the Philippines and Russia.

**Education:** Faryabi graduated from Habibia High School in Kabul in 1990. After graduation, he enrolled at the Kabul Polytechnic University to study engineering. He completed one semester but was unable to continue due to the war. Currently, Faryabi is pursuing a degree in law and political science at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** In 2005, when he was member of the Provincial Council in Faryab, Faryabi was nominated as 'Man of Peace' by the provincial branch of the Human Rights Commission.

**Previous occupation:** Faryabi has served as a tribal leader in Faryab province. He was the head of Faryab Provincial Council from 2005 to 2009.

**GHAZNI**

GHAZNI							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Alhaj Allah Dad Andar	Andar	67	Appointed		Pashto	Independent	Defense
Abdul Baqi Baryal	Ajristan	56	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Independent	Disabled (d)
Shafiqah Nawrozkhil	Qarabagh	42	Appointed		Pashto	Independent	Transport
Suhaila Sharifi	Jaghato	43	Appointed	✓	Dari	Independent	Transport
Mohammad Amin Ahmadi	Garmab	53	8,587		Dari	Hezb-e Wahdat Islami	House
Bibi Haji Bakht Bibi Rahimi	Andar	54	4,106		Pashto	Independent	Transport

**Alhaj Allah Dad Andar**

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**Province:** Ghazni**District:** Andar**Appointed****Phone:** 0706005595**Age:** 67**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Email:** habibullahamin@yahoo.com**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs

**Personal background:** Haji Allah Dad Andar, son of Khudadad Andar, was born in 1945 in Andar district, Ghazni province. He is married and has four children. He speaks Dari and Pashto.

**Education:** Andar graduated from Military High School in Kabul in 1965, and from the Military University in Kabul in 1968.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Andar coordinates regularly with social and civic organizations such as the Ghazni Peace Council.

**Previous occupation:** Andar served as an army officer in Kabul province from 1969 to 1990.

## Abdul Baqi Baryal

**Province:** Ghazni

**District:** Ajristan

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799343034

**Age:** 56

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** Handicapped, Disabled, Dependents of Martyrs and Refugees (Deputy Chair)

**Personal background:** Abdul Baqi Baryal, son of Mohammad Nawab, was born in 1956 in Ajrestan district of Ghazni province. His uncle, Abdul Qayoum Mahajer, was a member of the Meshrano Jirga in the 13<sup>th</sup> round under Daoud Khan. He is married and has three daughters and two sons. Baryal has traveled to Germany, India, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. Baryal speaks Dari and Pashto, and reads Braille.

**Education:** Baryal graduated from Kareni High School in Baghlan province in 1975. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Kabul University, which he received in 1980. He studied Pedagogy in Ukraine.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Baryal has been the Editor-in-Chief of *Roshandelan* ('Bright Heart') Magazine since 2004, and is a member of the Writer's Association of Afghanistan. He is a parliamentary representative to the Peace Jirga.

**Previous occupation:** Barayal worked in the Defense Ministry and in the publications section of the Political and Religious Department in the 1980s.

**Other Information:** Baryal is a well-known writer and poet. He has several collections of poems published, including 'Eyes and Desires' and 'Ruins and Treasures'. He participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga and received the Loya Jirga Medal. During his time working as a Senator, he has been a supporter of a new Welfare Law for the government provision of financial assistance to families of the martyred and disabled, which was passed in 2010.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Source: SUNY APAP Legislative Newsletter, 8 December 2010.  
[http://www.cid.suny.edu/APAP\\_Newsletter/2010/APAP\\_Newsletter\\_December.8.10.pdf](http://www.cid.suny.edu/APAP_Newsletter/2010/APAP_Newsletter_December.8.10.pdf)

**Shafiqa Nawrozkhil**

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**Province:** Ghazni**District:** Qarabagh**Appointed****Phone:** 0705989241**Ages:** 42**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication

**Personal background:** Shafiqa Nawrozkhil, daughter of Sayed Jan, was born in 1970 in Ghazni province. She is married and has seven children. She has traveled to a number of countries in the Middle East and Asia, including China, India, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

**Education:** Nawrozkhil graduated from Afshar Girl's High School in Kabul in 1989, and from the Sayed Jamuluddin Afghan Teacher Training Institute in Kabul in 2004.

**Previous occupation:** Before being appointed to the Meshrano Jirga, Nawrozkhil worked as a teacher in a number of schools in Ghazni province.

## Suhaila Sharifi

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**Province:** Ghazni

**District:** Jaghato

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799053004

**Age:** 43

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication



**Personal background:** Suhaila Sharifi, daughter of Mohammad Hassan Sharifi, was born in 1969 in Ghazni province. She is married and has two daughters and one son. Her grandfather was an MP in 13<sup>th</sup> round of parliament during the reign of Zahir Shah. She has traveled to India, Iran, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. She speaks Dari, Pashto and some English.

**Education:** Sharifi graduated from Soraya High School in Kabul in 1987. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Geology from Kabul University, which she received in 1989. During the first term of the Meshrano Jirga, she attended a training program in Turkey on globalization.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** While living in Iran, Sharifi was a member of the Association of Afghan Women in Iran. Currently, she writes articles for *Mardum* (Harakat Islami's official party gazette) and *Payam Estiqlal*, a daily paper also connected to Harakat.

**Previous occupation:** From 1994 to 2001, Sharifi was the head of the Alzahra Relief Committee for Afghan Refugees in Iran, which focused on women's health. She was appointed as a senator in 2005.

**Mohammad Amin Ahmadi**

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**Province:** Ghazni**District:** Garmab**PC:** 8587 votes**Phone:** 0793265162**Age:** 53**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Wahdat Islami**Commission:** Immunities and Privileges

**Personal background:** Mohammad Amin Ahmadi, son of Sayed Ahmad, was born in 1959 in Garmab village, Ghazni province. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Arabic. Ahmadi is married and has six daughters and four sons.

**Education:** Ahmadi graduated from Shaikh Mohammad Amin Afshar Islamic Madrasa in 1971.

**Previous occupation:** Ahmadi was teacher of Islamic subjects at the Sarwar Waez Madrasa from 1971 to 1978. As the conflict in Afghanistan worsened, he emigrated to Pakistan and joined Hezb-e Wahdat Islami, working as a judge in different Jihadi groups.

## Bibi Haji Bakht Bibi Rahimi

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**Province:** Ghazni

**District:** Andar

**PC:** 4106 votes

**Phone:** 0700164407

**Age:** 54

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication



**Personal background:** Bibi Haji Bakht Bibi Rahimi, daughter of Haji Rahimdad, was born in 1958 in Andar district, Ghazni province. Her father was a tribal elder in Ghazni. Her native language is Pashto; she also speaks Dari. Rahimi is married and has five daughters and four sons.

**Education:** Rahimi graduated from the Rabia Balkhi High School, Kabul province in 1980. She graduated from the Nangrahar College of Paramedics in 1983. She participated in a study trip to Turkey organized by the Ministry of Public Health in 2003.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Rahimi is a member of a non-governmental women's committee in Ghazni.

**Previous occupation:** From 1984 to 1991, Rahimi worked as a nurse at the primary medical center in Moqur district, Ghazni province with the Ibn-e Sina non-governmental organization. She continued to work at the same medical center for another three years when it was supported by UNICEF. Rahimi was elected to the Provincial Council for Ghazni province in 2005, and was re-elected in 2009 when she was nominated by the council as a representative to the Meshrano Jirga.

**GHOR**

GHOR							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Mawin Ahmad	Dawlat Yaar	60	10,751		Dari	Independent	House
Mohammad Daud Ghafari	Dawlat Yar	40	10,316		Dari	Independent	Complaints

**Mawin Ahmad**

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**Province:** Ghor**District:** Dawlat Yaar**PC:** 10751 votes**Phone:** 0795015451**Age:** 60**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** independent**Commission:** Immunities and Privileges

**Personal background:** Mawin Ahmad, son of Ayoub, was born in Dawlat Yaar district of Ghor province in 1952. He is married and has two daughters and five sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto. He has traveled to Pakistan.

**Education:** Ahmad received primary and secondary education in Ghor province, and then graduated from Ibn-e Sina High School in Kabul in 1975. He graduated from the Herat Teacher Training Institute in 1977.

**Previous occupation:** Ahmad worked as a school teacher and was with the Department for Education in Ghor province from 1978 to 2001. He served as a prosecutor in Ghor from 2002 to 2005.

**Mohammad Daud Ghafari**

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**Province:** Ghor**District:** Dawlat Yar**PC:** 10316 votes**Phone:** 0798294647**Age:** 40**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Complaint and Petitions

**Personal background:** Mohammad Daud Ghafari, son of Abdul Ghafar, was born in Dawalat Yar district of Ghor province in 1972. He is married and has four daughters and five sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto. He has traveled to India, Iran, Pakistan and Tajikistan.

**Education:** Ghafari graduated from Taqe Temor High School in Ghor province in 2003.

**Previous occupation:** Ghafari is a tribal leader in Dawlat Yar district of Ghor province. He was elected as a member of the Ghor Provincial Council in 2005 and re-elected in 2009.

**Other Information:** Ghafari was affiliated with Hezb-e Jamiat Islami Afghanistan during the Jihad period. Currently, he is an independent member.

**HELMAND**

HELMAND							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Haji Naimatullah Popal	Nawa	59	4,346		Pashto	Independent	Complaints
Haji Abdul Ahad Sultanzai	Nawa	49	4,341		Pashto	Hezb-e Jamiat Islami	Defense (s)
Shair Muhammad Akhundzada	Kajaki	42	Appointed	Yes	Pashto	Independent	Defense

## Haji Naimatullah Popal

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**Province:** Helmand

**District:** Nawa

**PC:** 4346 votes

**Phone:** 0799760747

**Age:** 59

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Complaints and Petitions



**Personal background:** Haji Naimatullah Popal, (also known as Haji Lalai), son of Haji Abdullah, was born in Hazar Asp village of Nawa district, Helmand province in 1953. He is married and has two daughters and five sons. His brother, Haji Attaullah, was a senator for Helmand province from 2005 to 2010. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari.

**Education:** Popal graduated from Khalid Ben Walid High School in Helmand in 1974. Currently, he is studying law at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Popal emigrated to Pakistan and was involved in the jihad against the Soviet regime from 1981 to 1992.

**Haji Abdul Ahad Sultanzai**

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**Province:** Helmand**District:** Nawa**PC:** 4341 votes**Phone:** 0708250085**Ages:** 49**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Jamiat Islami**Commission:** Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs

**Personal background:** Haji Abdul Ahad Sultanzai, son of Haji Abdul Qodoos, was born in Nawa district, Helmand province in 1963. He is a member of the Barakzai tribe. His cousin Hamidullah has served as deputy governor of Helmand. He is married and has five daughters and four sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari. Sultanzai traveled to the United States in 2011 on an official parliamentary visit.

**Education:** Sultanzai graduated from the Khelj High School in Lashkargah district in Helmand in 1992. Currently, he is studying law at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Sultanzai was the deputy of the Department of Peace and Stability headed by Sebghatullah Mujadidi in 2007. He worked as a school teacher before being elected to the Helmand Provincial Council in 2009.

**Shair Muhammad Akhundzada**

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**Province:** Helmand**District:** Kajaki **Appointed****Phone:** 0799600001**Age:** 42**Incumbent****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs

**Personal background:** Alhaj Shir Muhammad Akhundzada, son of Mullah Muhammad Rasoul Akhundzada, was born in 1970 in Herat province. His father was a prominent jihadi commander. Akhundzada is a tribal leader and currently lives in the Kajaki district of Helmand province. He is married.

**Education:** Akhundzada has a Bachelors Degree in Law.

**Previous occupation:** Akhundzada was a jihadi commander in the Kajaki district of Helmand province. He later served as deputy governor of Musa Qala district, police chief of Musa Qala district, and governor of Helmand province from 2001 to 2005.

**Other Information:** Akhundzada was a participant of the Bonn and Rome conferences, and was a member of the Emergency and Constitutional Loya Jirgas in 2002 and 2003 respectively.

**HERAT**

HERAT							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Taiba Zahidi	Injil	52	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Independent	Environment (d)
Shahnaz Ghausi	Injil	45	7,009		Dari	Independent	International (d)
Engineer Ahmad Jawid Rauf	Gozara	39	5,265		Dari	Independent	Transport (c)

**Taiba Zahidi****Province:** Herat**District:** Injil**Appointed****Phone:** 0799209220**Age:** 52**Incumbent****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Public Welfare Affairs, Natural Resources and Environment (Deputy Chair)

**Personal background:** Taiba Zahidi, daughter of Abdul Jabbar, was born in 1960 in Enjel district, Herat province. She is married and has three daughters and one son. Her father and brothers are calligraphers and contributed to the well-known Islamic calligraphy of the Jami Mosque in Herat. Zahidi has traveled to Germany, India, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Turkey. She speaks Dari, Pashto and some English.

**Education:** Zahidi graduated from Noori High School in Herat province in 1976. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Literature and Social Science from Kabul University in 1978. In 2005, she attended a radio and TV management training program in Germany.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Zahidi has written a number of articles on self-immolation among Afghan women, published by the Human Rights Commission in a collection of research papers called 'Why Burning?' She also writes articles for the *Etifaq Islam* weekly publication in Herat. She holds an honorary membership with the Afghanistan Journalists Union.

**Previous occupation:** From 1979 to 1990, Zahidi was a teacher at Noori High School. From 1992 to 2002, she served as the principal of Amir Ali Sher Nawayee High School. From 2004 to 2005, Zahidi was the director of Radio Sehar, a women's radio station in Herat. She then was appointed as the head of the Provincial Department of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and the Disabled. She was appointed as a senator in 2005.

**Other Information:** Zahidi was an elected member of the Emergency and Constitutional Loya Jirgas in 2002 and 2003 respectively.

## Shahnaz Ghausi

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**Province:** Herat

**District:** Injil

**PC:** 7009 votes

**Phone:** 0702171735

**Age:** 45

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Email:** ghausi\_sh@yahoo.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** International Affairs (Deputy Chair)

**Personal background:** Shahnaz Ghausi, daughter of Sultan Ahmad, was born in Injil District of Herat province and currently lives in Khushal Mina, Kabul. She is married and has two daughters and three sons. Her uncle, Abdul Majid Mashwanai, was a senator in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> rounds of the Meshrano Jirga. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto. Ghausi has traveled to Indonesia, Finland, Germany, Pakistan and Thailand.

**Education:** Ghausi graduated from Zarghona High School in Kabul in 1981, and received her diploma from Sayed Jamaluddin Afghan Teacher Training Institute in 2010. Currently, she is studying to get her Masters Degree in Teaching at Kabul University.

**Previous occupation:** Ghausi was a teaching manager in the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs in 2002. She established Somya Kindergarten in Herat province in 2003. She was elected to the Herat Provincial Council in 2005, and re-elected in 2009.

**Engineer Ahmad Jawid Rauf**

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**Province:** Herat**District:** Gozara**PC:** 5265 votes**Phone:** 0799401619**Age:** 39**New Member****First language:** Dari**Email:** en.aj.raouf@gmail.com**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication (Chair)

**Personal background:** Engineer Ahmad Jawid Rauf, son of Haji Abdul Latif Rauf, was born in Gozara district of Herat province in 1973. Ahmad Jawid is married and has one daughter and three sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto. He has traveled to Ukraine for his studies and to Germany for business.

**Education:** Rauf graduated from the Sultan Ghiasuddin Ghorri High School in Herat in 1990. He graduated from the Ukraine Construction Engineering University in 1996.

**Previous occupation:** Rauf established the Bin-e Amin Raufi Logistic and Construction Company, which he has managed since 1997.

**JAWZJAN**

JAWZJAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Mohammad Ismail Munshi	Akcha	54	Appointed		Uzbek	Junbish Milli Islami	Justice
Haji Baimurad Quenly	Mangijak	42	3,143		Uzbek	Independent	Complaints
Sayed Azizullah Ulfatee	Sheberghan	49	2,829		Dari	Independent	Justice; current MJ Deputy Secretary

## Mohammad Ismail Munshi

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**Province:** Jawzjan

**District:** Akcha

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0796541980

**Age:** 54

**New Member**

**First language:** Uzbek

**Party Affiliation:** Junbish Milli Islami

**Commission:** Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary



**Personal background:** Mohammad Ismail Munshi, son of Mullah Rahim Qol, was born in Akcha district, Jawzjan province in 1958. His father was a Turkmen leader in the province. He is married and has two daughters and one son. His native language is Uzbek; he also speaks Dari, Pashto, and Turkmen.

**Education:** Munshi graduated from the Akcha High School in Akcha district in 1979. He received his Bachelor's Degree in the General History of Literature and Human Science from Kabul University in 1985.

**Previous occupation:** Munshi worked for the Vital Literacy Project at the Ministry of Education from 1986 to 1989. He then left Afghanistan and returned in 2001, joining the Junbish Milli Islami party as Deputy of the Executive Committee of the party.

**Other Information:** Munshi emigrated to Pakistan in 1991. He stayed in Pakistan for four years before moving to Turkmenistan, where he resided until the fall of the Taliban in 2001. Munshi was a representative of Jawzjan province at the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002. He ran unsuccessfully as a candidate for the 2005 Wolesi Jirga elections, and campaigned for President Karzai in the presidential elections.

## Haji Baimurad Quaenly

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**Province:** Jawzjan

**District:** Mangijak

**PC:** 3143 votes

**Phone:** 0799144186

**Age:** 42

**New Member**

**First language:** Uzbek

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Complaints and Petitions



**Personal background:** Haji Baimurad Quaenly, son of Haji Agha Mohammad, was born in Magijak district of Jawzjan province in 1970. He is married and has five daughters and five sons. His native language is Uzbek; he also speaks Dari, Pashto, Turkmen and Urdu.

**Education:** Quaenly graduated from Jawzjan High School in 1992. Currently, he is studying political law at Kabul University.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Quaenly is an active member of the Turkmen Cultural and Social Council of Afghanistan.

**Previous occupation:** Quaenly emigrated to Pakistan and was involved in the jihad against the Soviet regime from 1982 to 1992. He was elected to the Jawzjan Provincial Council in 2005 and re-elected in 2009.

## Sayed Azizullah Ulfatee

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**Province:** Jawzjan

**District:** Sheberghan

**PC:** 2829 votes

**Phone:** 0797025026

**Age:** 49

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Email:** s\_a\_u@yahoo.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary

**Meshrano Jirga Leadership/Administrative Board:** Deputy Secretary



**Personal background:** Sayed Azizullah Ulfatee, son of Sayed Mullah Abdullah, was born in 1963 in the Kook Gunbad village of Sheberghan district, Jawzjan province. His father is a tribal leader in the province. Ulfatee is married and has two daughters and three sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto, Turkish, Turkmen and Uzbek.

**Education:** Ulfatee graduated from the Abn-e Amin High School in Jawzjan province in 1982. He received his diploma from Military University of Kabul (Technical Academy) in 1984.

**Previous occupation:** Ulfatee was appointed mayor of Jawzjan province in 2004 and held the post for six months. He taught literature at the Teacher Training Institute in Jawzjan from 2005 to 2007. He then worked as a high school teacher in Jawzjan in 2008 before being elected to the Provincial Council in 2009.

**Other Information:** Ulfatee was a candidate for the Wolesi Jirga in 2005 but was unsuccessful.

**KABUL**

KABUL							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Hazrat Sebghatullah Mujadidi	1 <sup>st</sup>	86	Appointed	✓	Dari	Jabha-e Nejat Milli	None
Lailuma Ahmadi	11 <sup>th</sup>	48	Appointed		Dari	Independent	Education
Engineer Ehsanullah Bayat	6 <sup>th</sup>	49	Appointed		Dari	Independent	International
Nisar Ahmad Hares	9 <sup>th</sup>	60	Appointed		Dari	Independent	International
Ayatullah Mir Hussain Sadiqi Parwani	1 <sup>st</sup>	77	Appointed		Dari	Independent	Education
Bibi Haji Nafisa Sultani	Shakardara	43	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Independent	Disabled (c)
Khaleqdad Balaghi	Kabul	45	3,839		Dari	Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli	Education (s)
Haji Rafiullah Gul Afghan	Qarabagh	40	3,024		Dari	Independent	Tribal; current MJ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Deputy Speaker
Fawzia Sadaat Samkanai	Deh Sabz	37	858		Pashto	Independent	Tribal (s)

## Hazrat Sebghatullah Mujadidi

**Province:** Kabul

**District:** 1<sup>st</sup> District

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799349276

**Age:** 86

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Leader of Jabha-e Nejat Milli

**Commission:** None

**Meshrano Jirga Leadership/Administrative Board:** Former Speaker (2005 to 2010)



**Personal background:** Sebghatullah Mujadidi, son of Hazrat Mia Mohammad Massoum Mujadidi, was born in 1926 in Kabul. He is from a family line known in Afghanistan for religious leaders and scholars. Mujadidi is married and has six sons. He speaks Dari, Pashto, Arabic, English and Urdu. He has travelled to several countries around the world, and has lived in Denmark, Egypt, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

**Education:** Mujadidi completed his secondary education at Habibia High School in 1945. He has Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Islamic Law and Jurisprudence from Al -Azhar University in Cairo, which he completed in 1952.

**Previous occupation:** After his studies in Egypt, he returned to Afghanistan and taught at several high schools. In addition, he was a lecturer on Islamic Politics at Kabul University. In 1972, he created the Islamic Movement of Mohammadi Scholars. Between 1973 and 1977, while in Denmark, he established the Islamic Cultural Center of Scandinavia as well as centers of Islamic learning in Denmark and Norway. In 1978, while in Pakistan, he founded the Afghan National Liberation Front.

After the withdrawal of the Soviets from Afghanistan in 1989, Mujadidi served as the President of the Transitional Islamic Government of Afghanistan for three years. In 1992, he was the President of the Mujahideen government for two months before transferring power to the Mujahideen Leadership Council.

In the post-Taliban period, he served as the head of the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003. He was appointed by President Karzai in 2005 to lead the Afghanistan National Independent Peace and Reconciliation Committee. He served as the Speaker of the Meshrano Jirga from 2005 to 2010.

## Lailuma Ahmadi

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**Province:** Kabul

**District:** 11<sup>th</sup> District

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799330560

**Age:** 48

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Culture and Scientific Research

**Personal background:** Lailuma Ahmadi, daughter of Haji Mohammad, was born in 1964 in Kabul. She is single. She speaks Dari and English, and has traveled to France, Germany, Turkey and the United States.

**Education:** Ahmadi received primary and secondary education at the Sayed Nasiri High School in Kabul. She later graduated from Mariam High School in Kabul in 1981. She received her diploma from the Kabul Mechanical Institute (Radio Department) in 1983. Currently, Ahmadi is a student of Law and Political Science at the Dawat Higher Education Institute in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Ahmadi is a member of the Journalists Union and a member of the government's Media High Council.

**Previous occupation:** Ahmadi has been working in broadcasting since 1984. She was a moderator on Afghanistan National Radio and TV, held positions as head of Kabul Radio and Chief Editor of *Roz* Magazine, and was a member of the presidential press office.

## Engineer Ehsanullah Bayat

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**Province:** Kabul

**District:** 6<sup>th</sup> District

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0700899899

**Age:** 49

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Email:** e.bayat@tsiglobe.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** International Affairs



**Personal background:** Eng. Ehsanullah Bayat, son of Khan Aqa, was born in 1963 in the sixth district of Kabul province. He is married and has three daughters. He speaks Dari, Pashto, English and Urdu. Bayat has traveled to many European and Asian countries.

**Education:** Bayat graduated from the Istiqlal High School in Kabul, and then completed his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering Technology from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1986.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Bayat is the founder of the Bayat Foundation, a charitable institute. He has received several awards recognizing his humanitarian and business efforts – these awards include: the Afghanistan Human Rights Association Human Rights National Award (2006), the Afghan American Chamber of Commerce Businessman of The Year Award (2007), Zeba Magazine's Best Humanitarian Award (2007), and the Mahatma Gandhi Humanitarian Award (2010).

**Previous occupation:** Bayat is the founder and chairman of Telephone Systems International, Inc. in New Jersey and three organizations within Afghanistan: Afghan Wireless Communication Company (AWCC), Ariana Radio and Television Network, and the Bayat Foundation. Bayat left Afghanistan during the Russian invasion and emigrated to the United States, but returned after the fall of the Taliban.

## Nisar Ahmad Hares

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**Province:** Kabul

**District:** 9<sup>th</sup> District

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0700224845

**Ages:** 60

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**E-mail:** n.haress@gmail.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** International Affairs



**Personal background:** Nisar Ahmad Hares, son of Mohammad Yaqoub, was born in 1952 in Kabul. He is married and has one daughter and two sons. He speaks Dari, Pashto and English. He has traveled to Belgium, China, Germany, the Netherlands, Turkey and the United States.

**Education:** Hares graduated from Habibia High School in Kabul in 1973, and from the Literature Faculty of Kabul University in 1978.

**Previous occupation:** Hares was a reporter for Voice of America (VoA) from 2001 to 2011.

**Other Information:** Hares has been the Spokesman of Eslah wa Adalat parliamentary group since March 2012.

## Ayatullah Mir Hussain Sadiqi Parwani

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**Province:** Kabul

**District:** 1<sup>st</sup> District

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0702242457

**Age:** 77

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Culture and Scientific Research

**Personal background:** Ayatullah Mir Hussain Sadiqi Parwani, son of Noor Ahmad, was born in 1935 in Kamari district, Kabul province. He is married and has five children. He speaks Dari and Arabic.

**Education:** Parwani completed his basic Islamic studies in Bamyan and Kabul provinces. He traveled to Iraq in 1959, where he graduated as an ayatollah from the Najaf Seminary.

**Previous occupation:** Parwani has taught various Islamic subjects in seminaries in Kabul during his career.

**Other Information:** While teaching in a seminary in the Chendawal area of Kabul, Parwani established a youth movement that later became the Wahdat party. He was leader of this party for a period of time during the uprising against the communist regime. Parwani was one of the organizers of the Chendawal uprising in Kabul against the regime in 1979.

He has written a number of publications and articles, including interpretations of the Quran and the rights of women.

## Bibi Haji Nafisa Sultani

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**Province:** Kabul

**District:** Shakardara

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799601981

**Age:** 43

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** Handicapped, Disabled, Dependents of Martyrs and Refugees (Chair)

**Personal background:** Bibi Haji Nafisa Sultani, daughter of Taj Mohammed, was born in 1969 in the Shakardara district, Kabul province. Her father was a soldier during the reign of Zahir Shah. She is single. She has traveled to Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Japan, Qatar and Thailand. She speaks Pashto and Dari.

**Education:** Sultani graduated from Gul Khana High School in Kabul in 1989. She has participated in trainings and workshops in Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Japan, Qatar and Thailand on the rights of people with disabilities.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Sultani is a member of the Afghanistan Civil Society Forum (ACSF), and is working on the committee for advocacy for people with disabilities. She established the National Association of Disabled Women in 2004.

**Previous occupation:** From 1989 to 1996, Sultani worked in the Ministry of Public Health as a specialist and campaigner on malaria awareness. From 1996 to 1999, she worked for Save the Children in Kabul province. During the Taliban regime, she was in Pakistan. From 2001 to 2004, she resumed her work with the Ministry of Public Health. In 2004, she established the National Association of Disabled Women and served as its director until she was appointed as a senator in 2005.

## Khaleqdad Balaghi

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**Province:** Kabul

**District:** Kabul

**PC:** 3839 votes

**Phone:** 0797239970

**Age:** 45

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e-Ensejam Milli



**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Culture and Scientific Research (Secretary)

**Personal background:** Mr. Khaleqdad Balaghi, son of Zawarshah, was born in Jaghori district of Ghazni province in 1967. He is married and has two daughters and six sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto and Arabic. He has formally travelled to Maldives, Iran, Sudan and India.

**Education:** Balaghi studied at private Islamic madrasas in Afghanistan and Iran. In 2009, he received his diploma in Islamic subjects from the Ministry of Education from the Islamic Studies Department.

**Previous occupation:** Balaghi was an Islamic teacher at the Masjid Quraan wa Etrat in Kabul (District 13) from 2003 to 2010. He also was a moderator on the Rah-e Farda (Way of Tomorrow) television program from 2007 to 2012.

## Haji Rafiullah Gul Afghan

**Province:** Kabul

**District:** Qarabagh

**PC:** 3024 votes

**Phone:** 0777863281

**Age:** 40

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Ethnic/Tribal, Frontiers and Kuchi (Nomad) Affairs

**Meshrano Jirga Leadership/Administrative Board:** Second Deputy Speaker



**Personal background:** Haji Rafiullah Gul Afghan, son of Abdul Aziz Akhonzada, was born in Karez village, in Qarabagh district, Kabul province in 1972. He is married and has five daughters and two sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto.

**Education:** Afghan graduated from the Khairkhana High School in Kabul in 1987, and received a diploma from the Kabul Medical Institute in 1989. Currently, he is studying political law at Kabul University.

**Previous occupation:** Afghan was a jihadi commander in the Afghan Defense Ministry in Kabul from 1992 to 1996. During the Taliban regime, he was head of the Omid Belal Construction Company.

**Other Information:** Afghan was affiliated with Hezb-e Islami during the Soviet regime. Currently, he is an independent member.

## Fawzia Sadaat Samkanai

**Province:** Kabul

**District:** Deh Sabz

**PC:** 858 votes

**Phone:** 0775504604

**Age:** 37

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Ethnic/Tribal, Frontiers and Kuchi (Nomad) Affairs



**Personal background:** Fawzia Sadaat Samkanai, daughter of Sayed Abdul Manan, was born in 1975 in the Deh Sabz district of Kabul. She is married and has two daughters and three sons. She speaks Pashto, Dari and some English.

**Education:** Samkanai completed primary school at the Bibi Mahro School of Kabul. She enrolled in Bibi Ayesha High School and later transferred to the Women's Professional High School of Kabul, graduating in 1988. In 2008, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Literature from the Kabul University of Education.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Samkanai has participated in several civil society events, including the July 2012 Afghan Youth Peace Jirga.

**Previous occupation:** Samkanai obtained her first job as a teacher in 1989 at the Abdul Haq Shaheed High School in Kabul. Later, during the wars, she emigrated to Pakistan. She returned as a teacher to Abdul Haq Shaheed High School in 2002. In 2005, she was elected as a member of the Paktia Provincial Council. She resigned from her post a year before the end of her four-year term to become the Deputy of Tribal and Ethnic Affairs in the Administrative Affairs Office of the government. In 2009, she was elected again as a member of the Paktia Provincial Council and was elected as the council's representative to the Meshrano Jirga.

**Other Information:** Samkanai stood for election to the Wolesi Jirga in 2010 (for Kabul province) but was unsuccessful.

**KANDAHAR**

KANDAHAR							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Rona Tareen	Dand	38	Appointed		Pashto	Independent	Education
Bismilah Afghanmal	2 <sup>nd</sup>	51	21,515		Pashto	Independent	House
Haji Saleh Mohammad Pahlawan	Takhta Pul	42	12,372		Pashto	Independent	Complaints

## Rona Tareen

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**Province:** Kandahar

**District:** Dand

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0700306177

**Age:** 38

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Culture and Scientific Research

**Personal background:** Rona Tareen, daughter of Haji Fina Domahhad, was born in 1974 in Dand district, Kandahar province. Her father is a retired air force officer who is currently working as a teacher in Kandahar province. Tareen is married and has six children. She has traveled to China, the Czech Republic, India, Iran, Pakistan, Russia and Saudi Arabia. She speaks Pashto, Dari, English and Urdu.

**Education:** Tareen graduated from Sofi Sahib Girls' High School in Kandahar province in 1991. Currently, she is pursuing a degree in literature at Kabul University.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Tareen is member of a women's association, working for the welfare of women and children.

**Previous occupation:** Tareen worked as a health educator and campaigner for UNICEF during the Mujahideen government. From 2002 to 2005, she worked at the Department of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and the Disabled in Kandahar. From 2006 to 2009, she worked as the head of the Department of Women Affairs in Kandahar province.

**Other Information:** Tareen is a well-known women's rights activist in Kandahar province. She left Kandahar after receiving numerous threats from armed groups. She ran for the Wolesi Jirga in both 2005 and 2010, but was unsuccessful.

**Bismillah Afghamal**

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**Province:** Kandahar**District:** 2<sup>nd</sup> District**PC:** 21515 votes**Phone:** 0798032869**Age:** 51**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Immunities and Privileges

**Personal background:** Mr. Bismillah Afghamal, son of Haji Mawladad Momand, was born in District 2 of Kandahar city in 1961. He is married and has one daughter and four sons. Afghamal's father was acting Governor of Kandahar province from 1976 to 1978. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari.

**Education:** Afghamal graduated from the Alberoni High School in Kandahar in 1987. Currently, he is studying law and political science at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** In 2003, Afghamal was acting head of the Information and Culture Department in Kandahar province. In 2004, he became the Director of the Arts and Literature Department in Kandahar. Afghamal was later the director of the *Reshtya* weekly newspaper that was established in 2009. He was elected to the Provincial Council in Kandahar in 2005 and re-elected in 2009.

## Haji Saleh Mohammad Pahlawan

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**Province:** Kandahar

**District:** Takhta Pul

**PC:** 12372 votes

**Phone:** 0700312748

**Age:** 42

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Complaints and Petitions



**Personal background:** Haji Saleh Mohammad Pahlawan, son of Abdul Jalal Khan, was born in Takhta Pul district, Kandahar province in 1970. He comes from a family of tribal leaders, and his uncle, Wakil Nooruddin Khan, was a member of the Wolesi Jirga during Zahir Shah's reign. He is married and has one daughter and three sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari. He has traveled to Pakistan with the Meshrano Jirga.

**Education:** Pahlawan graduated from the Ghazi Abdullah High School in Boldak district, Kandahar province in 1997. Currently, he is studying law and political science at the Dawat Islami University in Kabul, and English language at a private English training center.

**Previous occupation:** Pahlawan was a former police commander in Kandahar.

**KAPISA**

KAPISA							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Abdul Shakour Farid	Kohistan	84	Appointed	✓	Dari	Hezb-e Islami Muttahid Afghanistan	Disabled
Mulwai Ghalam Mahiudin Munsif	Nijrab	39	5,054		Dari	Independent	Justice (c)
Noor Muhammad Kafeel Noori	Nijrab	51	2,932		Dari	Independent	Finance

## Abdul Shakour Farid

**Province:** Kapisa

**District:** Kohistan

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0797869134

**Age:** 84

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Islami Muttahid Afghanistan

**Commission:** Handicapped, Disabled, Dependents of Martyrs and Refugees



**Personal background:** Abdul Shakour Farid, son of Abdul Raouf, was born in 1928 in Kohistan district, Kapisa province. He is married and has five daughters and three sons. His son, Ustad Abdul Sabor Farid, was an appointed member of the Meshrano Jirga in 2005, but was killed shortly after his appointment. Abdul Shkour Farid then took the place of his son, and was re-appointed for a second term. Farid speaks Dari, Pashto and English. He has traveled to India, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

**Education:** Farid graduated from Ghazi High School in Kabul in 1955. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education and Training, which he received from the Kabul Institute for Education in 1959.

**Previous occupation:** Farid has been the principal of several schools during his career, including Nauman High School in Kapisa province, Khan Abad High School in Kunduz province, and Sayedkhil High School in Parwan province. He was Deputy Education Director of Parwan province (then an area covering the current provinces of Kapisa and Panjshir) during the 1970s, and was responsible for building schools, recruiting teachers and designing the curriculum. During his time in Pakistan, he was head of the education department of Hezb-e Islami. He also was the head of education for all seven parties for the *Haftgana* coalition in the early 1990s. After the fall of the Taliban, he served as the Education Attache of Afghanistan to Pakistan.

**Other Information:** Farid maintains connections with Hezb-e Islami but participates most actively in one of its splinter groups, Hezb-e Islami Muttahid Afghanistan, led by Wahidullah Sabauon (the Presidential Advisor on Tribal Affairs).

**Mulawi Ghulam Mahiudin Munsif**

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**Province:** Kapisa**District:** Nijrab**PC:** 5054 votes**Phone:** 0799847969**Age:** 39**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary (Chair)

**Personal background:** Mulawi Ghulam Mahiudin Munsif, son of Shamsheer Khan, was born in Nijrab district, Kapisa province in 1973. He comes from a family of tribal leaders. He is married and has seven children. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto and Arabic. Munsif has traveled to the United States to address Congress with colleagues in the Afghan parliament.

**Education:** Munsif graduated from an Islamic madrasa and received his diploma in 1994.

**Previous occupation:** Munsif is a former teacher. He was director of the Department of Education in Nijrab district until 2009, when he was elected to the Kapisa Provincial Council.

## Noor Mohammad Kafeel Noori

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**Province:** Kapisa

**District:** Nijrab

**PC:** 2932 votes

**Phone:** 0798032869

**Age:** 51

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** National Economy, Finance, Budget and General Accounts

**Personal background:** Noor Mohammad Kafeel Noori, son of Tahmas, was born in Nijrab District, Kapisa province in 1961. He is married and has eight daughters and two sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto and Urdu.

**Education:** Noori completed high school at the Rahman Baba High School in 1978. He also has a diploma in veterinary science from a temporary German educational institute in Pakistan in 1980.

**Previous occupation:** Noori emigrated to Pakistan during the war years and joined a Jihadi group. Within this period, from 1993 to 1998, he also worked as a veterinarian for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Kuwait Red Crescent Society. Noori was elected to the Kapisa Provincial Council in 2005 and re-elected in 2009, after which he was selected by the council to be a representative to the Meshrano Jirga.

**Other Information:** Noori was a member of Hezb-e Mahaz Milli while he was living in Pakistan.

**KHOST**

KHOST							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Anarkali Hunaryar	Kala-e Hindwan	38	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Independent	Finance
Arifullah Pashtun	Sabari	38	16,664		Pashto	Independent	International (c)
Haji Dirkhil Mangal	Qalandar	56	8,452		Pashto	Hezb-e Islami	Transport

## Anarkali Hunaryar

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**Province:** Khost                      **District:** Kala-e Hindwan                      **Appointed**  
**Phone:** 0799749496                      **Age:** 38                      **Incumbent**  
**First language:** Pashto                      **Email:** honaryar786@yahoo.com  
**Party Affiliation:** Independent  
**Commission:** Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary



**Personal background:** Anarkali Hunaryar, daughter of Kishen Singh, was born in 1974 in the Kala-e-Hindwan district, Khost province. She is single. Her father was a commissioner in the 15<sup>th</sup> round of parliamentary elections. Her native language is Pashto; she also speaks Dari, Hindi and Punjabi. Hunaryar traveled to Moscow in 2012 on a parliamentary trip.

**Education:** Hunaryar graduated from the Hawa High School in Pul-e Khumri, Baghlan province, and she received her diploma in dentistry from Kabul Medical University in 1995. She studied math and physics for one year at the Sayed Jamaluddin Teacher Training Institute in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Hunaryar is a member of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission. She is the head of the Honod and Sikh Women's Association.

**Previous occupation:** Before becoming a member of the Meshrano Jirga, Hunaryar worked as a teacher and a vaccinator.

**Other Information:** Hunaryar was a member of the Constitutional Loya Jirga, and the joint Pakistan-Afghanistan Peace Jirga. She was awarded the 2011 UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Source: UNESCO Office in Kabul:  
[http://www.unesco.org/new/en/kabul/about-this-office/single-view/news/defending\\_the\\_rights\\_of\\_minorities\\_and\\_women\\_interview\\_with\\_ms\\_anarkali\\_honaryar/](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/kabul/about-this-office/single-view/news/defending_the_rights_of_minorities_and_women_interview_with_ms_anarkali_honaryar/)

## Arifullah Pashtun

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**Province:** Khost

**District:** Sabari

**PC:** 16,664 votes

**Phone:** 0708899696

**Age:** 38

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Email:** Arifullah pashtoon@yahoo.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** International Affairs (Chair)



**Personal background:** Arifullah Pashtun, son of Muhammad Tahir Sabari, was born in 1974 in Sabari district, Khost province. His father is the deputy governor of Khost province. He is married and has three daughters and three sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari, Arabic, English and Urdu. He has traveled to Austria, China, Egypt, Germany, Iran, Pakistan, Panama, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Syria and the United States.

**Education:** Pashtun graduated from Abu Sabari Yaqobi School in Sabari district in 2002. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Maiwand University in Kabul in 2007. He received his Master's Degree in International Relations from Indira Ghandi University of India in 2011. Currently, he is a student at Dawat University in Kabul at the Faculty of Law and Political Science.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** In 2003, Pashtun was head of the Youth Jirga of Khost province. He is the founder and head of the Youth Foundation in Khost, which he established in 2012.

**Previous occupation:** Pashtun worked as a supervisor of four districts in Khost for the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development in 2002. He then became head of monitoring and evaluation in the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, and held this post until 2004. From 2004 to 2007, he worked in the Department of Counter Narcotics in Khost as a law enforcement officer, and then worked in the governor's office in Khost as an officer for natural disasters from 2007 to 2009.

## Haji Dirkhil Mangal

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**Province:** Khost

**District:** Qalandar

**PC:** 8452 votes

**Phone:** 0705740691

**Age:** 56

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Islami

**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication



**Personal background:** Haji Dirkhil Mangal, son of Mirmat Khan, was born in Qalandar district in Khost province in 1956. His father was a member of the Wolesi Jirga in 1954. He is married and has 13 daughters and 12 sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari, Arabic and Urdu. He has traveled to Pakistan.

**Education:** Mangal graduated from Muhammad Sediq Rohi High School in 1979. He later became involved in the jihad against the Soviets.

**Previous occupation:** Mangal was a jihadi commander for Hezb-e Islami in Khost province from 1980 to 1994. He also is a tribal leader in the province and has served as chief of police at the Hazrat Omar Farooq Compound in Khost province.

**KUNAR**

KUNAR							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Roshan Ara Alokozai	Sarkano	48	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Independent	Education
Gulhar Jalal	Nari	45	Appointed		Pashto	Independent	Civil Society
Rafiullah Haidari	Asadabad	39	9,489		Pashto	Independent	Finance
Haji Mohammad Amin Safi	Kunar	52	3,892		Pashto	Hezb-e Jamiat Islami	Defense

## Roshan Ara Alokozai

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**Province:** Kunar

**District:** Sarkano

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799601981

**Age:** 48

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Cultural and Scientific Research

**Personal background:** Roshan Ara Alokozai, daughter of Mer Ahmad Alokozai, was born in 1964 in Sarkano district, Kunar province. Her uncle, Mohammad Jan Shair, was a former parliamentarian during Zahir Shah's reign. She is married. Her family moved to Kabul after Kunar province was captured by the Mujahideen during the Najibullah government. As a member of the Meshrano Jirga, she has made official trips to Bangladesh, Germany, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Russia and the United Arab Emirates. She can speak Pashto, Dari and some English.

**Education:** Alokozai graduated from Fatima Shahid High School of Kunar province in 1983, and from the Nangarhar Teacher Training Institute in 1987. She participated in multiple workshops on health and food security while she was living in Khorasan Afghan Refugee Camp in Pakistan. Currently, Mrs. Alokozai is a student of Law and Political Science at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Alokozai was the head of a women's society in Khorasan Refugee Camp for over 10 years. Currently, she is an executive member of Afghanistan's Eastern Provinces Tribal Council.

**Previous occupation:** During the Najib government, Alokozai worked at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, in the Department for Orphanages and Kindergartens. She later worked as a teacher at the Khorasan Refugee Camp Primary School. She was appointed as a senator in 2005.

## Gulhar Jalal

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**Province:** Kunar

**District:** Nari

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0700673161

**Age:** 45

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Email:** Gulharjalal@ yahoo.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Widows, Gender Issues and Civil Society



**Personal background:** Gulhar Jalal is the daughter of Alhaj Malik Rahmat Noor. She was born in 1967 in Nari district, Kunar province. Her native language is Pashto; she also speaks Dari. She is married and has one daughter. Her husband, Jamiatullah Jalal, is a famous political figure in Kunar province, involved in the Jihad and in tribal affairs. She has traveled to France, India, Japan and the United Arab Emirates.

**Education:** Jalal graduated from the Nasima Shahed High School in Peshawar, Pakistan.

**Previous occupation:** Jalal served as the director of an orphanage in Pakistan while she was living there as a refugee. She was a member of the Wolesi Jirga from Kunar province from 2005 to 2010, and was the only female candidate from Kunar who won enough votes to secure a seat without the help of the parliamentary quota for women representatives.

## Rafiullah Haidari

**Province:** Kunar

**District:** Asadabad

**PC:** 9489 votes

**Phone:** 0700642209

**Age:** 39

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Email:** haidari.kunar@gmail.com

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** National Economy, Finance, Budget and General Accounts

**Personal background:** Rafiullah Haidari, son of Haji Shir Agha, was born in 1973 in the Asadabad district, Kunar province. He is married and has five daughters and three sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari, English and Urdu. Haidari traveled to the United States in 2010 to participate in the U.S. State Department's International Visitors Leadership Program. He traveled to Germany to participate in the two Bonn Conferences. He also has traveled to Indonesia and Pakistan.

**Education:** Haidari graduated from Omra Khan High School in Kunar province in 1996. In 2002, he participated in a one-year training course in journalism in Kunar, run by the Ayena Organization and Free Journalists Foundation. In 2008, he received his diploma from the Literature and Pashto Department of the Teacher Training Institute in Kunar. Currently, he is studying law and political science at the Dawat University in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Haidari has attended several training programs conducted by the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) in Kunar province. He was the deputy chairman of the Sayed Jamaluddin Afghan Civil Society Organization from 2002 to 2010. He also served as deputy editor of the Kunar Magazine from 2002 to 2010.

**Previous occupation:** Haidari was a teacher of Pashto in different schools in Kunar province from 1997 to 2010. He also was the school principal of the Asadabad School during that period. He was the head of the Kunar Teacher's Foundation from 2002 to 2010 while working as a journalist in radio and television in Kunar province. He has been deputy director of the Agha Shan Construction Company (ASCC) since 2002.

**Haji Mohammad Amin Safi**

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**Province:** Kunar**District:** Kunar**PC:** 3892 votes**Phone:** 0700640795**Age:** 52**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Jamiat Islami**Commission:** Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs

**Personal background:** Haji Mohammad Amin Safi, son of Amir Mohammad, was born in Kunar province in 1960. He is married and has six daughters and eight sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari.

**Education:** Safi graduated from the Omra Khan High School in Kunar province in 1978. He then completed courses at a jihadi training center in 1985.

**Previous occupation:** Safi emigrated to Pakistan in 1979 and joined the Hezb-e Jamiat Islami party. He worked as a National Security Colonel in the Department for Afghan National Security from 1994 to 2009.

**KUNDUZ**

KUNDUZ							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Engineer Mohammaddin Hamdard	Chardara	49	2,174		Pashto	Independent	Finance (d)
Haji Abdullah	Qala Zal	56	2,067		Turkmen	Independent	Justice (s)

## Engineer Mohammaddin Hamdard

**Province:** Kunduz

**District:** Chardara

**PC:** 2174 votes

**Phone:** 0700700083

**Age:** 49

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent



**Commission:** National Economy, Finance, Budget and General Accounts (Deputy Chair)

**Personal background:** Engineer Mohammaddin Hamdard, son of Haji Abdul Hanan, was born in Chardar district, Kunduz province in 1963. He moved to Pakistan in 1988 and was there for five years. His cousin Mawlawi Abdul Haq was a member of the Meshrano Jirga in its 13<sup>th</sup> round, under the reign of Zahir Shah. He is married and has three daughters and five sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari. He traveled to the United States in 2011 by invitation of the US Congress, and has been to France.

**Education:** Hamdard graduated from the Naderia High School in Kabul in 1982. He received his diploma in Agriculture from the United Nations Training Program in Kabul in 1989. Currently, he is studying law at Dawat Islami University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Hamdard was the head of the Bakhtar Charity Organization in 1995. He also was the head of the Bakhtar Construction Company.

## Haji Abdullah

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**Province:** Kunduz

**District:** Qala Zal

**PC:** 2067 votes

**Phone:** 0799056289

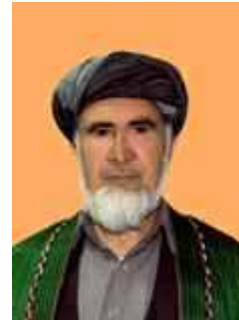
**Age:** 56

**New Member**

**First language:** Turkmen

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary (Secretary)



**Personal background:** Haji Abdullah, son of Haji Beramqul, was born in Qala Zal district, Kunduz province in 1956. He is married and has four daughters and four sons. His native language is Turkmen; he also speaks Uzbek, Dari and Pashto. In 2008, as a Provincial Council member, he traveled to the Philippines to discuss parliamentary affairs on a trip sponsored by USAID and the Afghan parliament.

**Education:** Abdullah graduated from the Shir Khan High School in Kunduz province in 1975.

**Previous occupation:** Abdullah worked as a teacher for several years. From 2002 to 2004, he served as a prosecutor in Qala Zal district, Kunduz province. He was elected to the Provincial Council for Kunduz in 2005.

**Other Information:** Abdullah was associated with Hezb-e Islami during the jihad. Currently, he is an independent member.

**LAGHMAN**

LAGHMAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Haji Mukaram Khan Naseri	Qarghaei	50	3,985		Pashto	Hezb-e Dawat Islami	House (c)
Wahida Safi	Metariam	46	1,162		Pashto	Independent	Civil Society

## Haji Mukaram Khan Naseri

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**Province:** Laghman

**District:** Qarghaei

**PC:** 3,985 votes

**Phone:** 0706000600

**Age:** 50

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Dawat Islami

**Commission:** Immunities and Privileges (Chair)



**Personal background:** Haji Mukaram Khan Naseri, son of Mera Jan Naseri, was born in 1962 in Qarghaei district, Laghman province. He speaks Pashto and Dari. He is married and has seven children.

**Education:** Naseri graduated from Qarghaei High School in 1980.

**Previous occupation:** Naseri was a jihadi commander in the Torghar front of Itihad-e Islami under Abdul Rab Rasul Sayaf's leadership. After the jihad, he was chosen as a tribal leader of the Naseri tribe.

**Other Information:** Naseri participated in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002 and in the Constitutional Loya Jirga in 2003 as a representative of Laghman province. He was the Laghman province manager for Hamid Karzai's presidential campaign in 2009.

**Wahida Safi**

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**Province:** Laghman**District:** Metarlam**PC:** 1162 votes**Phone:** 0708349786**Age:** 46**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Widows, Gender Issues and Civil Society

**Personal background:** Wahida Safi, daughter of Dost Mohammad, was born in Narang district, Kunar province in 1966. She is married and has four daughters and four sons. Her cousin, Andal Husaini, was the Deputy Minister of Agriculture in 1978. Her native language is Pashto; she also speaks Dari.

**Education:** Safi graduated from the Aryana High School in Kabul in 1986. She received her diploma in journalism from Kabul University in 1988.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Safi is an active member of the Watan Afghanistan Committee, a civil society organization.

**Previous occupation:** Safi has a background in teaching and in midwifery. She was a school teacher at the girls' high school in Narang District, Kunar province from 1998 to 2001. She also worked as a midwife at the Narang District Medical Center from 1999 to 2007.

**LOGAR**

LOGAR							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Sefatullah Haqmal	Azra	42	3,514		Pashto	Independent	Education (d)
Hidayatullah Ahmadzai	Azra	42	2,734		Pashto	Independent	Transport (d)

**Sefatullah Haqmal**

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**Province:** Logar**District:** Azra**PC:** 3514 votes**Phone:** 0777776369**Age:** 42**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Culture and Scientific Research (Deputy Chair)

**Personal background:** Sefatullah Haqmal, son of Mangal, was born in 1970 in Azra district, Logar province. He is married and has five daughters and two sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari, Arabic and English. He has traveled to India, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

**Education:** Haqmal graduated from the Sayed Ibn Jubair Islamic Madrasa in Saudi Arabia in 1990. He received his diploma in Islamic Studies from Imam Abu Hanifa in Peshawar in 1991.

**Previous occupation:** Haqmal worked as a teacher in Azra district from 2002 to 2005, and then as school principal in 2006. He was elected to the Logar Provincial Council in 2009.

**Other Information:** Haqmal was connected to Hezb-e Islami during the jihad period. Currently, he is an independent member.

**Hidayatullah Ahmadzai**

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**Province:** Logar**District:** Azra**PC:** 2734 votes**Phone:** 0799004420**Age:** 42**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication, (Deputy Chair)

**Personal background:** Hedayatullah Ahmadzai, son of Wakeel Shatoo Khan, was born in Mangal village in Azra District, Logar province in 1970. He is married and has four daughters and three sons. His uncle Sultan Khan Jan was a senator during the reign of Zahir Shah. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari.

**Education:** Ahmadzai graduated from a jihadi high school in Peshawar, Pakistan in 1998.

**Previous occupation:** Ahmadzai emigrated to Pakistan in 1997 and joined a jihadi group during the time he spent there. He is a tribal leader in Logar. Since 2008, he has worked as a member of the Community Development Council (CDC) of the National Solidarity Programme in the province.

**NANGARHAR**

NANGARHAR							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Haji Mohammad Essa Shinwari	Shinwar	85	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Independent	Tribal (d)
Fazl Hadi Muslimyar	Chaparhar	43	8,236		Pashto	Hezb-e Dawat Islami	MJ Speaker
Haji Lutfullah Baba	Rodat	41	3,740		Pashto	Independent	Tribal (c)

**Haji Mohammad Essa Shinwari**

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**Province:** Nangarhar**District:** Shinwar**Appointed****Phone:** 0799671522**Age:** 85**Incumbent****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Ethnic/Tribal, Frontiers and Kuchi (Nomad) Affairs (Deputy Chair)

**Personal background:** Mohammad Essa Shinwari was born in 1927 in Ghani Khel village of Shinwar district, Nangarhar province. He is married and has three children. Mr. Shinwari is the tribal leader of the Shinwari tribe. His family has been engaged in solving tribal and territorial disputes over the border since the reign of Ahmad Shah (1747-1772). Shinwari speaks Pashto and Dari, and has traveled to India and Pakistan.

**Education:** Due to the lack of educational facilities available during his youth, Shinwari undertook private education in local seminaries.

**Previous occupation:** After the death of his brother Mohammad Afzal Khan in 1956, Shinwari was given the responsibility of heading the Shinwari tribe. Since then, he has led jirgas on both sides of the border with Pakistan and has been responsible for solving tribal disputes.

## Fazl Hadi Muslimyar

**Province:** Nangarhar

**District:** Chaparhar

**PC:** 8236 votes

**Phone:** 0700005858

**Age:** 43

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Email:** fazlhadimuslimyar@yahoo.com

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Dawat Islami



**Meshrano Jirga Leadership/Administrative Board:** Speaker

**Personal background:** Fazl Hadi Muslimyar, son of Muhammad Omer Khan, was born in 1969 in Dawlatzai village in Chaparhar district, Nangarhar province. He is married and has two daughters and five sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari, Arabic and English.

**Education:** Muslimyar received his Bachelor's Degree in Law, Political Science and Islamic Sharia from Jalalabad University in 2009.

**Previous occupation:** Muslimyar was a jihadi commander, and also served as chief of staff at the Nangarhar police headquarters during the jihad period. He was Deputy Assistant of the 11th military division during the interim administration. He was elected to the Nangarhar Provincial Council in 2005 and made head of the council. He was re-elected in 2009, and was chosen by the council to become a representative to the Senate. He was elected Speaker of the Senate in 2011.

**Other information:** Currently, Muslimyar is the head of Hezb-e Dawat Islami in Nangarhar province.

## Haji Lutfullah Baba

**Province:** Nangarhar

**District:** Rodat

**PC:** 3740 votes

**Phone:** 0799189191

**Age:** 41

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Email:** lutfullahbaba@ gmail .com



**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Ethnic/Tribal, Frontiers and Kuchi (Nomad) Affairs (Chair)

**Personal background:** Haji Lutfullah Baba, son of Muhammad Sediq, was born in 1971 in Hishar-e Shahi village of Rodat district, Nangarhar province. He is married and has five daughters and four sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari. Baba has traveled to India, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, and the United Arab Emirates.

**Education:** Baba finished primary school at the Sayed Abdul Wakil School in Jalalabad. He then joined the Vocational Institute of Jalalabad and graduated in 1988. He attended the University of Agriculture in Jalalabad, and completed two years of study before emigrating to Pakistan. He returned to Kabul in 1992. He received his diploma from the Nangarhar Teacher Training Institute in 2010. Currently, he is studying law and political science at the Dawat University in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Baba is currently working to establish the Baba Charity Foundation in Rodat district.

**Previous occupation:** Baba is a businessman working in petroleum supplies from Tajikistan. He is the founder and head of The East Zone Petroleum Business Community, which is registered with the Ministry of Justice. He established the organization in 1992. Baba is also a tribal leader in Rodat district.

**NIMROZ**

NIMROZ							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Saleha Mehrzad Barakzai	Chakhansur	54	Appointed		Pashto	Independent	Defense
Bibi Haji Rohgul Khairzad	Kang	38	1,106		Dari	Independent	Defense (c)
Bibi Haji Khairunisa Ghamay	Kang	49	773		Dari	Independent	House

**Saleha Mehrzad Barakzai****Province:** Nimroz**District:** Chakhansur**Appointed****Phone:** 0707791012**Age:** 54**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs

**Personal background:** Saleha Mirzad Barakzai, daughter of Haji Mihir Ali, was born in Chakhansur district, Nimroz province in 1958. Barakzai is married and she has two daughters and three sons. Her uncle was a member of the Wolesi Jirga in the 13<sup>th</sup> parliament (elected in 1969). Her native language is Pashto; she also speaks Dari and Baluchi. Barakzai traveled to Austria, Germany, Iran, Northern Ireland and Sweden during her term in office as Wolesi Jirga representative for Nimroz from 2005 to 2010.

**Education:** Barakzai graduated from the Nimroz Girls' High School in 1975, and received her diploma in Pashto Literature from Sayed Jamaluddin Teacher Training Institute in Kabul in 1978.

**Previous occupation:** Barakzai was a school teacher at Nimroz Girls' High School in Zaranj, Nimroz province from 1978 to 1992, after which she served as school principal until 2002. She then participated in the Emergency and Constitutional Loya Jirgas in 2002 and 2003, before resuming her position as school principal in 2004. Barakzai was elected as an MP to the Wolesi Jirga for Nimroz province in 2005.

**Other Information:** Barakzai was a member of the Central Audits Commission, and later the Economy, Finance and Budgets Commission in the Wolesi Jirga from 2005 to 2010.

**Bibi Haji Rohgul Khairzad****Province:** Nimroz**District:** Kang**PC:** 1106 votes**Phone:** 07999659800**Age:** 38**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs (Chair)

**Personal background:** Bibi Haji Rohgul Khairzad, daughter of Haji Muhammad Amin Khairzad, was born in 1974 in Kang district, Nimroz province. Her aunt, Bibi Haji Khairunisa Ghamay, is also a senator from Nimroz. She is married and has five daughters and two sons. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Baluchi and Pashto. In 2011, she traveled to United States on a trip for members of the Defense Commission, and to India for a conference on the Elimination of Violence against Women (EVAW). She was also invited to attend a meeting in Iran for the commission heads of the National Assembly.

**Education:** Khairzad graduated from Zeranj Girl's High School in 1989. She received her diploma from the Teacher Training Institute in Zeranj in 2004. Currently, she is studying Management and Administration at the Tolo-e Aftab University in Kabul. She is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Khairzad has participated in a number of meetings of civil society organizations and has close connections with the women's department of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

**Previous occupation:** Khairzad was a teacher in Zeranj High School for Girls from 1989 to 1995. During the Taliban period, she led vocational and literacy courses for women in the province. After the fall of the Taliban, she again worked as a teacher at the Zeranj High School until 2005, when she was elected to the Provincial Council. In the first year of her term at the Provincial Council, she was council secretary and then elected as the deputy chair. She was re-elected in 2009 and was selected to be a representative to the Senate.

**Other Information:** Khairzad has previously held positions of chair and deputy chair of the Defense Commission.

## Bibi Haji Khairunisa Ghamay

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**Province:** Nimroz

**District:** Kang

**PC:** 773 votes

**Phone:** 0797038718

**Age:** 49

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Immunities and Privileges



**Personal background:** Bibi Haji Khairunisa Ghamay, daughter of Haji Khairudin Ghamay, was born in 1963 in Kang district, Nimroz province. She is married and has five daughters and two sons. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto and Baluchi. Ghamay has traveled to India for a conference on the Elimination of Violence against Women (EVAW). She also attended a conference in Iran for the commission heads of the National Assembly.

**Education:** Ghamay graduated from Zeranj Girls' High School in 1981. She received her diploma from the Teacher Training Institute in Zeranj in 2004. She has another diploma in nursing from the Nursing Institute of Nimroz province, which she received in 1993. Currently, she is studying law and political science at the Dawat University in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Ghamay is an active member of the Afghan Women's Organization in Nimroz.

**Previous occupation:** Ghamay worked as a nurse and midwife in different hospitals in Nimroz during the Taliban period. Since 1981, and for 28 years, she worked as a teacher in different schools in Nimroz. In 2004 presidential elections, she worked as a provincial trainer for UNAMA.

**Other Information:** Ghamay was a representative of Nimroz at the Constitutional Loya Jirga.

**NURISTAN**

NURISTAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Hafiz Abdul Qayum	Warmai	38	2,658		Nuristani	Hezb-e Dawat Islami	Justice (d)
Dr. Hazrat Shah Nuristani	Waigal	55	1,739		Nuristani	Independent	Complaints

## Hafiz Abdul Qayum

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**Province:** Nuristan

**District:** Warmai

**PC:** 2658 votes

**Phone:** 0799823073

**Age:** 38

**New Member**

**First language:** Nuristani

**Email:** hafiznuristai@yahoo.com

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Dawat Islami

**Commission:** Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary (Deputy Chair)



**Personal background:** Hafiz Abdul Qayum, son of Ghulam Allah, was born in 1974 in Warmai district, Nuristan province. He is married and has two daughters and one son. His native language is Nuristani; he also speaks Dari, Pashto, Urdu and Arabic. He has traveled to Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

**Education:** Qayum finished his primary and secondary education in Peshawar, Pakistan. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Sharia from Muhammdia Islamic University, Panjab in 2001.

**Previous occupation:** Qayum has been the head of the Scholar's Council in Nuristan since 2005. He is also a member of Afghanistan's National Council of Scholars. He served as an advisor in religious affairs to the Minister of Education from 2007 to 2009. From 2009 to 2010, he worked as senior advisor in tribal affairs to the Governor's office in Nuristan.

**Dr. Hazrat Shah Nuristani****Province:** Nuristan**District:** Waigal**PC:** 1739 votes**Phone:** 0700285903**Age:** 55**New Member****First language:** Nuristani**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Complaints and Petitions

**Personal background:** Dr. Hazrat Shah Nuristani, son of Haji Amiruddin, was born in 1957 in Waigal district, Nuristan province. His uncle, Din Mohammed Khan, was a senator during Dr. Najib's government. He is married and has three daughters and two sons. His native language is Nuristani; he also speaks Dari, Pashto, English and Urdu. He has traveled to India, Pakistan and Turkey.

**Education:** Nuristani graduated from Ansari High School in Kabul in 1975. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Laboratory Science from the Eastern Zone Hospital of India in Kolkata in 1979. He earned another Bachelor's Degree from Kabul Medical University in 2000. Nuristani also holds a certificate in public health from the London School of Kabul, which he received in 2005.

**Previous occupation:** Nuristani worked at the Sardar Muhammad Dawoud Khan Hospital in Kabul during the Taliban period. He has worked for Aid Medical International (AMI), as a specialist of bones and joints, and for Pharmacists Without Borders. He served as head of the Department for Public Health in Nuristan province from 2005 to 2010.

**PAKTIA**

PAKTIA							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Haji Bahram Samkanai	Samkanai	74	11,495		Pashto	Independent	Defence
Abdul Hanan Haqwayoon	Sayed Karam	41	9,818		Pashto	Hezb-e Dawat Islami	Enviornment (s)

## Haji Bahram Samkanai

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**Province:** Paktia

**District:** Samkanai

**PC:** 11495 votes

**Phone:** 0799052270

**Age:** 74

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs



**Personal background:** Haji Bahram Samkanai, son of Zaman Shah Khan, was born in 1938 in Samkanai district, Paktia province. He is married and has nine daughters and 10 sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari. He has traveled to Pakistan and Tajikistan.

**Education:** Samkanai finished primary and secondary education at the Chamkani High School in Paktia province. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the Kabul Police Academy in 1959.

**Previous occupation:** Samkanai has 35 years of experience in policing. From 1959 to 1994, he worked in the police forces in Paktia, Kandahar, Helmand, Nangarhar, Kabul and Ghazni. He retired as a Colonel in 1994. He is a tribal leader for the Samkanai tribe.

**Abdul Hanan Haqwayoon**

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**Province:** Paktia**District:** Sayed Karam**PC:** 9818 votes**Phone:** 0799698822**Age:** 41**New Member****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Dawat Islami**Commission:** Public Welfare Affairs, Natural Resources and Environment (Secretary)

**Personal background:** Abdul Hanan Haqwayoon, son of Haji Shahbaz Khan, was born in 1971 in Sayed Karam district, Paktia province. He is married and has two daughters and three sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari, English, Urdu and Arabic. He has traveled to Korea, and to Iran to participate in the Asia Parliamentary Assembly.

**Education:** Haqwayoon graduated from the Board Peshawar School in 1996.

**Previous occupation:** After emigrating during the war years, Haqwayoon returned from Pakistan in 1999 and established a pharmaceutical company, which he ran for four years. In 2004 and 2005, he served as a supervisor, monitor, civic educator, and provincial manager for the Independent Election Commission.

**PAKTIKA**

PAKTIKA							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Mawlawi Arsala Rahmani (deceased)	Orgon	68	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Harakat Enqelab Islami	Education
Alhaj Baz Mohammad Zurmati	Zurmat	84	Appointed		Pashto	Dawat Islami	International
Haji Khan Muhammad Khagi	Sorobi	50	20,798	✓	Pashto	Hezb-e Mahaz Milli	House
Jumaddin Gayanwal	Gayan	44	16,598		Pashto	Independent	Transport

## Mawlawi Arsala Rahmani (deceased)

**Province:** Paktika

**District:** Orgon

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799767561

**Age:** 68

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Vice President, Harakat Enqelab Islami Party

**Commission (2012):** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Culture and Scientific Research



**Personal background:** Mawlawi Arsala Rahmani, son of Muhammad Dawlat, was born in 1944 in Orgon district, Paktika province. He was assassinated by gunmen in Kabul on 13 May 2012. Rahmani was married with three sons. He spoke Pashto, Dari, Arabic and Urdu.

**Education:** Rahmani studied Islamic Science and Philosophy.

**Previous occupation:** Rahmani was a prominent Mujahideen commander in the fight against the Soviets, and then served as a judge on the Supreme Court during the early 1990s.<sup>5</sup> He was Deputy Minister for Higher Education under the Taliban regime in 1998, and was blacklisted by the United Nations Security Council in 1999. He reconciled with the Afghan government after the fall of the Taliban in 2001. In September 2010, Rahmani was appointed by the President as one of the members of the High Peace Council, in which he served as head of the Commission for Political Prisoners. He served as one of the principal negotiators in the council, and became acting head of the council after Burhannaddin Rabbani's death in September 2011. In 2011, his name was removed from the UN blacklist.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Kate Clark, 'Another Hit at the High Peace Council: Arsala Rahmani Killed (Amended)'. 13 May 2012. <http://www.aan-afghanistan.org/index.asp?id=2745>

## Alhaj Baz Mohammad Zurmati

**Province:** Paktika

**District:** Zurmat

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0702242467

**Age:** 84

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Email:** BazMohammad\_Zormati@Yahoo.com

**Party Affiliation:** Dawat Islami

**Commission:** International Affairs



**Personal background:** Baz Mohammad Zurmati, son of Raz Mohammad Khan Zurmati, was born in 1928 in Zurmat district, Paktika province. His tribe (Zurmat) is known to have contributed to the uprising against Amanullah Khan in the late 1920s, and supported Ghazi Mohammad Nadir Khan who toppled the regime of Habibullah Khan. Zurmati was sent to Pul-e Charkhi Prison in 1973, accused of conspiring to enact a coup with former Prime Minister Mohammad Hashim Maiwandwal. Zurmati is married and has two children.

**Education:** Zurmati graduated from Zurmat High School in Zurmat district, Paktika province in 1945.

**Previous occupation:** Zurmati was a representative of Zurmat district in the Wolesi Jirga for two terms under Zahir Shah (from 1965 to 1972). He was Deputy Minister for Borders, Tribal and Ethnic Affairs during the Mujahedeen era, from 1992 to 1996. During the Taliban regime, he led a committee which traveled to different parts of Afghanistan in order to establish peace amongst Taliban and Mujahedeen groups. From 2001 to 2005, he was the Administration and Finance Deputy of the Ministry of Martyrs and the Disabled.

**Other Information:** Zurmati wrote a book entitled *An Introduction to Zurmat: Demographics and Geography*. He is working on another book called *Memories of Pul-e-Charkhi Prison*. Zurmati is a member of the High Peace and Reconciliation Council.

**Haji Khan Muhammad Khagi**

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**Province:** Paktika**District:** Sorobi**PC:** 20798 votes**Phone:** 0799388186**Age:** 50**Incumbent****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Mahaz Milli**Commission:** Immunities and Privileges

**Personal background:** Haji Khan Muhammad Khagi, son of Haji Agha Muhammad, was born in 1962 in Abaskhil village in Sorobi district, Paktika province. He is married and has four daughters and ten sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari and Urdu. Mr. Khagi has traveled to India, Turkey, the United States and Uzbekistan.

**Education:** Khagi graduated from Rahman Baba High School in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Khagi was involved in the jihad. Since then, he has worked as a tribal leader in Paktika province. He was elected to the Paktika Provincial Council in 2005 and re-elected in 2009.

## Jumaddin Gayanwal

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**Province:** Paktika

**District:** Gayan

**PC:** 16598 votes

**Phone:** 0707959852

**Age:** 44

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication



**Personal background:** Jumaddin Gayanwal, son of Haji Khan Jim, was born in 1968 in Gayan district, Paktika province. He is married and has four daughter and four sons. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari and Arabic. Gayanwal has traveled to Egypt, Germany, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, the United States and Uzbekistan.

**Education:** Gayanwal graduated from Balesh Urgon High School in Paktika province in 1980.

**Previous occupation:** Gayanwal was involved in the jihad after he graduated from high school. After the jihad period, he started a business exporting Afghan dried fruits in partnership with a company named Omar Malang. He was elected to the Provincial Council in 2005 and re-elected in 2009, after which he was chosen by the council to become a Senator.

**PANJSHIR**

PANJSHIR							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Alhaj Muhammad Alam Izedyar	Bazarak	49	4,257	✓	Dari	Independent	Disabled; current MJ 1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy Speaker
Mawlawi Mullah Muhammad Faizi	Pareyan	39	2,765		Dari	Independent	International

## Alhaj Muhammad Alam Izedyar

**Province:** Panjshir                      **District:** Bazarak                      **PC:** 4257 votes  
**Phone:** 0700274689                      **Age:** 49                      **Incumbent**  
**First language:** Dari                      **Email:** ma\_izedyar@yahoo.com  
**Party Affiliation:** Independent  
**Commission:** Handicapped, Disabled, Dependents of Martyrs and Refugees  
**Meshrano Jirga Leadership/Administrative Board:** First Deputy Speaker



**Personal background:** Alhaj Muhammad Alam Izedyar, son of Alhaj Muhammad Aslam Khan, was born in 1963 in Paranda village of Bazarak district, Panjshir province. He is married and has two daughters and six sons. He has traveled to many different countries in Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas to participate in international conferences.

**Education:** Izedyar completed primary and secondary education in Panjshir province, and graduated from Ibn Sina High School in Kabul in 1981. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Sharia from the Sharia Institute of Peshawar in Pakistan in 1987. Izedyar received another Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science from Kabul University in 2004. In 2001, he completed training in radio management in Germany, and further training in TV presentation in Japan in 2002.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Izedyar established the Panah Cultural and Social Foundation in 2007. The foundation has a main office in Kabul and branches in Parwan and Panjshir. In addition, he is the founder of a publication called "Qulai-e Arzo," which he also established in 2007.

**Previous occupation:** Izedyar served as teacher and principal in Panjshir schools in the early 1980s. He was editor of the "Subh-e Pirozi" magazine from 1989 to 1990, and head of Alberoni Training Association in Peshawar, Pakistan from 1991 to 1992. He worked as Director of International News at the Bakhtar News Agency in 1992, and became the Agency's Deputy Director in 1993. He established the Takhar Radio Station in 1996. From 1998 to 1999, he was the Director of the Department for Information and Culture in Parwan province. In 2000, he worked in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, as the deputy of Aria News Agency. He was Deputy Director of Radio Afghanistan in 2002, and was later appointed Director of the Department of Information and Culture in Panjshir province in 2005. He was elected to the Provincial Council later that year, and elected by the council to serve in the Meshrano Jirga.

Izedyar has written more than 700 cultural, social and political articles which have been published in national and international newspapers and magazines. He has translated "The Contemporary World of Islam" from Arabic into Dari.

**Other Information:** Izedyar was affiliated with Hezb-e Jamiat Islami Afghanistan during the jihad period. Currently, he is an independent member. He was a representative of Panjshir province in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002.

## Mawlawi Mullah Muhammad Faizi

**Province:** Panjshir

**District:** Pareyan

**PC:** 2765 votes

**Phone:** 0778824963

**Age:** 39

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** International Affairs



**Personal background:** Mawlawi Mullah Muhammad Faizi, son of Faiz Muhammad, was born in 1973 in Pareyan district, Panjshir province. He is married and has two daughters and two sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto, Arabic and Urdu. Faizi has traveled to Germany, Pakistan and Poland to participate in international conferences.

**Education:** Faizi graduated from Qertortaq High School in Panjshir province in 1989. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Sharia from the Jameat-ul-Darlulum Madrasa in Peshawar in 2001. Currently, he is pursuing a degree in law and political science at the Dawat University in Kabul province.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Faizi worked closely with the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) from 2006 to 2007. He was the deputy chair of the Karwan Qalam Cultural Association and a member of the Tahrir Qalam Association from 1998 to 2009.

**Previous occupation:** Faizi served as a teacher in a school in Panjshir from 2002 to 2003. He became the school principal in 2003. He was appointed head of the Department for Education in Pareyan and Aniya districts of Panjshir province in 2007. He was in charge of a number of districts in the parliamentary and presidential elections in 2004-2005, working for the Joint Electoral Management Body (JEMB). Faizi was the director of a district development council in Panjshir from 2004 to 2011.

**Other Information:** Faizi was affiliated with Hezb-e Jamiat Islami during the jihad period. Currently, he is an independent member.

**PARWAN**

PARWAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Mawlawi Mir Hamdullah Muneeb	Sayed Khil	41	4,341		Dari	Independent	Education (c)
Malaka Maylzada	Charikar	52	538		Dari	Independent	Transport

## Mawlawi Mir Hamdullah Muneeb

**Province:** Parwan

**District:** Sayed Khil

**PC:** 4341 votes

**Phone:** 0799437966

**Age:** 41

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Culture and Scientific Research (Chair)



**Personal background:** Mawlawi Mir Hamdullah Muneeb, son of Mir Baz, was born in 1971 in Sayed Khil district, Parwan province. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto and Arabic. Muneeb is married and has two daughters and five sons. He has traveled to Indonesia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

**Education:** Muneeb finished primary school in Sayed Khil district and continued his studies at private Islamic madrasas in Parwan. He received his 14<sup>th</sup> class diploma from Abi Babi Madrasa in 2000. He continued Islamic studies at a number of institutes in Pakistan and received his Bachelor's Degree in 2011. Currently, he is working toward his Master's Degree in Islamic Studies at Jamet-ul-Mustafa Alamyia in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Muneeb worked as a teacher in private Islamic madrasas in Sayed Khil district since 1998. He established a madrasa called Imam Muhammad Shaibani in Sayed Khil district, and was head of this institute from 1998 to 2004. He was elected to the Parwan Provincial Council in 2005, and was re-elected in 2009. He was then chosen by the council to be a representative to the Senate.

**Malaka Maylzada**

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**Province:** Parwan**District:** Charikar**PC:** 538 votes**Phone:** 0705720418**Age:** 52**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication

**Personal background:** Malaka Maylzada, daughter of Muhammad Ismail Khan, was born in 1960 in Charikar district, Parwan province. She is married and has three daughters and one son. She has traveled to Italy and Turkey. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto and English.

**Education:** Maylzada graduated from Horia Jalali High School in Parwan province. She received her diploma in Language and Literature from the Literature Institute of Parwan in 1987.

**Previous occupation:** Maylzada served as a teacher for women during the Taliban period, teaching courses in literacy. In 1996, she worked for UN HABITAT on a project that provided literacy and tailoring courses for women in Kabul province. From 2001 to 2009, she worked as deputy head of education at the Bibi Hawa High School in Kabul.

**SAMANGAN**

SAMANGAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Aziza Musleh	Aibak	58	Appointed		Dari	Independent	Transport
Muhammad Asif Azimi	Aibak	47	4,372		Dari	Hezb-e Jamiat Islami	Complaints
Haji Sayed Aqa Hussain Hashemi	Dara-e Sof	48	3,916		Dari	Hezb-e Harakat Islami	Disabled

**Aziza Musleh**

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**Province:** Samangan**District:** Aibak**Appointed****Phone:** 0799126057**Age:** 58**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Transport and Telecommunication

**Personal background:** Aziza Musleh, daughter of Haji Sayed Muhammad Saleh, was born in 1954 in Aibak district, Samangan province. She is single. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto, Uzbek, and English. She has traveled to Germany and Saudi Arabia. Musleh's grandfather, Sayed Muhammad Sadeq, was a member of the Wolesi Jirga in both the third and fourth parliaments.

**Education:** Musleh graduated from Aibak High School in Samangan in 1973. She received her diploma from the Teacher Training Institute of Samangan in 1983.

**Previous occupation:** Musleh worked as a teacher at the Ajaane Malika High School in Samangan from 1969 to 1987. In 1987, she became educational deputy of the school and then was made principal of the school. She served in this role until 2002, when she then became a member of the evaluation office at the Department of Education in Samangan – a post she held for six years. In 2008, she became general manager of the evaluation office.

**Muhammad Asif Azimi**

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**Province:** Samangan**District:** Aibak**PC:** 4372 votes**Phone:** 0799195489**Age:** 47**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Jamiat Islami**Commission:** Complaints and Petitions

**Personal background:** Muhammad Asif Azimi, son of Muhammad Nabi, was born in 1965 in Aibak district, Samangan province. He is married and has six daughters and three sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto and Uzbek. He has traveled to Pakistan.

**Education:** Azimi graduated from Aibak High School in Samangan in 1985.

**Previous occupation:** Azimi was a commander during the jihad period. He also was a commander during the early 1990s for the Mujahideen. From 2001 to 2005, he was a commander in Hairatan city. After 2005, he was responsible for Jamiat-e Islami's provincial office in Samangan.

**Haji Sayed Aqa Hussain Hashemi**

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**Province:** Samangan**District:** Dara-e Sof**PC:** 3916 votes**Phone:** 0707774030**Age:** 48**New Member****First language:** Dari**Email:** khaliqalavi@yahoo.com**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Harakat Islami**Commission:** Handicapped, Disabled, Dependents of Martyrs and Refugees

**Personal background:** Haji Sayed Aqa Hussain Hashemi, son of Haji Sayed Shahzada, was born in 1964 in Dara-e Sof district, Samangan province. He has six daughters and six sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto. He has traveled to Indonesia and Pakistan.

**Education:** Hashemi completed Islamic studies in private madrasas in Samangan.

**Previous occupation:** Hashemi was involved in jihad from 1982 until the end of the Taliban period. Currently, he is one of the members of the leadership council of Hezb-e Harakat Islami. He was a member of the complaints commission in the first year of the Meshrano Jirga.

**SAR-E PUL**

SAR-E PUL							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Alhaj Mawlawi Habiburrahman	Kohistanat	44	5,278		Dari	Independent	Education
Masuma Shadab	Center	39	1,779		Uzbek	Independent	Civil Society

## Alhaj Mawlawi Habiburrahman

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**Province:** Sar-e Pul

**District:** Kohistanat

**PC:** 5278 votes

**Phone:** 0775301281

**Age:** 44

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Culture and Scientific Research



**Personal background:** Alhaj Mawlawi Habiburrahman, son of Muhammad, was born in 1968 in Kohistanat district, Sar-e Pul province. He is married and has three daughters and two sons. He has traveled to India, Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto, Arabic, Urdu and Uzbek.

**Education:** Habiburrahman completed Islamic studies in private madrasas in Sar-e Pul, and then emigrated to Pakistan during the war and continued his studies there. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Sharia from the Ishaq-ul-Madarus Madrasa in Karachi, Pakistan in 1995.

**Previous occupation:** After he returned from Pakistan in 1995, Habiburrahman worked as a teacher in different madrasas in Sar-e Pul province for 15 years. In the Meshrano Jirga, he was secretary of the Immunities and Privileges Commission for the first two years.

**Other Information:** Habiburrahman was affiliated with Hezb-e Jamiat Islami during the jihad period.

## Masuma Shadab

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**Province:** Sar-e Pul

**District:** Center

**PC:** 1779 votes

**Phone:** 0777483345

**Age:** 39

**New Member**

**First language:** Uzbek

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Widows, Gender Issues and Civil Society



**Personal background:** Masuma Shadab, daughter of Saifullah, was born in 1973 in the center of Sar-e Pul province. She is from a well-known family in the province. She is married and has five daughters. Her native language is Uzbek; she also speaks Dari. She has traveled to Sri Lanka on a parliamentary visit.

**Education:** Shadab graduated from Khadija High School in Jawzjan province in 1988. She received her diploma from the Teacher Training Institute in Sar-e Pul province in 1990, focusing on chemistry and biology. Currently, she is studying law and political science at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Shadab ran vocational courses for women in Sar-e Pul starting in 1989. She also worked as a teacher from 1991. She was a provincial trainer in literacy courses from 2003 to 2006. She was elected to the Provincial Council in 2005 and served as the deputy chair of the council for four years. She was re-elected in 2009 and chosen as a representative to the Meshrano Jirga.

**TAKHAR**

TAKHAR							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Abdul Wahab Irfan	Kalafgan	43	4,527		Dari	Independent	Finance (c)
Muhammad Yonus Takhari	Center	49	3,868		Dari	Independent	International (s)

**Abdul Wahab Irfan**

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**Province:** Takhar**District:** Kalafgan**PC:** 4527 votes**Phone:** 0775577330**Age:** 43**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** National Economy, Finance, Budgets and General Accounts (Chair)

**Personal background:** Abdul Wahab Irfan, son of Khan Muhammad, was born in 1969 in Kalafgan district, Takhar province. He comes from a family of tribal leaders. He is married and has three daughters and three sons. His native language is Uzbek; he also speaks Dari, Pashto, Urdu and Arabic. Irfan has traveled to France, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

**Education:** Irfan graduated from school in 1994 while he was living in Pakistan. He also has a diploma in Islamic Sharia from an Iranian madrasa, which he received in 1996. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science in 2011 from an Iranian university.

**Previous occupation:** After he returned to Afghanistan, Irfan served as a teacher of Islamic Studies in various schools in Takhar province from 1996 to 2009. He also served as the head of the Department of Education in the province from 2005 to 2009, and was head of the Abdulrahman Bin Auf Islamic Madrasa from 2003 to 2005.

**Muhammad Yonus Takhari**

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**Province:** Takhar**District:** Center**PC:** 3868 votes**Phone:** 0700714135**Age:** 49**New Member****First language:** Dari**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** International Affairs (Secretary)

**Personal background:** Muhammad Yonus Takhari, son of Alhaj Wakil Muhammad Nazar Khan, was born in 1963 in Taliqan district, Takhar province. He is married and has two daughter and five sons. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto, Uzbek, Urdu, English and Russian. Takhari has traveled to China, Germany, India, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. His father, Wakil Muhammad, was a member of the lower house in the parliament during Zahir Shah's reign. His brother, Haji Muhammad Yaqub, was a representative of Takhar province in the Emergency and Constitutional Loya Jirgas. Another brother, Qazi Muhammad Ayub, was a member of the Wolesi Jirga for Takhar province from 2005 to 2010.

**Education:** Takhari graduated from Abu Usman Taliqani High School in Takhar in 1980. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Sharia from a private university in Kabul in 2011. He also studied law and political science for two years at the Kateb University of Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Takhari was a commander during the jihad period. After the war, he set up his own business trading in construction materials. From 2002 to 2007, he worked in partnership with a construction company that had operations in Takhar and Kabul.

**URUZGAN**

URUZGAN							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Haji Amanullah Azimi	Tirinkot	47	1,736		Dari	Independent	House
Heela Asakzai	Tirinkot	42	1,186		Dari	Independent	Finance

## Haji Amanullah Azimi

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**Province:** Uruzgan

**District:** Tirinkot

**PC:** 1736 votes

**Phone:** 0797647907

**Age:** 47

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Immunities and Privileges



**Personal background:** Haji Amanullah Azimi, son of Haji Abdul Azim, was born in 1965 in Tirinkot district, Uruzgan province. He is married and has two daughters and three sons. He has traveled to Russia and Saudi Arabia. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto.

**Education:** Azimi completed 12<sup>th</sup> class at the Sayed Manan School in Uruzgan province. He then continued his studies in Islamic madrasas in Uruzgan.

**Previous occupation:** Azimi fought in the jihad period. After the war, he served as a tribal leader in the province.

## Heela Asakzai

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**Province:** Uruzgan

**District:** Tirinkot

**PC:** 1186 votes

**Phone:** 0794414460

**Age:** 42

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** National Economy, Finance, Budgets and General Accounts



**Personal background:** Heela Asakzai, daughter of Ghulam Nabi, was born in 1971 in Tirinkot district, Uruzgan province. Her husband was a well-known doctor in the region but he is now deceased. She has four sons. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto. She has traveled to Switzerland on a parliamentary visit.

**Education:** Asakzai graduated from Arian High School in Kabul in 1987. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Kabul University in Economics and Planning in 1991. She was awarded a diploma in nursing from the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1995.

**Previous occupation:** Asakzai worked as a supervisor at the Pamlarena Organization, which provided vocational training and literacy courses for women, during the Taliban period. She then worked at the Afghan Development Association as a supervisor of women in tailoring and literacy courses. She worked for a year as a midwife for the WHO in Uruzgan. During the 2004 and 2005 elections, she worked as a District Field Commissioner. In 2007, she was a supervisor of the women's department (health section) of the Just for Afghan Capacity and Knowledge (JACK) organization.

**WARDAK**

WARDAK							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Haji Sulaiman Yari (Deceased)	Behsud	78	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Jabha-e Milli Nijat	Education
Sayed Muhammad Sayedi	Behsud	57	3,174		Dari	Hezb-e Ensejam Milli	Finance
Zahra Sharifi	Behsud	38	1,324		Dari	Hezb-e Wahdat Islami	Civil Society (d)

## Haji Sulaiman Yari (deceased)

**Province:** Maidan Wardak

**District:** Behsud

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0799330277

**Age:** 78

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Jabha-e Milli Nijat



**Commission:** Religious Affairs, Higher Education, Education, Culture and Scientific Research

**Personal background:** Haji Sulaiman Yari, son of Haji Nek Muhammad, was born in 1934 in the Behsud district of Maidan Wardak province. He was married and had 18 children. He had traveled to England, Germany, India, Iran, Pakistan and a number of countries in Central Asia. He spoke Dari, Pashto and Arabic. He passed away on May 10, 2013 in Kabul.

**Education:** Yari completed private studies in Islam in several madrasas in Maidan Wardak province.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Yari was an executive member of the Eastern Provinces Council, a key decision-making body within the Hazara community.

**Previous occupation:** Yari was member of the 13<sup>th</sup> round of parliament (elected in 1969) during the reign of Zahir Shah. He was the Minister of Food and Light Industries during the Mujahideen government. He has also served as the head of the department for war information within the Jabha-e Milli Nejat party and as the head of the party's office of migrant affairs and food distribution. Yari served as a member of the Independent Election Commission in 2004 before being appointed as a senator to the Meshrano Jirga in 2005.

**Other Information:** Yari was a participant at the Emergency and Constitutional Loya Jirgas in 2002 and 2003 respectively.

## Sayed Muhammad Sayedi

**Province:** Maidan Wardak

**District:** Behsud

**PC:** 3174 votes

**Phone:** 0772074399

**Age:** 57

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Ensejam Milli

**Commission:** National Economy, Finance, Budgets and General Accounts



**Personal background:** Sayed Muhammad Sayedi, son of Haji Sayed Hassan, was born in 1955 in Qala-e-sayed village of Hisa-e-Awal Behsud district, Maidan Wardak province. He is married and has two daughters. His native language is Dari; he also speaks Pashto, Arabic and English. He has traveled to France, India and Iran.

**Education:** Sayedi completed Islamic studies in private madrasas in Iran and Afghanistan. After 1978, he continued these studies in Kabul province at the Madainat-ul-Elm Madrasa. From 1981 to 1986, he studied in private madrasas in Sar-e Pul province. He took an exam at the Istiqlal High School in Kabul in 2003 and was awarded his diploma by the Ministry of Education.

**Previous occupation:** Sayedi was a jihadi commander during the war years. From 1995 to 1997, he also worked in reconstruction at UN HABITAT. He is a tribal leader in Behsud district.

## Zahra Sharifi

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**Province:** Maidan Wardak

**District:** Behsud

**PC:** 1324 votes

**Phone:** 0702181872

**Age:** 38

**New Member**

**First language:** Dari

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Wahdat Islami

**Commission:** Widows, Gender Issues and Civil Society (Deputy Chair)



**Personal background:** Zahra Sharifi, daughter of Ewaz Ali, was born in 1974 in Behsud, Maidan Wardak province. She is married and has two daughters and two sons. Her native language is Dari; she also speaks Pashto. She has traveled to India, Italy, Iran, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom.

**Education:** Sharifi finished primary school in Herat province in 1993. She then emigrated to Iran during the war period. Currently, she is studying law and political science at a private university in Kabul.

**Civil society/NGO connections:** Sharifi worked with civil society in Kabul from 1992 to 2002. She was a member of the Afghanistan Businesswomen's Association for four years. She was the head of the Association of Daikundi Businesswomen from 1997 to 1999.

**Previous occupation:** Sharifi has a background in working with civil society. In 2008, she worked for Global Rights, a U.S. organization with a presence in Kabul.

**Other Information:** Sharifi is the head of the Women's Committee of Hezb-e Wahdat Islami.

**ZABUL**

ZABUL							
Name	District	Age	Votes	Incumbent	First Language	Affiliation	Commission
Haji Mohammad Hassan Hotak	Shinkai	59	Appointed	✓	Pashto	Hezb-e Islami (Arghandiwal)	Justice
Dr. Zalmay Zabuli	Qalat	47	1,874	✓	Pashto	Independent	Complaints (c)
Haji Muhammad Dawoud Assas	Center	39	1,367		Pashto	Independent	Defense (d)

## Haji Mohammad Hassan Hotak

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**Province:** Zabul

**District:** Shinkai

**Appointed**

**Phone:** 0700353124

**Age:** 59

**Incumbent**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Hezb-e Islami (Arghandiwal)

**Commission:** Legislative Affairs, Justice and Judiciary



**Personal background:** Alhaj Mohammad Hassan Hotak, son of Alhaj Shir Yaqoub, was born in Shinkai district, Zabul province in 1953. He comes from an influential family in Zabul province, and his uncle Bismullah Khan Hotak was a member of the Wolesi Jirga during Zahir Shah's reign. He is married and has five children. He has traveled to Pakistan, Russia, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates. He speaks Dari, Pashto, and English.

**Education:** Hotak completed his primary education at Shah Alam Primary School in 1966, and graduated from the Ibn-e-Sina High School in Kabul in 1971. In 1972, he enrolled in the Teacher Training Institute of Kandahar and graduated in 1974.

**Previous occupation:** Before being appointed as a member of the Meshrano Jirga in 2005, Hotak was a teacher and principal at the Shah Alam School in the 1970s. After the fall of the Taliban, he became Chief of Revenue in the government's Department of Finance, where he worked for four years.

**Dr. Zalmai Zabuli**

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**Province:** Zabul**District:** Qalat**PC:** 1874 votes**Phone:** 0706884753**Age:** 47**Incumbent****First language:** Pashto**Party Affiliation:** Independent**Commission:** Complaints and Petitions (Chair)

**Personal background:** Dr. Zalmai Zabuli, son of Haji Abdulrashid Khan, was born in 1965 in Qalat district of Zabul province. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari and English.

**Education:** Zabuli has a Master's Degree in Medical Science from Kabul Medical University. Currently, he is pursuing a law degree at a private university in Kabul. He has worked on the translation of several medical dictionaries from English into Pashto.

**Previous occupation:** Zabuli has served as a surgeon at the 400-bed hospital in Kabul and as the head of the 200-bed hospital in Kandahar. He was the director of the Department of Public Health in Zabul province. He is also the head of the Tookhi tribe.

## Haji Muhammad Dawoud Assas

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**Province:** Zabul

**District:** Center

**PC:** 1367 votes

**Phone:** 0707492997

**Age:** 39

**New Member**

**First language:** Pashto

**Party Affiliation:** Independent

**Commission:** Internal Security, Defense and Local Organs (Deputy Chair)



**Personal background:** Haji Muhammad Dawoud Assas was born in 1973 in the center of Zabul province. He has three sons and two daughters. Assas has traveled to India, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Uzbekistan. His native language is Pashto; he also speaks Dari, English and Urdu.

**Education:** Assas graduated from Shaikh Mati Baba High School in Zabul in 1989. Currently, he is studying law and political science at Dawat University in Kabul.

**Previous occupation:** Assas runs his own business. He is founder and head of a construction company which has offices across Afghanistan and has been active since 2002. He also is a tribal elder in the province. He was deputy of the Defense Affairs Commission in 2010, and secretary in 2011.



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