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In Memory of  
**Professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak**

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I am also personally saddened for the young generations of Afghans who are hoping to further their education and serve their country and all of humanity. Potentially, such a tragedy might demoralize them and they could even ask – why should we study when our lives are taken by these enemies of humanity?

Yet, at the same time, when I have received such enormous support, I realize that, in order to remember Naqib, we should gather together the messages of hope and encouragement we have received, or that were put forth by others, because the life of each individual matters. And, despite all this adversity, neither this – nor other – terrorist attacks will ultimately demoralize our young generations.

I am deeply humbled for all the messages of condolence I have received, and would like to thank all the individuals and institutions who provided support to me, my organization, and Naqib's family. I thank them all. Hopefully the small gesture this book represents will help us remember Naqib as he was, and soothe our sorrow.

I would like to thank my colleagues Ahmadullah Archiwal, Rahimullah Basharat, and Ezatullah Waqar for helping compile these messages as they were and we had very little editorial corrections. I would also like to thank all my friends and colleagues who contributed to publishing this book.

May Naqib's soul rest in peace, along with the souls of all the others brutally killed in the AUAF attack.

**Shahmahmood Miakhel**  
**Country Director, Afghanistan**  
**United States Institute of Peace**

### *Foreword*

To their friends and family, every human life is important. However, the last four decades of vicious and perpetual war seem to have devalued the lives of the Afghan people. Every tragedy touches me personally, especially because my family and I have ourselves been the victims of many tragedies over these years. But the terrible attack on the American University of Afghanistan, on the evening of 24 August 2016, deeply touched me: I cannot forget this tragedy, and it will stay with me as long as I live. Such an inhumane attack on an educational institution is not justifiable under any circumstance, but terrorist groups, seeking to promote their message of hate, do not care about the lives of innocent people, and recognize neither Afghan and Islamic nor international law.

Besides many other civilian lives, we lost one of our closest friends and colleagues, Professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, in this attack – he was brutally martyred while teaching law to his students. Naqib had studied in both Afghanistan and the United States, and had also compiled a distinguished work history across several organizations. His brutal assassination not only touched me personally, but also shocked all his friends, family members, colleagues, and fellow professors. The news of his death spread throughout national and international media, and I am grateful to have received so many messages of condolence, support, and sympathy.

***Message from Ms. Nancy Lindborg, President of the United States Institute of Peace about Naqib's tragic loss:***

Dear USIP Colleagues,

I am deeply saddened to write you today that our friend and colleague, Naqib Khpulwak was killed last night in the attack on the American University of Afghanistan. His death is a terrible loss that we are only beginning to comprehend.

Naqib was a cornerstone of USIP's rule of law mission in Afghanistan. Since coming to USIP about a year ago, he brought unparalleled insight into our programming, and a true strategic vision for what we could, and should, accomplish in our mission as peacebuilders. Naqib was also a scholar. A proud university graduate in Afghanistan, he also studied as a Fulbright scholar at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, and attended Stanford University Law School in Palo Alto, California. He was a leader in the Afghan legal community and deeply dedicated to his students at the American University of Afghanistan. A voracious reader and lover of knowledge, Naqib was actively preparing to further his education at Oxford University, where he was shortly to begin further study.

Naqib was a passionate builder of peace in Afghanistan. He thought tirelessly about how to rebuild his country after decades of war and never ceased in his efforts to heal the many wounds that decades of war have inflicted. He was dedicated not only to promoting rule of law, but also to contributing to all USIP programming where his insights would be beneficial. Beyond Afghanistan, Naqib was also dedicated to promoting nuclear nonproliferation, and

***Condolence Messages by Friends and Organization to USIP Country Director in Afghanistan***

***Reply to Ms. Nancy Lindborg letter by Mr. Shahm Mahmood Miakhel, Country Director of USIP in Afghanistan:***

Dear Nancy and USIP colleagues,

I do not have adequate words to speak about the tragic and barbaric attack on the American University of Afghanistan (AUA) on 24<sup>th</sup> August. In the attack, many shining students, security forces and guards were killed – as was our beloved colleague and friend, Professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, Program Manager for the Rule of Law Programs in Afghanistan.

It is extremely sad for me personally and for all our KBO colleagues that he is no longer with us. No words can compensate for his tragic assassination at the age of 32. His aspiration to get his PhD and continue to teach are unforgettable, as is his passion for peace and humanity.

While KBO and Naqib's friends and family are grieving his loss, we appreciate the endless support of all the USIP family, and especially the emotional support that we got from Nancy, Bill, Mike, Paul, and the entire Asia team under the strong leadership of Andrew. We have received hundreds of thousands of calls and messages via social media, e-mails, and telephone from our friends, partners, and also friends of Naqib. It is greatly appreciated that our top leadership, and USIP President Nancy Lindborg and Executive VP Bill Taylor, in particular, were willing to visit Kabul to share our grief and provide emotional support to KBO colleagues and Naqib's family. But, due to the fact that I was occupied with Naqib's funeral and condolence in Jalalabad, I suggested that they delay their visit for some time till the dust of grief and sorrow settles down.

generously donated his own time and resources in furtherance of that cause.

Finally, and most importantly, Naqib was a son, a brother, and a friend. Outside of work, he was an avid reader and fan of cricket, and greatly enjoyed spending time with his family.

The war in Afghanistan has now tragically claimed Naqib's life. We, at USIP, will forget neither Naqib, nor the intelligence, insight, and compassion that characterized his life and work. Naqib will be greatly missed, and our thoughts and prayers go out to all his friends and family during this difficult time.

Our special thanks to Shahm Mahmood and our KBO colleagues who have been working tirelessly in response to this crisis. We are looking today at what we can do for his family as well as ensure our KBO colleagues have the support they need. Above all, we will seek to honor Naqib's life and the vision he had for Afghanistan.

In sadness, Nancy

Center of USIP, Paul Hughes, Director of Security of USIP, and Scott Worden, Director of Afghanistan and Center Asia of USIP as well as other colleagues at HQ including Belquis Belquis Ahmadi and Hodei Sultan, Senior Program Officers. We stayed in constant contact for the next 13 hours.

Immediately, I began dialing nonstop Naqib, Dr. Ahmad Farid Samin, lecturer in AUAF, my cousin Honar Omarzai who was student in AUAF, and some other friends who were at AUAF. Most of them did not reply except for my cousin, who said that he escaped at the rear of the campus along with other students. My oldest son's brother in law, who lost his phone at the scene, had jumped over the campus wall, hurting his back and wounding himself on the barbed wire. One of his classmate, who was with him just a few minutes ago, had also been killed.

The attack went on for ten and a half hours, even as day broke. The Kabul Deputy Chief of Police for operations called me at 5am saying that the operation had ended and those who were trapped inside were coming out slowly; and that we should see if Naqib was among them. Kargar, Tariq, and Naqib's brother Israr were outside, desperately watching to see if Naqib was coming out. A large number of people came out of the campus for 45 minutes, but Naqib was among them.

At 6am, I called Tariq and Kargar to see what had happened, and they told me that for 15 minutes not a single person had come out. I had my fear rising about Naqib's loss, especially after we had checked all the hospitals during the night to see if he was injured or killed. I again called the Kabul Deputy Chief of Police, who said that no one was left inside the campus and no one was left to be transferred to the hospital. I asked him what we should do as we still had not found Naqib, and he told me he would call back in a few minutes

Despite my constant refusal to Andrew's coming, Andrew arrived in Kabul this morning to show support and solidarity to Naqib's family and USIP KBO staff on behalf of USIP.

Even though we are grieving Naqib's brutal assassination, which got viral in national and international media, it is only one story among many. The tragic stories of many other individuals, who lost their lives, are not told or recognized. The cousin of our guard, Murtaza, along with ten other dead bodies was laying in the same morgue where Naqib's dead body was found. Murtatza's cousin had been admitted to the AUAF just two days ago. Her father was in Karachi to secure his daughter's high school graduation certificates. Horrifying stories from the survivors, friends, and eyewitnesses are floating not only in social and mass media but also among the ordinary Afghans.

I would like to take a moment and share a few moments of this tragic incident and the hardships we went through for handling these inhuman and barbaric hours.

I was slightly ill on the day the incident happened. I left the office around 3:30pm for home to take some rest and put my phone in silent mode. At 7pm, I left my apartment to take a walk, but my son in the United States called me and asked if I could help him find some information on Dr. Samin, a professor at AUAF. I asked him what kind of help he was asking for, and he told me about the attack on AUAF. It was Dr. Samin's wife, who is living in the United States and who had, asked my son to contact me to see if I could provide some help in locating her husband. Dr. Samin was the son of my former professor at Kabul University when I was studying in faculty of Agriculture in 70s.

I called Kargar and Tariq to come to the office in order to contact Naqib and his family to see if he had some information. I contacted Andrew, Vice President of Asia

to name the high school where Naqib had studied after him to keep his name alive and follow his vision.. In this way, he will become a rolemodel for the young generation, who can remember him and follow his lead for peace, tranquility, and education. The deputy governor of Nangarhar, Mohammad Haneef Gardiwal; the elders and religious scholars of the village; and even the principal of the high school said they would be more than happy to rename Naqib's high school, Bahrabad High School, in his honor. Although it will require some paperwork, we hope to complete this task in the coming weeks and months.

Words do not suffice but we lost a friend and colleague, and this tragic loss will be with us forever. Naqib's departure from this world has nevertheless strengthened our resolve to work for peace. Our mission will not end and we will continue to work tirelessly and with increasing dedication and energy for greater peace in Afghanistan, the region, and the rest of the world. All KBO staff greatly appreciate your endless support. I appreciate all of the KBO staff who reached out, providing their support and sharing our grief.

Thank you and we ask that you pray for the soul of Naqib.

**All the best,  
Shahmahmood Miakhel**

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when he had found out more. After about ten minutes, he called back and said that a number of bodies had been transferred to a postmortem center and we should check there. I asked Tariq, Kargar, and Naqib's brother to check. Around 6:45am. they called me and said that, after showing a photo of Naqib, they had found his body. On hearing the news, I could not stop my tears, and broke the news to our colleagues at KBO and as well. We could not talk by phone, but Andrew told me to allow a few minutes to grieve and process this tragedy.

Despite a heightened security posture, the Kabul deputy chief allowed our vehicles access. It was unbearable when we saw Naqib's body covered in blood, and the bodies of so many others. It is still too graphic to describe in detail. Due to my previous position in the government, the center staff and security personnel were very helpful; we asked them to wash Naqib's body in accordance with our religious traditions, because his family and friends should not see him in that state.

Around 11am, we left with a caravan of vehicles to Naqib's home village of Qasimabad, near Jalalabad city. I called the governor and police officials of Nangarhar to provide security arrangements. When we arrived hundreds, even thousands, of family, friends, classmates, and government representatives were waiting; we buried his body around 4pm.

The next day, we, along with Naqib's family, participated in a public Fateha in his village. The governor of Laghman province, the deputy governor of Nangarhar, the chancellor of Nangarhar University, and thousands of others also participated.

At the end of the ceremony, I spoke to government officials along with Naqib's friends and fellow villagers, urging them



***Message from Mr. Paul D. Hughes, Director of USIP Overseas Safety and Security:***

Colleagues - This is incredibly sad news for Naqib's family, friends, and the entire USIP team, wherever they are serving the cause of peace. My heartfelt condolences go out to all of you at this time of such great loss. Naqib paid the ultimate price for a greater purpose and cause; as long as we all continue to work to build peace, he will never be forgotten and will live on in our hearts.

In sadness, Paul D. Hughes

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***Message from Ms. Hodei Sultan, Senior Program Officer of USIP:***

Dear KBO colleagues,

I heard of the tragic news from today's attack. Not only has Afghanistan lost a young bright Afghan today but we have lost a friend and colleague who was so committed for peace. May he finally find peace which he worked so hard for this in world. I am also praying for his family, colleagues, and friends at this difficult time.

Truly sorry for this major loss.

Kind regards, Hodei

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***Message from Dr. Andrew Wilder, Vice President of USIP for Asia Center to Mr. Shahm Mahmood Miakhel:***

Shahm Mahmood -- I'm so sorry to hear this tragic news. Please convey our heartfelt condolences to Naqib's family, and to the KBO staff. And thanks again to you, Kargar and the team for all your hard work over the past terrible 24 hours dealing with this situation.

We'll be in touch about what support can be provided to the team during the coming days, and I'm prepared to fly out tomorrow to meet with staff and convey USIP's condolences to Naqib's family if you think that would be of help.

With my deepest sympathies, Andrew

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***Message from President of Afghanistan's Special Envoy and Afghan Ambassador to Pakistan, Dr. Hazrat Umar Zakhelwal:***

26 August 2016

Yes, I knew him (Naqib Khpulwak) and he indeed was a great person not only for you but for the whole country.

Best,

Hazrat Omar Zakhelwal,

Ambassador of Afghanistan in Pakistan

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a special soul, and we will not be the same without him. Now is the time for us to take care of one another, to pray together in this time of sadness, and to help each other mourn this loss.

I am here for anyone, and for anything you need, please don't hesitate to call me, email me, text me, I will find you. All my love and prayers.

Eliza

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***Message from Mr. Scott Worden, Director of Afghanistan and Central Asia Programs of USIP:***

Shahmahmood,

This is just a personal note to say how sorry I am for Naqib and for your loss and for the office. I deeply appreciate and respect what you have done to help assist him in such a difficult situation. I also grieve for Afghanistan to lose another bright star for the future. He had so much to give.

I know you spoke to Andrew and I also will do whatever I can to help.

My deepest condolences, Scott Worden

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***Message from Mr. Scott Smith former Director of Afghanistan and Central Asia Programs of USIP:***

Shahmahmood,

I was devastated to hear about Naqib. Please give my condolences to his family and my sympathies to the rest of the USIP team. Let me know if something is being done to help the family and if I can contribute.

***Message from Mr. Peyton Cook, Senior Program Officer, Rule of Law, USIP Kabul Office:***

Dear all,

Let me also express my condolences for this unspeakable tragedy. Naqib was a patriot, a scholar, and a friend. He also represented many of the qualities that can give hope for Afghanistan's future.

Naqib's loss will be long felt, both personally and professionally. He offered intellectual, moral, and personal support to many, many people at USIP, myself very much included. It is difficult to express the sadness of today, and how much Naqib will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to all of you as we work through this horrible event. If you would like any support, or if there is anything else at all that I can do, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Peyton Cooke

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***Message from Ms. Eliza Urwin, Senior Program Officer, USIP Kabul Office:***

Dear all,

This morning's news is the hardest that anyone will ever have to hear. The loss of someone, a friend, a colleague and a brilliant and wonderful man is going to cast sadness and tragedy on all of our hearts. I am so sorry to be so far away at this time of need, and want to share my prayers and love with all of you. I am here for anyone who needs to talk, I am here for anyone that wants to pray together, and I am here to say that I am sharing my deepest love with all of you to counter the pain that we are all feeling right now. Naqib was

***Message from Ms. Katie Blanchette, Senior Program Officer of UNAMA:***

Oh, I didn't realize – when you wrote last night I thought you were referring to your son. Not bearable is exactly right. Naqib and all of his work was a ray of hope and promise. I'm glad you're with him today. If you think it ok to do so, please tell his family and friends that he had many admirers in the international community who will hope to honor the legacy of his work and life. Stay safe.

Katie Blanchette

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***Message on behalf of TLO (Tribal Liaison Office) to USIP Kabul office:***

Dear Mr. Miakhel,

Regretfully, I got to know that USIP lost a young, competent and very talented colleague in the tragic incident of suicide bombing last night. Ena Lelleh, wa Ena Elayhe Rajeroon. On behalf of TLO, I would like to express sincere condolence, and pray his soul rests in peace. It is a loss for your organization, his loved ones and friends, and we share the sorrow with you all. The whole nation suffers from the loss of its youths, the human assets, and TLO is not an exception. Last night, TLO's Research Coordinator, Mr. Rahmatullah Amiri, who studies in the same university, was shot several times, and narrowly escaped death. He is in the hospital now with three bullets in the abdomen and two broken legs. I wish fast recovery for the wounded and eternal peace for the deceased of the incident. May the people of this country, and all mankind witness peace and stability in the future,

Rahim Khurram,  
Deputy Director

I myself will be arriving in Kabul on Monday, staying until September 5. I know this is a difficult time but I hope I will get a chance to see you.

Scott Smith

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***Message from Dr. Moeed Yousuf, Associate Vice President of Asia Center of USIP:***

Miakhel sb,

This is simply too hard to believe. One never thinks these things can happen to us. I can't imagine what you and KBO must be feeling. Please accept my heartfelt condolences and pass on my regards to Naqib's family. This will take a while to sink in.

Moeed

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***Message from Mr. Hamidullah Natiq, Program Manager of Peace Education in USIP Kabul Office:***

Dear my USIP family,

I received this sad news early morning today while I am in a mission in western part of the country, in Herat province. My condolence to all of you I am with you all giving my strength and solidarity in such tragic situation.

I believe we can build the country, but take time to have brains such as Khpulwak. I pray for him and share my love with his family.

In peace.

Natiq,

Dr. Anwar Jamili, Country Director  
Equal Access, Afghanistan

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***Message from Colleagues of Peace Coordination  
Center of Gawharshad University (PCC) to USIP  
Kabul Office:***

Dear Miakhel Sahib

We the PCC members of Herat University are so sorry to hear about the tragic death of our USIP family members Khpulwak who was an inspiration to everyone he knew. It was a shock to hear about the loss of committed Afghan who tried his best to bring changes. We can't begin to understand how we must be feeling, he will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues at the office. We HU-PCC as USIP family would like to express our deep condolence and our thoughts are with you and his family at this time. We wish you all strength and solidarity in such a sad circumstance.

Deepest blessings, Nasir Ahmad Rahimi, Project  
Coordinator of Peace Center

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***Message from colleagues of Equal Access to USIP  
Kabul Office:***

Dear Miakhel sb , Peyton and Basharat sb,

We are so sorry to hear about the tragic death (martyrdom) of Mr. Naqeeb Khpulwak, the young leader of Afghanistan. In fact, words cannot express the depth of sorrows and heartache we feel for the great loss, not only for USIP, American University of Afghanistan, and the whole nation of Afghanistan. He was an inspiration to everyone, to his students, colleagues, friends, and of course family members. May Allah have his soul rest in peace, and bestow his family members, colleagues and friends the patience required to endure the great loss!

It is not an easy job for a person to have best performance in education at a country like Afghanistan, achieve two master's degree and triumph the candidacy for PHD at a very high standard university at a very young age. He had been to USA and numerous European countries and got the opportunity to settle in those countries and go with comfortable and luxurious life there, but his sense of patriotism and attachment to Afghanistan and its people drove him back to this war-torn country to serve the nation. He was amazing; he was a Hafiz (memorizer) of the Holy Quran, and enjoyed Islamic knowledge, piety and selflessness that we believe served as a great support to his progress besides his genuine endeavors. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you, his students, colleagues, and his family members. We are with you at these critical moment of life,.Pleaseaccept Equal Access employees' condolences for the irreparable great loss.

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***Message from Mr. Habib-ur-Rahman, Former Senior Program Officer of Rule of Law in USIP Kabul Office:***

Dear Miakhel Saeb,

The loss of Khpulwak Saeb is a terrible shock for all of us. I can't imagine he is no longer with us! His soul will be always in peace and may God shower his blessings upon him. I don't know if there is any plan to hold an event in his memory in Kabul! Anyways, I would be more than happy to assist in this regard. I believe FPJRA Alumni Association will also be happy to contribute.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Best regards,

Habib (former colleague of USIP)

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***From Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, USA:***

“Middlebury Institute alumnus Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, an assistant professor of law at the American University in Kabul, Afghanistan, was among the 16 students and faculty killed in a terrorist attack on the American University campus on August 24. Khpulwak studied English at the Institute in spring and summer 2010 as he prepared to begin his graduate education in the United States.

“This is a tragic loss, for Naqib’s family, for his country, and for his teachers and fellow alumni of the Middlebury Institute,” said Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Institute Jeff Dayton-Johnson.

Khpulwak came to Monterey in 2010 as a Fulbright Student, completing ESL and English Preparation for Graduate

***Message from Ms. Kate Clark, Analysts in Afghanistan Analysts Network (AAN):***

Dear All

I see one of your friends and dear colleagues was among those killed at the university. What a terrible blow and a terrible shock. I wanted to send my condolences. I'm just preparing biographies for a AAN dispatch. Naqib sounded a remarkable young man. Such a loss.

Salaams,

Kate Clark

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***Message from Colleagues of Afghanistan Analysts Network to USIP Kabul Office:***

Uff, this is a tragic news for all of us. I am so sorry.

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***Message from Mr. Ahmadullah Archiwal, Program Manager for CVE/Good Governance, USIP Office Kabul:***

We lost a mountain like colleague and friend. Khpulwak was a dear friend of mine. He was a great person

Archiwal

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Jazeera that "My brother was highly educated and always wanted to educate the people of his country. He returned back to Afghanistan for this purpose. Losing people like Naqib is a big loss to this country, to us."'''

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***Message from Stanford University, California, USA where Naqib studied:***

"If the cost of freedom is counted in lost lives, Afghanistan has surely paid dearly. In 2016 alone, there have been dozens of attacks leaving hundreds dead or injured, the country under a renewed assault after a few short years of relative calm. This week that terror struck close to Stanford Law School when gunmen attacked the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF) in Kabul, killing 13 including AUAF Assistant Professor of Law Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak and one of his students. Naqib was teaching Islamic Law when terrorists detonated a bomb at the entrance to AUAF's campus, the blast allowing gunmen to pass through the school's security barriers. According to members of Stanford Law's Afghanistan Legal Education Project (ALEP) who were in close contact with Naqib at the time of the attack, he survived the bombing—but not the ten-hour siege that followed. He was thirty-two years old.

"We are all just heartbroken," said Erik G. Jensen, professor of the practice of law at Stanford Law School and director of its Rule of Law Program, which includes ALEP—a project that has worked closely with AUAF since 2007 to develop a legal program at the Kabul campus. "Naqib was such a talented teacher, with a strong belief in the future of

Studies courses at the Middlebury Institute during the spring and summer before going on to earn his master's degree in comparative politics and security studies from Old Dominion University. He was also a visiting scholar at Stanford Law School in 2013. He previously earned his bachelor's degree in law and political science from Nangarhar University in Afghanistan, graduating first in his class.

At the American University, Khpulwak taught courses on property rights, family law, and co-taught courses in alternative conflict resolution and international law. He also worked as a counselor and volunteer lecturer for organizations in Afghanistan including NRC Afghanistan and Nangarhar Law School. He was preparing to seek a master's degree in international human rights law from the University of Oxford in England at the time of his death.

"I am extremely saddened by this news," said Assistant Dean for Language and Professional Programs Patricia Szasz. "Naqib was one of the first Afghan Fulbrighters who came to MIIS, with the intention of taking his professional skills back to Afghanistan in order to make a positive impact on his country's future. It was a tremendous privilege to be a part of his educational journey, and we, as his teachers, learned much about the triumphs and challenges of Afghanistan from having known him."

Alumna Nathalie Junorette MPA '12, who took English classes with Khpulwak in the summer of 2010 to prepare for her own graduate studies, called him "among the kindest people, sincerest believers and brightest minds here on earth. It's a great, great loss."

Khpulwak was mentioned in coverage of the attack by the New York Times, Al Jazeera, CBS News, BuzzFeed and the Wall Street Journal. His brother, Masoud Ahmad, told Al

of Arts and Laws degree, the first such program in the country. Together, ALEP and AUAF established a Department of Law to administer the degree program and support the top-notch law faculty. There are currently more than 300 students enrolled in AUAF's law classes with many classes oversubscribed, attesting to the great need and demand for quality legal education in Afghanistan. In May, ALEP and AUAF celebrated the second law class graduation—granting degrees to nine students, including its first woman law graduate.

“Legal education and the resultant application of the rule of law is critical to Afghanistan's economic, political and social development,” said Debra L. Zumwalt, JD '79, Vice President and General Counsel of Stanford University and an AUAF board member, who attended AUAF's graduation in May. “I am particularly pleased with the number of women studying law at AUAF. It is empowering for women in the country to understand and be able to enforce their rights.”

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It is difficult to believe that a man I knew for 14 years is no more. I met him at a literary gathering in Jalalabad in 2002. He approached me and said, “Are you Bashir Gwakh, the poet?” I smiled and nodded in confirmation. He told me that he wanted to have a similar literary gathering in his village so that people could learn from well-known writers and poets.

During my trip to Kabul this month, we had arranged to meet for lunch, but with Kabul’s busy life, it didn’t happen.

As I waited for my flight at Kabul airport last week, I called him and apologized for not being able to meet.

He said he understood, and told me, “*yar zinda suhbat baqi*” -- Dari for “If friends live, they are bound to meet.”

Khpulwak was a kind person. He always helped those in need. He told me he was working with AUAU to establish a series of merit-based scholarships for talented students who were too poor to pay the fees.

He always insisted on staying closer with Afghans, and therefore he never left his country even though he could have found better professional opportunities elsewhere.

Khpulwak, a Fulbright scholar and Stanford Law School graduate, died a hero. His family members told me that during the attack, he told them over the phone that he and six students had taken shelter in his office on the second floor.

Thousands of mourners participated in Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak funeral in Nangarhar province.

“We spent the whole night searching for him at every hospital. We couldn’t find him anywhere,” his longtime friend Israr Ahmad Karimzai said of the tense hours before Khpulwak’s bullet-ridden body was found in one of the buildings. Authorities told his family that he was killed while trying to help students escape through the window of

***Middlebury Institute Alumnus Killed in Kabul Attack, August 25, 2016: The Killing of a Promising Young Afghan Scholar;***

Bashir Ahmad Gwakh,

I immediately tried to reach my friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak after learning about a militant attack on the American University of Afghanistan (AUAU) in Kabul late on August 24.

Khpulwak was an assistant professor at the American University, and I was worried for his safety. I called, but his phone rang with no answer. I then left him messages on Facebook and Viber.



When I woke up in the morning on August 25<sup>th</sup>, the news was not what I’d been hoping for. I was devastated when I saw a message from another friend, who said Khpulwak was among the 13 killed in the 10-hour attack.

I did not want to believe it, and I wished it was wrong. Everything about Khpulwak went through my mind: his jokes, his uncontrollable laugh, and his love for endless political debates.

would always see him smile. He was young and more like a friend than a professor. His office was always full of students asking for advice,” he said.

Like many young Afghans, Khpulwak loved good poetry and cricket. In fact, it was his love of cricket that earned him more friends in Kabul. Aziz Amin Ahmadzai met him at a mutual friend’s house while watching an Afghanistan match against Scotland.

“I found him one of the most well-versed young Afghans who had a full grip over regional politics,” he recalled. “A couple of months ago, when we were expressing our doubts about the country’s future, he put his hands over my shoulder and said, ‘Buddy! We will rule this country. This country belongs to all of us. We are the future, and we can give hope to this country.’ Ahmadzai said violence is killing Afghanistan’s future.

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his office. Khpulwak, 32, was from Afghanistan’s eastern province of Nangarhar. As a Fulbright scholar, he earned an MA degree in law e from Stanford University’s Law school in 2013 and later received an M.A. in Comparative Politics and Security Studies from Old Dominion University-(GPIS). Khpulwak’s Stanford classmate Varsha Iyengar too remembered him in a Facebook post.

“No words can describe the shock and the deep sense of disbelief, helplessness and sorrow that follows the hearing of such news,” she wrote. “Earlier this month, when I heard about the attack on two professors from the University, I panicked and inquired about him. He quickly replied: ‘They have kidnapped two of my colleagues from AUAF. But I am safe so far.’ I dismissed the ‘so far’ of that response and wished him well.”

At a time that most Afghans are leaving Afghanistan in search of a better life in the West, Khpulwak chose to stay. During my recent trip he told me he got an offer from an Australian firm but that he wasn’t going to accept because he loved teaching and helping his students in Kabul.



Mubarak Shah, a 2014 alumnus of AUAF, remembered Khpulwak as a cooperative and friendly teacher. “You

Naqib helped manage USIP's rule of law projects in Afghanistan, which included initiatives to strengthen the ability of civil society organizations to serve as observers in community courts and to analyze and advocate on constitutional issues. The work is part of USIP's broader efforts to help address violent conflict by advancing the understanding and application of rule of law in Afghanistan and other countries, including Myanmar, Pakistan, Iraq, Tunisia, South Sudan and Colombia. Naqib was a passionate builder of peace in Afghanistan. He thought tirelessly about how to rebuild his country after decades of war, and never ceased in his efforts to heal the many wounds that war has inflicted. He was dedicated not only to promoting rule of law, but also to contributing to all USIP programming and the community at American University of Afghanistan. Finally and most importantly, Naqib was a son, a brother and a friend. Outside of work, he was an avid reader and fan of cricket, and greatly enjoyed spending time with his family. The war in Afghanistan has now tragically claimed Naqib's life and that of at least 12 others killed in the same attack at the American University of Afghanistan. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all their friends and family during this difficult time. We are working to support Naqib's family and our colleagues in Afghanistan, and to memorialize Naqib's sacrifice. His loss represents the courage of USIP staff and their partners who work in some of the world's most volatile regions to research and develop ways to resolve conflict without violence.

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In Memoriam: Naqib Khpulwak: USIP  
August 25, 2016

The United States Institute of Peace mourns our friend and colleague Naqib Khpulwak, who was killed in the attack on the American University of Afghanistan on the night of Aug. 24-25. His death is a terrible loss.

In addition to teaching at the university, Naqib was a cornerstone of USIP's rule of law initiatives in Afghanistan. Since coming to USIP in July 2015, he brought unparalleled insight to our programming, and a true strategic vision for what we could, and should, accomplish in our mission as peacebuilders.



Naqib also was a scholar. A proud university graduate in Afghanistan, he received a Fulbright scholarship to study at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, and was a visiting scholar at Stanford University Law School in Palo Alto, California. He was a leader in the Afghan legal community, and deeply dedicated to his students at the American University of Afghanistan. A voracious reader and lover of knowledge, Naqib was preparing to further his education at Oxford University, where he was shortly to begin further study.



An undated photo of Naqib Khpulwak from his LinkedIn profile. Friends said he was around 30 years old. In a nation drained of talent after decades of war, the school offered hope for those who stayed behind and stood in defiance to extremists who oppose Western-style, mixed-gender education. Mr. Khpulwak was teaching an evening law class when a truck bomb exploded outside, breaching an outer wall and enabling several militants to enter the campus, filled with hundreds of students and staff members.

Many escaped through emergency exits or by jumping out of windows or over walls. Others, like Mr. Khpulwak and his students, had no option but to hide. One of the assailants eventually found Mr. Khpulwak, who died of gunshot wounds, his friends say. His funeral was held Thursday in Jalalabad, his hometown.

More than 50 people were wounded in the nine-hour assault, most of them students who were drawn to the promise of a world-class education based on an American model that the university offered.

Militants stormed the American University in Kabul Wednesday, in an attack that left at least 12 dead. Here are

***Terrorist Attack on Afghanistan's Top School Targeted Best and Brightest: Ehsanullah Amiri and Margherita Stancati (WSJ)***



*Wounded Afghan students from the American University of Afghanistan receiving treatment at a hospital run by an Italian aid organization in Kabul on Thursday.*

Naqib Khpulwak, a former visiting scholar at Stanford University, had returned home to Afghanistan in 2013 to teach a new generation the importance of law in a country where large parts of it can be lawless.

“He loved Afghanistan. That’s why he didn’t stay abroad after he finished his studies. He was a very patriotic man,” said Bashir Ahmad Gwakh, a longtime friend of Mr. Khpulwak, who like him, was a Fulbright scholar.

Such dedication cost him his life: He was among 16 people killed when terrorists attacked the American University of Afghanistan, the country’s top school, late Wednesday.



said. A spokesman for the Afghan Taliban wasn't reachable for comment.

Mr. Khpulwak was one of two professors killed. Eight students also died, including Jamshid Zafar, a law student who spent much of his free time volunteering as a teacher for street children.

"He was a smart man, and also very kind," recalled a classmate, Palwasha, who used to volunteer with him.

Palwasha, who only uses one name, was at the university's hostel when the attack occurred. She doesn't think she will go back: "Unfortunately most of my friends won't return to university anymore after the attack. I, too, have decided not to go." Farzana Bakhriary, a student of business administration, was in a class on the third floor of the university building when, around 7 p.m., she heard the first gunshots followed by a large explosion.

Everyone threw themselves to the ground, hiding under chairs and desks. There was shattered glass everywhere and several of her classmates were badly injured. One of them, Mujtaba Axeer, died after about 20 minutes, she said. The students could hear screams and gunshots coming from the floor below. They turned off all the lights and for a few minutes were still, in complete silence. Then they heard footsteps in the corridor.

One of the attackers was about to open the classroom door when his phone rang. "On the phone he was saying that everything was going well and that they killed many Americans," recalls Ms. Bakhriary, who said there were likely two militants on her floor. "He was saying: 'This is a great chance for me to go to paradise and to become a martyr.' He was happy." After that, the attackers returned downstairs. Ms. Bakhriary and her classmates remained in that room until about 4 a.m., when they were rescued by

scenes from a nearby hospital where the wounded were taken.

Photo/video: AP. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but the heavily fortified university was long considered a possible target of the Taliban because of its ties to the West. "It embodied one of the best parts of Western and American culture, which is our higher education, in a country where the brain drain and a lack of learning and illiteracy are defining problems," said Matthew Trevithick, who worked in the university's management from 2010 to 2014. "It was the only place in the country where a genuine exchange of cultures could occur."

Set in the sprawling grounds of a long-defunct international school, the American University opened its doors in 2006 with the help of grants from the U.S. Agency for International Development. It offered undergraduate and graduate degrees, taught in English, to roughly 1,000 full-time students. Half of those enrolled are women, in a culture where options for women are few. On Thursday, the university announced its main campus in Kabul has closed indefinitely. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani called the attack "a cowardly attempt to hinder progress and development in Afghanistan." His office said evidence suggested the attack was planned in Pakistan, a reference to the Afghan Taliban, who are based there. Mr. Ghani spoke to Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff, Gen. Raheel Sharif, to urge Islamabad to take serious action against the terrorists, it added.

Pakistan's military confirmed the call and said Afghanistan provided it with three phone numbers allegedly used during the attack. A "combing operation" was carried out, and results were shared with Afghanistan, the Pakistan military

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***Stanford Law Remembers AUAF Professor Killed in Kabul Terrorist Attack: By Sharon Driscoll, August 26, 2016***

Boot Camp for ILEI and ALEP

If the cost of freedom is counted in lost lives, Afghanistan has surely paid dearly. In 2016 alone, there have been dozens of attacks leaving hundreds dead or injured, the country under a renewed assault after a few short years of relative calm. This week that terror struck close to Stanford Law School when gunmen attacked the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF) in Kabul, killing 13 including AUAF Assistant Professor of Law Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak and one of his students. Naqib was teaching Islamic Law when terrorists detonated a bomb at the entrance to AUAF’s campus, the blast allowing gunmen to pass through the school’s security barriers. According to members of Stanford Law’s Afghanistan Legal Education Project (ALEP) who were in close contact with Naqib at the time of the attack, he survived the bombing—but not the ten hour siege that followed. He was thirty-two years old. “We are all just heartbroken,” said Erik G. Jensen, professor of the practice of law at Stanford Law School and director of its Rule of Law Program, which includes ALEP—a project that has worked closely with AUAF since 2007 to develop a legal program at the Kabul campus. “Naqib was such a

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generation. At this stage, all we can do is to honor his memory and work towards ensuring this happens no more.

As far-fetched as that sounds for our country. Please count on us should you have any plans for honoring his memory and continuing his work. We will be honored contribute however necessary.

Kindly,  
Homayoon Haseeb,

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***Message from Tonis Montes:***

Dearest Shahm Mahmood,

I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting you and your team; I work in GLAS under Philippe Leroux-Martin and Virginia Bouvier, and with Palwasha Kakar and Susie Hayward for the past year. Your words have brought me a heavy heart and tears to my eyes, as I begin to comprehend the tragedy of Naqib's passing and the horrific account of the attack at the American University of Afghanistan. It is indeed necessary to keep Naqib's legacy alive through both small and large tributes. My deepest condolences to you, Naqib's family and friends, and to the entire KBO team. You are all in my heart and prayers today and in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Yours sincerely,  
Tonis Montes

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***Message from Ms. Darine El Hage, Regional Program Officer-North Africa Program, Center for Middle East and Africa, United States Institute of Peace:***

Dear Shahm Mahmood,

We never met, but wanting to say that our prayers are with his soul, his family, friends and colleagues – and with all those who lost their lives. Sending our warm support from the North Africa team.

Darine El Hage

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***Message from Mr. John McNamara, INL Director, US Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan:***

Dear Worden Scott, I wanted to send you a note to convey our sorrow at the tragic death of Mr. Naqib Khpulwak in the terrorist attack at American University-Afghanistan. Our entire INL team is deeply saddened by his passing and that of the other innocent victims of this cruel and cowardly attack.

Respectfully-  
John McNamara,

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***Message from Homayoon Haseeb, Director of Qara Consulting:***

Dear Belquis and Eliza,

I hope this finds you well. It has been a terrible week here, and I am sure much harder for you all and colleagues. We recall how fondly you spoke of Naqib, and the brief introduction we had to him. It is a massive loss for our

***Message from Mr. Nangyalay Nang, Executive Director of Saba Story Radio (SSR):***

To: USIP

Please accept our deep condolences on the untimely death of a Young Professor, Mr. Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak due to the brutal terrorist attack on American University of Afghanistan. It was a very shocking news. We strongly condemn the terrorist attack, which resulted in the death of some academic personalities whose void will never be filled. The attack would never be forgotten which ended up in the death of Mr. Khpulwak; holding two degrees of master's which could enlighten the future of the war-torn country, Afghanistan. It was a big loss to Afghanistan and USIP. Our sincere condolences are with USIP and the bereaved families of the attack.

Regards, Nang

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***Message from Ms. Maria Stephan:***

Shahm Mahmood, this made me so sad. Naqib was clearly an amazing man. Thank you for expressing these heartfelt sentiments. It is so hard to lose a colleague, particularly one as gifted, and so young, as Naqib. I admire your resolve and commitment to work even harder for peace. Sending you love and solidarity.

Warmly,

Maria Stephan

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***Message from Mr. Ikram Afzali, Executive Director of Integrity Watch Afghanistan (IWA):***

Dear USIP colleagues,

We are deeply saddened to hear that your colleague Naqib Khpulwak has been killed in the attack on AUAF. Please accept deepest condolences from the entire Integrity Watch family. We share the pain with you and our feelings are with you and his family during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Sayed Ikram Afzali

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***Message from Dr. Abdul Baseer, Executive Director, AABRAR:***

Dear Miakhil Sahib and USIP colleagues,

(Inna lilahi wa inna Ilaehi Rajiun)

We have no words to express how deeply sorry we are to hear about the tragic incident occurred with Mr. Naqeeb Ahmad Khpulwak (late). We are in shock to hear this bad news. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all and his family during this horrible time. We highly appreciate the professionalism and sincere services provided by Mr. Khpulwak (late) to his mother land and its vulnerable communities. Please accept our deepest sympathies at this difficult time, and pass on our sentiments to his colleagues and family. May almighty Allah rest his soul in peace and grant him Aljannat Firdaus.

With sincere sympathy,

Best Regards,

Dr. Abdul Baseer,

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We, of course, are more than proud of what you have done for Afghanistan and continue to do along with making so many sacrifices for us and Afghanistan. By losing our loved ones, we need to get back up strong and with a stronger resolve to do better for ourselves and others, In Sha Allah, that is the only way, I believe, that we can make this world a better place to live in for ourselves and others.

To extend condolences, it can become repetitive but know that we will try to emulate the work of individuals such as yourself, Prof. Khpulwak and others that continue to work to stand in the face of adversity and evil.

I had tears when I heard of his demise and lost faith in living but then I saw all the praise for him and his accomplishments on Facebook and social media, it made me feel a little better to know that there are others who will continue to work for the better and I, and hopefully everyone in the family, will do the same when opportunity arises.

We are proud of your work and we are thankful to have someone that we can look up to that leads by example in everything that is carried out.

Pa Dranakht,  
Tariq Miakhel

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***Message from Dr. Nail Miakhel, Son of Shahmahmood Miakhel:***

Mirzalala Salam,

Hope this email finds you well, very well said and appreciate your efforts along with many others working for lasting peace in Afghanistan and may this tragedy

***Message from Ms. Christina Murtaugh:***

Dear Shahmahmood,

I can't imagine the grief and sadness you and the entire Kabul office are feeling right now. While I only worked with Naqib on a few occasions, he inspired me. I don't have any words to describe the anger and senselessness of the loss. I am also grateful you remind us that his is one of many losses. I am just so very sorry. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Christina Murtaugh, J.D.

Senior Program Officer,

United States Institute of Peace

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***Message from Mr. Tariq Mahmood Miakhel (Son of Mr. Shahmahmood Miakhel):***

Salam Mirzalala,

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Edmund Burke.

As you said Mirzalala that you do not have adequate words to describe what this loss means to you and Afghanistan, at large. Sometimes a loss of an individual as bright as Prof. Khpulwak to a senseless act makes everyone lose faith in humanity. As Zia can attest and I can attest for him when I spoke to him, we both could sense that we were upset beyond words. Although, I met him briefly in VA last winter break, he left an impression on me of someone that is bright yet humble enough to be able to succeed and at the same time work for the betterment of Afghanistan.

have all been at the forefront of my thoughts since Thursday.

On behalf of your friends and colleagues in the Global Peacebuilding Center, I would like to express my heartfelt sorrow at the loss of Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, and my rage at the circumstances that took his life far too soon. I never had the privilege of meeting Naqib or working with him directly, but we are all so proud of the work that the Rule of Law program does in our KBO. For sure, his contributions were among those shared over the past year by Hodei when she joined us as an occasional special guest in our public education work in the GPC, briefing students and teachers and others who visit our headquarters about the work of the Afghanistan program and the important impacts achieved. It is the example of colleagues like Naqib that truly brings peacebuilding to life for our audiences, and we are proud to share those stories. I cannot imagine the devastation of your loss. I am so very sorry. We are with you, and we send you our love and prayers at this most difficult time.

Ann-Louise Colgan,

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***Message from Mr. Mohammad Salim Program Officer DRR/CCA, Livelihood and Resilience Unit, United Nations Development Program (UNDP):***

Dear Miakhel Sahib,

Thank you for your email. On behalf of Livelihoods and Resilience Unit of UNDP Afghanistan. I would like to express our deep sadness and send deep condolences to Professor Naqib's family. This was a big lost not only for USIP, but for whole Afghanistan. Professor Naqib will be in our hearts forever. We promise to follow his way. Once

strengthen people's efforts even more to continue working toward peace.

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***Reply to Dr. Nail M. Miakhel by Shahm Mahmood Miakhel:***

Thank you Nail Jana and it is a very sad moment for me in my life but with support of you and the rest of family and even my team in KBO, we will stay strong. I am glad that Ehsan (he was studying in AUAF too) is not with us. If he were here, it would have been a greater tragedy for us. Many friends called us from many places and even Minister Farahi Saib from Germany, called me and asked about Ehsan because many didn't know that he transferred back to university in the US.

I pray for all of you to stay strong and focus on yourselves and family first. See you soon Inshallah.

Nail Miakhel

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***Message from Ms. Ann-Louise Director, Global Peacebuilding Center, U.S. Institute of Peace:***

Dear Andrew, Shahm Mahmood, Hodei and Eliza, and our other colleagues in the Asia Center and most especially in our KBO:

First, I am very sorry that it has taken me a few days to send this note. I was out of the office and out of town when the terrible news broke, and was seeing email only on my Blackberry; I wanted to wait until I was back at my computer before writing to you. But please know that you

**Message from NAWAR Consulting:**

Dear Respected Miakhil Sahib and All USIP Colleagues,  
It's terrible to hear about Loss of Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak in a coward attack of Afghanistan enemies, NAWAR Consulting Leadership and employees are deeply saddened to hear about this sorrow. We express our sincere sympathy to you and all USIP colleagues.

Martyrdom of Khpulwak was not only a big loss to USIP but to All Afghanistan, Khpulwak was an asset to our country and everyone know him admired his knowledge and talent, he served the young generation and worked hard for peace-building, his kindness with everyone was what truly impressed all. We know he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May Allah Bless him and his soul stay in peace and grant him Jannah –Tul- Firdaws, and May Allah grant us with peace and stability and save the nation and especially our young Cadres.

Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss.

Regards,  
NAWAR Leadership.

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**Message from Ms. Diane Zeleny, Director of Communication of USIP:**

For you information and to share where/when appropriate, there was intense interest in the In Memoriam about Naqib that we posted on our USIP FB page as well as the tweets about his tragic death. Naqib's memoriam page had 2,833 unique page views over the weekend, second only to the main page of the site and 800 more than next most visited page, /jobs. This is an especially high number for weekend traffic on USIP's site. 74% of these page views were

again thank you for agreeing on most of the item of the concept paper. We will send you the final version for your kind information.

Mohammad Salim

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**Message from Mr. Sanan Pasha, Program Officer, Islamabad Office, Asia Centre - USIP:**

Dear Shahm Mahmood,

I had the pleasure of meeting Naqib in DC earlier this year at the retreat and at a dinner we had together. He was a bright and enthusiastic person with great intentions.



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also like to request you to take part in Peace Academic Journal (Sulh-Naama) launch program which will be a section of the Peace Day ceremony at the same day. Please let us know if you can attend the ceremony and take part in "Sulh-Naama" launch program.

Best regards,  
Farahnaz

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working on these efforts so that we all stay connected and in touch across the various organizations. I do hope we will meet again soon <I am sure now more than ever that we cannot give up and I am honored to support you and other Afghan colleagues in your tireless work to see Afghanistan develop and find peace.

Best,  
Hadley

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***Message from SMART Core:***

Mr. Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was one of at least thirteen people killed on the evening of August 24, 2016 during an attack on the American University of Afghanistan in Kabul. Khpulwak was an Assistant Professor of Law at the university, where his work to develop and deliver quality legal education was funded by INL's Afghanistan Legal Education Program (ALEP). In addition to his teaching position, Khpulwak managed INL and USAID-funded rule of law development projects at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP). There, his work focused on strengthening the role of civil society through legal aid, court observation, and legislative advocacy. Khpulwak was regarded as a leader in the Afghan legal community and a close friend of U.S. Embassy Kabul. He was a former Fulbright scholar and studied in the United States at Old Dominion University and Stanford University Law School. At the time of his death, he was preparing to continue his education at Oxford University.

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referred by Facebook, where the story was share 81 times and reached 39,133 people. Our non-VIP reach normally hovers between 4-8K

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***Message from Ms. Hadley Rose, former lecture and Head of Rule of Law Program in AUAF:***

How terrible to write to you under such circumstances, as we are all still grieving the loss of our dear friend, colleague, and the brightest of stars in Afghanistan's future. It is still unimaginable to me that he is gone. I treasure the time we spent together last month when I was in Kabul. As you may remember, I have known Naqib many years and worked with him daily at the University before he joined USIP <even co-teaching 2 classes with him on traditional justice in Afghanistan. I have been so moved and impressed by the efforts of USIP to memorialize Naqib <the statements on the website were very touching, and I was at a memorial service at the Afghan Embassy in DC last week and was moved to tears by the words of the USIP staff who shared about Naqib.

It is clear he was a huge part of the USIP family and future as well, and his contributions were so valued there. As part of the FPJRA program, and as a friend of Naqib, I am communicating with Stanford and INL about the efforts we are all making to support the memory of Naqib and our continued work to see growth and development in law, justice, and peace in Afghanistan. I'm also working on making contacts at his other University, Old Dominion, as well as with the Fulbright representative for Central Asia in DC. I wanted to ask you whether there is a specific person at USIP who you might be able to put me in touch with who is



*Khpulwak with his sister and brother in his house in Jalalabad*

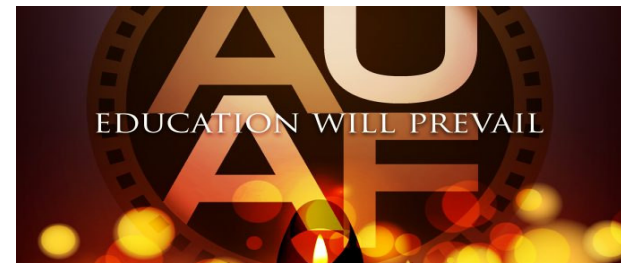
The deaths of the students, staff and security forces in this attack represent not only a loss to their families, friends, and AUAF, but a loss to Afghanistan. The University is grateful for the heartfelt outpouring of support and prayers we have received in this troubled time from so many sources, including the Afghan and United States governments, other universities, various groups and individuals around the world, and the families and friends of those who were killed or injured who urge us to continue our work in memory of those who are no longer with us.

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### ***Remembering Prof. Naqib Khpulwak (AUAF)***

On August 24th, 2016, our dear friend and professor, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, was killed during a terrorist attack on the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF). At this time, many details are still unclear; as far as we know now, Naqib was sheltering students when he was shot in the chest and head by suspected Taliban assailants. This is devastating for his friends and colleagues, but is even harder for his family.

### ***Reports and Statements on AUAF Attack University Will Reopen: AUGUST 25, 2016***



“The American University of Afghanistan has temporarily suspended operations in the wake of the despicable terrorist attack on the University. However, the University has already started the process to repair the damage caused by the attack so that the campus can reopen. Security has always been of the utmost importance to the university and we will be working with the Afghan government and others to improve security. Although we do not have an exact date at this time as to when operations will resume, we will update the website [www.auaf.edu.af](http://www.auaf.edu.af) to keep the community apprised of the current status.

Rumors that the University will close are completely untrue. AUAF is dedicated to its educational mission in service to Afghanistan and has no intention of giving into terror. As our faculty member Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, who was killed in this attack, had said, those who care about the future of Afghanistan cannot back down to insurgents and criminals who threaten a future of possibility. Our firm resolve is to move forward.

dinners at the dining hall, we shared our views on Afghanistan, its history and its future, among other things. At Stanford, we all tend to talk about big ideas, but Naqib was someone who was working every day to apply these ideas to transform lives. We became fast friends and promised to meet again. In fall of 2013, I traveled to Afghanistan, to Kabul and to Jalalabad, where I met his family. I ate spinach curry and naan with his father and his brothers in his beloved orange grove. Since then I have brought Naqib back to Stanford twice as a speaker and mentor for initiatives I run at Stanford. In recent weeks, Naqib and I were developing a non-profit to implement his ideas on rule of law and capacity building in his province of Nangarhar and we planned to meet in Washington, D.C. next month.

It is devastating that Naqib was taken from us. If there is anything that I can do, if there is anything WE can do, as a global community, to help make Naqib's dreams and those of Afghanistan come true, it starts with following through on those lives that will take his place. Please join me in supporting Naqib's family, and especially in making sure his young siblings can get the same education and opportunities in life that Naqib was fortunate to have.

Thank you for taking the time to think about Naqib today. And thank you if you are blessed to be in a position to help his family through their hardships.

**Thank you for your support! It means a lot to Naqib's family and friends.** "Those who care about the future of Afghanistan cannot back down to insurgents and criminals who threaten a future of possibility."

At age 30, Naqib was the primary breadwinner for his family of 16 in Jalalabad, including five young sisters and one brother that are in school. **We want to use this GoFundMe to make sure not only that Naqib's family is taken care of, but that his sisters and brother will be able to take advantage of what he so proudly fought and gave his life for: the right to an education.**

We remember Naqib for the things he did for his country and community, and for the outstanding person he was. As a research fellow at Stanford Law School, Naqib worked on Stanford's Afghanistan Legal Education Project, developing some of Afghanistan's first legal education curriculum and applied projects this curriculum in the classes he taught at AUAF. Naqib also managed USIP's rule of law program in Afghanistan, which included initiatives to strengthen the ability of civil society organizations to serve as observers in community courts and to analyze and advocate on constitutional issues. He was a young Afghan intellectual and a Hafiz, able to recite the Koran from memory. He was a Fulbright Scholar at Old Dominion University and Middlebury Institute for International Studies in the United States, planning to study human rights law at Oxford in the U.K. in the spring. He had already been accepted and even paid his fees and bought his textbooks. Naqib was planning to attend Oxford not just for himself, but to better Afghanistan; he was passionate about his country, and he knew the best way to serve his country was from inside. Despite opportunities to stay abroad, Naqib returned to Kabul, where he died for what he believed in. We received news today that the government school in his village of Qasimabad will be renamed in his honor.

Naqib was more than just my best friend, he was my brother. We met at Stanford 3 years ago, and over long



"So I lied down on the floor, playing dead. I could feel shattered glasses piercing into my back and I was bleeding. After 10 hours of battle between the fighters and the armed forces, I came out alive as one of the last survivors of the attack," he told Al Jazeera.

Latifi recalls an armed gunman speaking over the phone, reporting to someone on the other side saying, "we have killed hundreds of people here", in Pashto, one of the two main languages of Afghanistan.

"They shot one of my friends in the head, who was lying right beside me, playing dead," the 24-year-old said, breaking in tears.

"The sound of that bullet pierced my heart."

At least 12 people were killed in the university attack late on Wednesday. The assault ended in the early hours of Thursday when two gunmen were shot dead by the security forces and that is when Latifi was rescued.

The attack began with a large explosion that officials said was a car bomb followed by gunfire. Fighters battled into the complex where many of the students attend part-time classes.

Another student, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Al Jazeera that the attackers were "Afghan Taliban", claiming that he had heard them speaking in Kandahari Pashto. No group, however, has yet claimed responsibility for the attack. Kabul police chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi told Al Jazeera that seven students, three policemen and two security guards were killed in the assault. "We have blocked the area off to investigate the brutal attack on students and professors," Rahimi said.

"We cannot give any information at the moment until our investigation is completed."

### ***University survivors recall night of horror in Kabul***

*Students vow to remain resilient following the attack on American University of Afghanistan which left at least 12 dead.*



The night before the American University of Afghanistan in Kabul came under attack, Abdullah Latifi, an undergraduate student of business administration, had a sudden urge to skip his chemistry class and stay at home, with his family.

But attending the class was important, so he shrugged off the feeling and left to go to school. Soon after, however, his fears turned into reality when armed gunmen attacked the elite university packed with students and professors. "When fighters entered the university building, I decided to jump off the window in panic, but when I looked out of the window, it was too high," Latifi said, his voice shaking as he recalled Wednesday night's events.

Civilians under threat Civilians are constantly being targeted in Afghanistan's ongoing battles as the Taliban seek to gain territory.

Despite air support from US and Afghan warplanes, government troops are struggling against the Taliban, with senior government officials saying the fighters are becoming better trained and better equipped.

Civilian casualties hit a record high in the first half of 2016, according to the UN, with a particular surge in the number of children killed or wounded.

The security problems facing Afghanistan are also being compounded by a growing political crisis within the Kabul government. Abdullah Abdullah, Afghanistan's chief executive, recently criticised President Ashraf Ghani for failing to work collaboratively, saying he was undeserving to serve the government.

Wednesday's attack on the university came after two of its professors - an American and Australian - were kidnapped in Kabul earlier this month. Despite his ordeal, Latifi remained defiant, saying the attack had made him even more determined to continue his studies. "When I returned home with my clothes stained in blood, my mother and father started crying and kissing me saying they thought I was dead," he said. "Being the last survivor has made me strong, there is hope indeed," Latifi added. "I will continue my education for this country."

**Shereena Qazi**

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Local police, however, said that NATO military advisers were helping Afghan forces in their operation to end the siege. Most of the 40 people wounded were in a critical condition, hospital sources told Al Jazeera.

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***'Unlucky Nation' by Shereen Qazi (Old Dominion University)***

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, an assistant professor of law at the university, who had studied at the Stanford Law School and the Old Dominion University in the United States, was one of those killed. "My brother was highly educated and always wanted to educate the people of his country. He returned back to Afghanistan for this purpose," Naqib's brother, Masoud Ahmad, told Al Jazeera.

"Losing people like Naqib is a big loss to this country, to us. We are the most unlucky nation alive," Masoud said on route to his hometown of Jalalabad, eastern Afghanistan, where he was taking his brother's body for the funeral. I'm broken.

My friend, fellow Fulbrighter & #AUAF lecturer Naqeb Khpulwak killed. Didn't answer my messages & calls. Among the victims was also the Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist, Massoud Hossaini, who was said to be wounded and managed to escape with some students.

this country,” Karp added. “He said ‘no I never considered that. I’m going back home, because I am one of the people who is needed.’” Khpulwak became a teacher at American University. He was there the night gunmen stormed on campus killing 14 people. “They just went around and randomly started shooting and he was the only professor how was killed,” Karp says.

His death is being felt 7,000 miles away. “Every student is special of course, but he was just someone who you knew would be a leader and had a qualification to really excel,” Karp adds. “One of the things that I study and teach is terrorism, but this was my first time in my life to have encountered any kind of personal basis and it’s horrific,” Hall says. Khpulwak attended Stanford University for undergrad, and ODU says he could have taught anywhere — whether it was in England or here in the United States.

### ***The Attack on the American University in Kabul: What happened and who the victims were by AAN***

Author: AAN Team Date: 4 September 2016



*American University of Afghanistan (Source AUAF)*

### ***ODU graduate killed in attack on American University of Afghanistan***

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NORFOLK, Va. (WAVY) — An Old Dominion University graduate was killed in a deadly attack on American University of Afghanistan this week, school officials confirm.

At least a dozen people were killed in Wednesday’s attack on the university, including Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. Officials with ODU on Friday confirmed that **Khpulwak was a lecturer** at the university’s law department. Dr. Regina Karp, a professor of political science and geography who taught Khpulwak, says she thought of him as a close friend. “He wanted to turn his country around or at least be part of that process,” says ODU Professor Dr. Regina Karp. Khpulwak was only at ODU for two years but he was highly regarded as a student who made an impact with everyone he came into contact with at the university. “He was just a deeply loved and respected person for very good reason,” adds ODU Assistant Professor Dr. Matthew Hall.

“During the time that he was here, we really forged very strong bonds,” Karp says. “Not just with him and the faculty, but also him and his student peers. He was always very engaged in everything we did.” Khpulwak graduated from ODU with a Master’s Degree in 2012. Professors say the law student could have gone anywhere in the world to teach, but he wanted to go back home to Afghanistan.

“He had all the options in the world and he chose to be in Kabul where his family was and where his home was,” Hall says. “I remember having conversations with him after he graduated saying Naqib you know you could try and stay in

escape through emergency gates leading to an adjacent UN compound. They reported that the layout of the university was well designed and helped them escape, as did the security training they had received, provided by the university.

The students trapped in the Bayat Building heard grenade explosions and sporadic gunfire during the ten hours it took the various security forces – including the Afghan Public Protection Force (APPF) guarding the university, an armed security team hired by the AUAF and the Ministry of Interior’s Crisis Response Unit (also known as 222s) supported by the Norwegian and US special forces – to search the campus and to locate and kill the attackers. According to some reports, they were wearing ANSF uniforms. (4)

At various points during the night, fighting stopped as injured security forces were evacuated. Remaining staff and students were only evacuated from the Bayat Building in the early hours of 25 August. Then the search mission began for the injured who were unable to get themselves out, and for the dead. At around 8 am, the bodies of many of those who had been killed were found. Within hours, the first reports in the media appeared with their names. Security forces handed the campus back to the AUAF’s administrative staff on the same day. The cleanup began immediately and students were notified that the undergraduate program would restart around 20 September 2016. Other programs, such as the MBA programme and the university’s administrative offices, have continued to function in less affected parts of the main AUAF campus, as well as the international campus located across the street.

The victims of the attack

By the time the attack on the American University in Afghanistan (AUAF) in Kabul on 24 August 2016 ended, 13 people had been killed and 49 wounded, most of them students. Families looking forward to bright futures for their children have been left to bury them or are now waiting anxiously at hospital bedsides. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. The AAN team has spoken to over a dozen people who survived the attack and put together an account of what happened during the attack and, in commemoration, gathered biographical details of the students and the lecturer killed.

*In an upcoming second dispatch, AAN’s Borhan Osman looks into the insurgency’s internal dynamics – the rise of new ideologues and young ultra-radicals influenced by them and their influence on Taleban decision-making – for clues about the ‘who’ and the ‘why’ of the assault on AUAF.* The attack When two or three militants (1) attacked the university on the evening of 24 August 2016, an estimated 700 students – out of a total of 1700 – and staff were on campus. It was the first week of the 2016 fall semester and, for some – students and lecturers – the first week of their academic career. The evening hours are the busiest at AUAF, as the university – a non-profit organisation financed out of the Afghan government’s budget but also with funds from USAID and the World Bank – offers a number of evening courses for students who are already professionals and who work during the day. Although the sons and daughters of Afghanistan’s elite study at the university, there are also many students there on scholarship. Between 7 and 8 pm is a peak hour at AUAF, and this is when the gunmen struck. Most of the students who had been in the library and the so-called C Building – another building with many classrooms – were able to

professors and one civilian from the adjoining school where the initial car bomb was detonated.”

AUAF has yet to release the names of the casualties, as the verification process is still ongoing. Based on the accounts of various sources, AAN, at the time of writing, has been able to confirm 12 deaths: five male and two female students, one Afghan professor (find their biographical details below), as well as three university security guards and one guard from the School for the Blind. The exact figure of civilians injured in the attack has been difficult to determine, as some individuals who were treated and discharged with minor injuries have not been reported by hospitals. Furthermore, the large number of different medical facilities where the injured were treated has also made it difficult to collect and verify a total count for all those injured in the attack.

On 31 August 2016, the program coordinator at the Emergency Hospital in Kabul, which appears to have received the majority of those injured, told AAN that the facility had received 24 wounded adults, of which 19 were admitted: five female and 14 male patients. Three of these patients were in serious condition; one has since died at the hospital. The other two patients are still undergoing treatment.

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Even a week after the attack, the exact number of casualties remains unclear – reported figures continue to vary, in particular regarding the number of affected civilians. On 1 September 2016, UNAMA, in correspondence to AAN, confirmed 61 civilian casualties:

- 13 deaths: six male and two female students, two professors, two university security guards and one from the Noor School for the Blind;
- 48 injured: 43 students and two professors, a Ugandan national and another foreign citizen, and three university security guards.

Apart from civilians, three members of the ANSF were killed; including Lieutenant Muhammed Akbar Andarabi, who was in charge of the Afghan National Police’s special forces, the so-called Crisis Response Unit, that conducted the operation in the university. He was shot by one of the attackers hiding in the building. Ten members of the security forces were injured: nine members of the Ministry of Interior’s CRU and one member of the National Directorate of Security. UNAMA reported that three assailants, referring to them as “suicide attackers“ were also killed.

A statement released by the Ministry of Interior to the media on 25 August 2016 said that 12 people had died in the AUAF attack (seven students, three policemen, one AUAF guard and one guard from the School for the Blind). The statement also cites 45 wounded individuals (36 students and AUAF staff, and nine policemen). In an editorial published on 27 August 2016, Ministry of Public Health officials are quoted as “confirming on Thursday afternoon [25 August 2016] that among those killed were eight students, including two females, three Crisis Response Unit (CRU) members, two security guards, two university

he was the designer and manager of the publication Mujaleh Roze (Day Magazine).

Jamila Ismailzada, in her mid-twenties, was in her final year of studying business administration. Originally from in Mazar-e Sharif, she moved to Pakistan during the Taleban regime. She completed her primary education in Pakistan and upon returning to Afghanistan attended Rokhshana High School in Kabul from which she graduated in 2009. Having already completed a degree in computer science at Kabul University, she had joined AUAF to study management. According to information she had provided on a webpage in 2013, Jamila wanted to help women to set up small businesses to improve their lives and have a positive effect on economy of the country.

Jamshed Zafar, 23, was in the final semester of his last year at the university, studying law. Originally from Ishkashim in Badakhshan province, he grew up in Kabul. Before enrolling at AUAF he had attended high school in the United States through the YES Program (the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study program). He was the nephew of Barry Salam, a well-known journalist and civil society activist. A relative told AAN that Jamshed was also an activist and a member of the advisory board of a newly established national civil society organization called Roshna (Dari for Brightness). According to his classmate Safia Jamal, Jamshed “wanted to be a good politician and help the people of our country.” He worked as the marketing manager of Seven TV channel, Sobh Bakhair Afghanistan Radio program and Awanama Production (a group of media production companies owned by his uncle).

Mujtaba Aksir, 22, was a third year student of Business Administration. Originally from Panjsher, he had spent his childhood in Pakistan and later attended Naderia High

### ***Killed AUAF students and faculty staff***

*(In alphabetical order)*

Alina Jamal (registered at AUAF under the name Alnaz, but called Alina by friends and family), 18, was the oldest child of a street-vendor and a scholarship student studying for a BA in Political Science and Public Administration. Alina had spent most of her life in Karachi, Pakistan, as a refugee. Her dream, as a relative told AAN, had been to study in a prestigious university such as the AUAF and then to get a job to help support her family. When the attackers broke into the campus, Alina had been in an English class. She called her mother, telling her they were being attacked. When the insurgents got into her building and reached the floor below her, she jumped out of the window in a bid to escape.

It is believed she was shot while she was on the ground. Alina’s father was in Pakistan at the time of the attack, her relative said; he had gone to pick up her high school transcripts. Her mother was at home, “fainting with grief.”

Abdul Walid Karimzada, 26, was from Kabul from Serahi Alawudi, not far from AUAF. After graduating from Ghazi High School, located close to Dehmazang Square, and obtaining a dental degree from Guetta Institute, he began a business administration course at the AUAF. Walid was the Director of the NGO Afghanistan Libre, a position he had held since 2010. The NGO focuses on education. According to a tribute on the ACBAR website, “Walid had been working for Afghanistan Libre for more than 10 years. He had met the founder, Mrs. Shekeba Hashemi as a young adult and committed to the NGO since then... He chose to commit entirely to Education, let it be women education, young girls’ or his own.” Before joining Afghanistan Libre,

Zubair Zakir, 28, from Kabul, was studying for a Political Science and Public Administration degree, and was attending a class on State Building and Political Development in Afghanistan when the attack began. Zubair was working at the Etisalat communications company during the day to support his family and going to class at night, a friend told AAN. With an untrimmed beard, a trimmed moustache and white prayer cap, Zubair looked and was a deeply religious student. He frequently led students as imam in communal prayers at the university and was described by friends as humble, well respected and well liked. His grief-stricken father, Abdul Zahir, said in an interview with Tolo News that the insurgents were nothing but criminals and must be brought to justice.

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, 32, from Behsud district in Nangarhar province, was the only lecturer among those killed. He was teaching an Introduction to Islamic law class on the third floor of the Bayat Building when the attack happened. He had also been teaching other law classes at the AUAF. A graduate from Nangarhar University and holder of a Master's degree from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, Khpulwak was also a visiting scholar at Stanford University Law School in California and had just gained a place at Oxford University in England to study for a PhD. During the day, he had been working as the program manager of the rule of law portfolio at the United States Institute for Peace (USIP) in Kabul. He also worked on rule of law projects with the Supreme Court of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Justice, the Afghan Parliament and the Afghan Independent Bar Association. He had also been working with Afghan communities on consultations regarding a proposed conciliation law, linking informal and formal justice mechanisms.

School in Kabul. He lost his mother in childhood and an elder brother had drowned in the Panjsher River two years ago. He was the son of a well-known doctor and professor at the Medical University of Kabul, Nader Aksir. A friend told AAN that Mujtaba was a calm person, friendly and hard working. His ambition had been to become a pilot.

Last year, AAN was told that Mujtaba raised 4,000 US dollars for the victims of the avalanches that had struck his home province. On another occasion, his university friends had launched a campaign to collect clothes as an Eid gift (Eidi) for street children, and he suggested they should give them books as well. The campaign to collect books was halted after the attack on the protestors of Jombesh-e Roshnayi, during which Aksir and his friends lost many friends. "We will continue Aksir's way," said one friend, "and provide street children with books."

Samiullah Sarwari, 18, had just begun his studies. He was in his first week at AUAF. "I'm in," he wrote on his Facebook page, the two days before the attack (22 August 2016). "Looking forward to a beautiful and bright future."

From a poor family, Sami had attended Afghanistan's only music institute, Afghanistan National Institute of Music (ANIM), but, according to The New York Times, had given up music after the 2014 attack on the French Cultural Centre in Kabul. "His family is so poor, and his mother tried to support her children to achieve their goals." Sami had won a scholarship to study at the AUAF, but he and his family had expected him to work while he studied. ANIM director, Ahmad Sarmast, told the Times, he had wanted to support them and "be with them like a mountain." Sarmast wrote on his facebook page that Sami represented Afghan Music as a cultural ambassador in various cultural festivals outside of Afghanistan.

everything he did in life, “was with a peaceful, better Afghanistan in mind. He was a brilliant man, one of the smartest people I have met in my life.” Another friend and fellow Fulbright Scholar, Sediq Amin, told AAN: “I have lost a friend, and Afghanistan lost one of her true sons... He was... a man with a pure heart, sharp mind and a very clear vision for the future of Afghanistan.” Khpulwak loved reading, cricket and spending time with his family. Here is more biographical background on him, as given by AUAF and by his LinkedIn profile:

Since 2013, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak has been an Assistant Professor of Law at AUAF teaching courses on Introduction to Afghan Law, Introduction to Islamic Law, Public International Law, Family Law, Property Law, and Traditional Justice & Dispute Resolution; he was also the faculty advisor for a law students association. Naqib has previously worked as Legal Counsellor and Team Leader for NRC Afghanistan. Naqib has also worked as a volunteer lecturer for Nangarhar Law and Political Science Faculty. His other works include: Senior Political Analyst for WSC-Kabul, intern/consultant at Afghan Embassy in Washington DC-US, and Afghanistan Desk Assistant for Civil Military Fusion Center, NATO- Norfolk, VA.

Sponsored by PJRA-LLM Scholarship Program, Naqib studied at Stanford Law School and worked as Visiting Student Research Scholar for the Afghanistan Legal Education Program at SLS. A Fulbright Scholar, Naqib received an M.A. in Comparative Politics, and Security Studies from Old Dominion University (GPIS). Naqib has a Bachelor of Law & Political Science from Nangarhar University, where he graduated first in his class.

(1) The number of the attackers is unclear to date. Available information indicates there may have been two or three,

One of his friends told AAN that when they heard about the attack, “We called Khpulwak a few times, with no answer... Eventually, his phone was off.” He and another friend went to the Emergency Hospital to look, fruitlessly, for Khpulwak, and then spoke to AUAF who assured them he must be in the safe room. The following morning, he said, “We found out he was on his way to the safe room when he was shot... What bothers me most is that his body was not found until this morning and it was in front of the safe room.” Some sources also stated that he died alongside some of his students.

There has been much praise for Khpulwak. “It’s a devastating loss,” USIP’s vice-president, Andrew Wilder, told AAN. “He really was a remarkable individual – someone who really lit up the room when he entered with his infectious smile and enthusiasm.” USIP wrote **on its website in memoriam of him:**

*He was a leader in the Afghan legal community, and deeply dedicated to his students at the American University of Afghanistan. A voracious reader and lover of knowledge... a passionate builder of peace in Afghanistan. He thought tirelessly about how to rebuild his country after decades of war, and never ceased in his efforts to heal the many wounds that war has inflicted.*

Erik G Jansen of Stanford University said, “Khpulwak’s former colleagues there were heartbroken. He believed strongly in the power of education, and the need for legal education in Afghanistan. He was always emphatic that we — Afghans who care about the future of the country — cannot back down to insurgents and criminals who threaten a future of possibility.”

One of Khpulwak’s friend, describing how he used to collect books for his old university in Jalalabad, said that



**Letter of USAID to President of USIP  
Messages about Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak Tragic  
Assassination on Social Media by Friends**



*Andrew*

August 25, 2016

Nancy Lindborg  
President  
United States Institute of Peace (USIP)  
2301 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Ms. Lindborg, *Nancy*

I want to express my great sadness and extend condolences on behalf of everyone at the United States Agency for International Development on learning of the death of Professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak in the attack on the American University of Afghanistan on Wednesday. This loss has reverberated throughout USAID and the development community in Afghanistan.

Those who had the pleasure of working with, and learning from, Mr. Khpulwak in AUAF recall his vivid lectures and thorough understanding of international, Afghan and Islamic law. Those who worked with him on his projects at the Ministry of Justice and the Supreme Court speak of his tireless devotion to strengthening democracy and improving legislative institutions in Afghanistan, and his passionate love for his country. Many of USAID's Afghan staff knew him and his work well and are mourning his loss.

In the wake of this sad news, we remain appreciative of USIP's strong commitment to improving the lives of people in Afghanistan and across the world. Please rest assured that we stand with USIP.

Our thoughts are with you and Mr. Khpulwak's family, friends, and colleagues. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies.

Sincerely yours,

Donald L. "Larry" Sampler  
Assistant to the Administrator  
Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs

depending on whether one of them blew himself up in the car bomb used to breach the university's compound wall or whether he had time to park the car and participate in the assault. Our information seems to suggest the second version, as the guard of the neighboring Noor School was been shot dead which would have allowed the driver to leave the bomb-rigged car. See more detail in the text above. UNAMA speaks of a "suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device"—this would indicate a third assailant who could have blown himself up in the car. The two assailants who shot at students and staff apparently did not blow themselves up, but were killed by security forces. (They may have been called "suicide attackers" as they probably knew they would not leave the AUAF compound alive.)

(2) See the list of AUAF's main sponsors on the university's website here.

(3) See also survivors' accounts in the following news reports: The Guardian, Associated Press, Radio Liberty, The New York Times and The Los Angeles Times.

(4) There was also one report quoting an eye-witness talking about attackers being "in normal clothes."

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***Mr. Ziaulhaq Amarkhil, former CEO of Afghanistan Independent Electoral Commission:***

It is extremely sad news that one of our close friends Naqib Ahmed Khpulwak was killed in last night raid at American University of Afghanistan (AUAF). Khpulwak was a young energetic talented Afghan teacher at AUAF. He was the holder of two master degrees from America and planning to do PhD from Oxford in near future. We condemn in strong possible words the attack on AUAF and consider the act is an inhuman and barbaric. The attack on educational institution is actually attack on the future of Afghanistan. There is no excuse and logic in attacking public and educational places. Our heartbreaking feelings and pray are with the loved ones of those killed and our heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery with wounded student and teacher.

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***Mr. Kawun Kakar, CEO of Kakar Advocates Law Firm***

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was one of a kind -- smart, dedicated, and pure-hearted. He could never do no wrong. He was silently working for peace during the day and teaching young minds law in the evening. Never sought recognition or position for making positive change every day whether it was through heart-warming personal engagements or leading policy initiatives. Naqib was simply one of the best among us. A remarkable life, a torch-bearer, has been brutally cut short by the enemies of knowledge, decency and humanity. Naqib had places to go and new heights to reach, like the precious other lives lost yesterday. Heartbreaking!

***Messages about Naqib Ahmad  
Khpulwak Tragic Assassination on  
Social Media by Friends***

***Mr. M. Ahmadzai***

RIP dear. We need Four more decade to Raise someone like you.

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***Ms. Tara Bates to Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak***

Naqib, you were a brilliant mind and a good and brave human being. With very limited opportunities, you came to the US with English writing skills I have only seen from one or two other students in my career. Many months later, when I returned to Afghanistan, you sent me a message of gratitude and offered help and support. I'm not surprised to know that you returned to Afghanistan to serve or that you were preparing to go to Oxford. You lived your life with hard work, honor, and loyalty to your friends. God bless you and comfort your family!

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***Ms. Sara Balagh***

May his soul rest in peace. I still can't believe it.

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***Mr. Abbas Ali Rahimi***

*I'm so sorry for what happened last night at American University of Afghanistan. I personally console to the families of those who gave their lives for their country and left us forever.*

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***Mr. Ahmadullah Archiwal, Program Manager of USIP Kabul Office:***

My sorrow and grief know no boundary today. I lost a very dear friend of mine in the last night's tragic attack on AUAF. No one can fill the vacuum created by his martyrdom. Professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, was an intelligent, motivated, patriotic, sincere and devoted person. I talked to him yesterday at 4.20 pm for the last time to help me on some official business. We applied together to the MA in International Law and Human Rights Program at Oxford University and were admitted to the Program, however due to some restraints I decided not to go for the Program but he paid the fee and was about to start the program. He had dreams for his country and for himself. May God bless him and grant his family the strength to bear this untimely loss! You will be missed my dear friend!

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***Mr. Abdullah Habibzai***

I cannot believe Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak is not with us anymore. I am shocked and speechless. He was one of the smartest Fulbright I have ever known. Does anyone have his family's contact information?

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***Dr. Nilab Mobarez***

No words can explain the pain of such a big loss. Loss of our present, our future and our hope. My condolences to the family, friends and our Fulbright community for the loss of our dear alumni Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak

**Shamshad Ali Khan Saadat**

Yet again Afghanistan lost another son, a great mind, my heart and prayers go out to the family and freinds,students of this young scholar.

Khudai di janat fardos naseeb ki ,Amen

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**Dr-Abdul Ghafar Stanikzai feeling sad.**

Big loss, just heard that my friend Naqib Khupalwak, who was a lecturer at American University of Afghanistan, was killed last night during a suicide attack on that University by militant.

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**Mr. Hamayun Khan Feeling heartbroken**

*The clod insurgents again showed us their true faces, though they could have reached their fake target that are declaring war against. But they martyred our qualified and patriot afghan civilians and teachers instead, who were there to serve country and nation...in that heartbreaking tragedy we lost some patriotic and well educated personalities. May their souls rest in peace!*

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**Mr. Mohmmad Farooq**

The big loss for our country! Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak

May his soul rest in peace !

Unfortunately 'we lost our expert teacher and trainer.

He had 2 master degree from America and want to complete

**Ms. Angel Unvrs**

Education or to be educated in Afghanistan please dont dream..... Just learn as much as you could solve your problem thats all.....

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**Mr. Raheel Amiri**

My heart is broken after I heard about Shaheed Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak last night. We have lost a great personality.

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**Mr. Paiman Khan**

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was one of a kind -- smart, dedicated, and pure-hearted. He could never do no wrong. He was silently working for peace during the day and teaching young minds law in the evening. Never sought recognition or position for making positive change everyday whether it was through heart-warming personal engagements or leading policy initiatives. Naqib was simply one of the best among us. A remarkable life, a torch-bearer, has been brutally cut short by the enemies of knowledge, decency and humanity. Naqib had places to go and new heights to reach, like the precious other lives lost yesterday. Heartbreaking!

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***MaYar Afg***

*feeling sad at AUAF (American University Of Afghanistan).  
InaLillah Wa InaElayhe Rajaoon May Allah grant him  
JannahNaqib Ahmad Khpulwak, #BlackDayAUAF24Aug16*

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***Mr. Edriss Bazger***

My professor was killed today, I took Islamic law and family law classes with him. He had two graduate degrees, was a Fulbright scholar, a Stanford graduate and had recently planned to go to US for his PhD program. He was a Hafiz Quran too.

He died today because of the terrorists who think they represent Islam and killed a professor who memorized the whole Quran. They killed Islam and humanity. This is an Afghans tweet every day. He died while teaching his students.

May Allah give patience to his family and the families of the students who passed away and the ones who are severely injured.

اناالله وانا اليه راجعون

May their soul rest in peace.

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***Mr. Ateeq Nosher***

This is a real shock, I can't believe we lost several futures, including amazing Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. I'm just too shocked.

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*PhD in Oxford but he sacrificed in last night attack on #AUAF*

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***Mr. Hamidullah Hasib***

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak is Assistant Professor of Law teaching courses on Property Rights, Family Law, and co-teaching Alternative Conflict Resolution and International Law. Naqib has worked as Legal Counselor and Team Leader for NRC Afghanistan. Naqib has also worked as a volunteer lecturer for Nangarhar Law and Political Science Faculty. His other works include: Senior Political Analyst for WSC- Kabul, intern/consultant at Afghan Embassy in Washington DC-US, and Afghanistan Desk Assistant for Civil Military Fusion Center, NATO- Norfolk, VA. Sponsored by PJRA-LLM Scholarship Program, Naqib studied at Stanford Law School and worked as Visiting Student Research Scholar for the Afghanistan Legal Education Program at SLS. A Fulbright Scholar, Naqib received an M.A. in Comparative Politics, and Security Studies from Old Dominion University-(GPIS). Naqib has a Bachelor of Law & Political Science from Nangarhar University where he graduated first in his class

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***Mr. Irfanullah Safi to Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak***

#RIP Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak bro. My heart is crying. You were brutally martyred. Inna Lillahi wa Inna Elahi Rajeroon.

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Mr. Amir Khan Saleh

It is very heartbreaking receiving gradual news of losing our hearts. Professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, Mohammad Zubair Zakir, Mujtaba Exeer, Jamshid Zafar, Raihana Mayar (students), Wakil, Mohammad Alam, Waisuddin (guards). May Allah bless your soul and place in Janatul Ferdauws. Ameen  
You are in our hearts forever! Miss you buddy!

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Mr. Hasib Qarar

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was a former colleague and worked as Research Specialist with us. who was a lecturer at AUAF and killed in last night attack. it is a real loss and an unfortunate incident that has saddened us all. May his soul rest in peace.

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Ms. Najia Ikhtiari

*missing someone with Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak.*

Hello Dear All  
Thanks To my all friends and family members to asking on me a lot. I'm fine Alhmdullah I could not answer some of you are contact. I was totally shocked from two days. We had really bad situation on that night. Feeling sad because we lost our Kind and intelligent professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak and some of good classmates.  
May Allah bless them!  
We really can't imagine we don't have our professor anymore.

Mr. Hasib D Alikozai

In mid 2014 Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was at USIP for a talk when I picked him up from the USIP to drop him at the Dallas Airport for his 10 pm flight to Dubai. He told me on the way that life is full of meaning in Afghanistan for him and that he is in that country to do his part. "The country has invested in me and I need to pay it back." He told me that you may have student debt in the U.S, I have a debt to 30 million people who invested in my future. I have a moral responsibility to pay that debt off. RIP bro. You have left us heartbroken. I am sure you will be in a better place with the heart that you had, but your place in the world will remain empty and irreplaceable for ever. Naqip was one amongst those killed at the American University of Afghanistan. He was a Standford Law School graduate and a PhD candidate at Oxford. He taught with passion and enthusiasm. How could you possibility justify this barbarism?#Nototerrorism #Terrorism=barbarism #TerrorismhasnoGod#Terrorismhasnoreligion #Terrorismisourcommonenemy

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*Naj Khatami to International Alumni of Old Dominion University*

Can please anyone confirm this news? Please, tell me the news is wrong and Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak is safe and sound.

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**Mr. Akmal Samsor**

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak is no more with us, he was a precious soul; a man of character, a true lover of Afghanistan and who worked day and night to make this country a better place. The enemies of this land MUST remember that you have killed Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak but there are several others who LOVE their mother land and are living in this country to make this country a better place. We will not let you control us through FEAR and Terror. Taliban are Oppressors - Zalimaan #AUAFAttack#Kabul #stop\_using\_terrorism\_as\_a\_foreign\_policy\_tool

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**Ms. Asma Khan Lone**

So so sad for the continuing loss of young , dynamic truly precious lives ... Since yesterday my fb feed is filled with commemoration for this dynamic young Man - a Fulbright scholar from Yale Law School who went on to make tremendous contribution towards the uplift and reform of the torn society he consciously chose to stay back in ( some lessons for our NRK fb jihadi's) ... May Allah grant him his most favored place in Jannah and give Hidayah to those who perpetrate such acts of insanity and inhumanity.

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**Mr. Nelson Zhao**

I am saddened to learn that in yesterday's terrorist attack at the American University of Afghanistan, my friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was among the many victims.

**Mr. Jamal Hayat Khan**

*feeling heartbroken*

SHOCKED #American University of Afghanistan Attack can't believe we don't have him anymore :( Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, AUAF professor, Fulbrighter, a Stanford graduate, Quran Hafiz, my teacher and our honored, killed in AUAF attack. Your belief is our belief, and will keep alive your believe #Afghanistan

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**Mr. Intizar Ahmad Basher**

Rest in peace my dear Teacher!

May Allah SWT grant him janat-ul-ferdos, I learned many things from him and he is no more with us I can't believe it.

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**Mr. Esmat Mohib**

We have lost yet another talented bright young Afghan, a Stanford graduate and a professor at the American University of Afghanistan.

Still remember like it was yesterday, when we were having long discussions on Afghanistan and you giving me advice on my masters.

Can't believe your not with us anymore.

You will always be remembered as a young patriotic Afghan, who loved his people and country more than anything.

Rest in peace Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak.

**Mr. Sulaiman Banwal**

*feeling shocked.*

Oh man, I'm really in shock right now. RIP My friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. Just received news that he was killed in the attack in American University. He was one of the brightest and smartest Fulbrighter I've known. I remember the first day when I picked him up from airport and it was just the beginning of a great friendship. My prayer goes to his family and friends.

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**Mr. Roshan Noorzai**

Heartbreaking! Lost a great friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. We will miss you.

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**Mr. Andrew Coyne**

*feeling sad.*

Just shocked and saddened by the news from the American University attack. Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, with you we lost one of the brightest and kindest men. You will be missed greatly. My thoughts are with your family, friends, and countrymen.

"If we master the ability to think for ourselves, we will be truly free" - Naqib Ahmad Kphul-walk

You were free, rest easy

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**Mr. Haseeb Oayumi Gill**

My last words to professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak: professor please don't jump, the height is too much and will hurt you. After his fall from the third floor, he gestured us to

Afghanistan lost more than just a law professor, the nation lost a brilliant scholar who had dared to educate future generations. His death is a devastating loss for the country of Afghanistan and its future.

Rest in peace, Naqib. I'll miss you, man.

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**Mr. Mark Checchia**

I lost a good friend, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, in yesterday's terrorist attack at the American University in Afghanistan. I met Naqib in 2012 when I working security issues in Afghanistan for NATO. He came to dinner at our home. He went on to study at Stanford Law, then returned to Afghanistan as a professor at American University Afghanistan. My friend Christina Bagaglio Slentz says "this is a terrible loss. Naqib died trying to create what we take for granted every single day---security and democracy in his country."

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**Mr. Fahim Rahimi Afghan**

*feeling sad.*

He is no more with us.

Prof Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak #FulbrightAlumnimartyred in the last night's insurgents' attack at AUAF. May his soul rest in paradise. You will be missed my dear.

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*Sh Akbary*

No words can explain how deepen and sorrow I feel for the loss of our greatest professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. I still remember of my classes that I took with Naqib professor. He had so much love for his country and he had always been persuading students to persue for a brighter future of Afghanistan. With all threats and risks, he always chose to stay in Afghanistan and work on Rule of Law. It would not be enough as much as I write about such a humble professor, only regret such a big loss. We love you professor and you will always be remembered. RIP

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*Varsha Iyengar*

Deeply shocked and saddened to hear about the tragic death of Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak in the attacks on the American University in Afghanistan.

Naqib and I took two classes at Stanford Law School : one called "Rule of Law and State Building" and the other on International Negotiations. Both classes looked at ways of bringing peace and development back into countries damaged by war and bitter disputes. Being two amongst very few students from Asia in classes otherwise filled with students from USA/Europe, Naqib and I quickly bonded, at first on our shared skepticism about what could be achieved by an American elite University discussing what should/ shouldn't/could/couldn't be done in war torn or developong countries. Later we shared hope that, somehow, with the spread of education and general human rights, things could get better. Naqib acted on this hope and started teaching at the American University in Kabul, Afghanistan. Earlier this month, when I heard about the attack on two professors

keep quiet and moved by a meter and the terrorist fired toward us and we were not able anymore to look at him. And Jamshid Zafar Jan was with me in the same room and asked me, "Haseeb Jan do not stand, they might see and shot you!" After the terrorists throw bomb outside our class, me and some other mates decided to jump from the second floor of Bayat but after jumping and running outside the university, he was not with us.

As a teacher and student they were full of knowledge and wisdom, though words cannot define both of you.

May Allah (SWT) grant them and other martyrs Janatul Ferdous and their families patience.

---انا لله و انا اليه راجعون---

*Mr. Ruslan Ismayil-Zada*

War has taken many dears of mine. This time he took my friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak in the recent attack in Kabul (<http://goo.gl/bkiQds>). We studied together at Old Dominion and he was a fulbright fellow from Afghanistan. He wanted to see his country with bright future. After graduation, he continued his education at Stanford. Having all these rich experience, he didn't stay anywhere, but went back his motherland to make a change. I will always remember him as a smart person and a patriot who loved and cherished independent and democratic Afghanistan. Let your legacy live in your community and make Afghanistan united, Naqib.

I never wanted to say it: Rest in Peace, Brother :( this is what you always wished for the world... The world that failed to host your soul.

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in different places. He was brutally martyred in a terrorist attack yesterday at American University of Afghanistan, where he was teaching students. That is the real jihad- to inspire hope in the face of danger, until the very end. Ta ba ye, harkala zma pa zra ke, zma wrora

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**Mr. Amir Timorkhani**

*feeling sad.*

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was my instructor of Introduction to Islamic Law course. We lost him in last night suicide attack on #AUAF. Rest in Peace Ustad.

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**Mr. Izhar Khan**

My words cannot describe what I am feeling. I give my sincere condolences to our dearest professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak's entire family. May Allah grant you the highest rank in paradise. Inaliullahe wainailhe rajoon.

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**Mr. Arash Yaqin**

Last time, during the event we had a very very long conversation with you about Peace and bright Future and now I am lost you too. RIP my dear friend, Rest in Peace Professor Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak

My condolences to your family, to friends and colleagues from #AUAF and to our entire #Fulbright Alumni association.

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from the University, I panicked and enquired with him about the status. He quickly replied, "They have kidnapped two of my colleagues from AUAF. But I am safe so far". I dismissed, too quickly, the "so far" of that response and wished him well. Today, as I was casually scrolling through Facebook, I learnt of his death, all too soon and all too sudden. No words can describe the shock and the deep sense of disbelief, helplessness and sorrow that follows the hearing of such news.

One day in 2013, after we finished a class on International Negotiations, while the other students left, Naqib and I continued chat for about an hour in the creaky old house that hosted the Gould Center for Conflict Resolution. I listened, fascinated, as he explained the political situation in Afghanistan and its international relations. Throughout the hour, his frustration about the politics in the country was evident. But even more obvious was his love for his country and how desperate he was to help and make it better. When I asked him if he thought there was any hope of resolving the complex situation he had just explained, he said, "I don't know. I just want some peace in the country." That shouldn't have been too much to ask.

We lost a kind man today, a man who loved his country and who tried his best, a man who wanted peace and stood for it. Goodbye, my dear friend. You will be missed.

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**Mr. Amir Ben Vig**

Never forget to tell someone you love them. You never know when those might be your last words. Just a few weeks ago, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak started this group chat with Abdullah Moh and I to keep in touch while we were all

He was silently working for peace during the day and teaching young minds law in the evening. Never sought recognition or position for making positive change every day whether it was through heart-warming personal engagements or leading policy initiatives. Naqib was simply one of the best among us. A remarkable life, a torch-bearer, has been brutally cut short by the enemies of knowledge, decency and humanity. Naqib had places to go and new heights to reach, like the precious other lives lost yesterday. Heartbreaking!

**Mr. Safeer Ahmad Danish**

As an Afghan student, you may study in the world top ranked university but your place in Afghanistan will be graveyard.

Pics: martyred Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak Professor of Afghan-American Univesity Kabul.

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**Ambassador Club International - USA National**

**Ambassador Club**

Sadness today as Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, one of the guest speakers at the Hampton Roads RAC, was one of those killed yesterday in the attack at the American University in Kabul. Condolences to his family and friends

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**Ms. Samia khan to Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak**

A couple years ago, in Vienna, we met one of the brightest people in this world. He inspired each and every one of us. He helped some get over their fears, he helped others aspire to achieve better. To me he said, "you are going to build a

**Peshawar.com**

One of our friends, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, is no more with us. Naqib was one of his kind -- highly educcated and enlightened.

The forces of darkness, the brainchildern of our strategic monsters, are targetting our future to fulfill their nefarious agenda. #Death on the Terrorists and Their Supporters

**Mr. Mohammad Tanha**

Feeling sad.

Deeply saddened by the loss of a true friend, a skilled academician, an Oxford PhD candidate, a lecturer at #AUAF and an amazing individual. Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak who was killed by the insane terrorists yesterday during a suicide attack on the American University of Afghanistan (RIP Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak)

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**Mr. Aziz Amin Ahmadzai**

I can't control my tears after hearing about my friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak who got killed last night in an attack on AUAF. He had achieved a lot in this very young age, memorised Quran, held two masters from USA and was planning go for Phd from Oxford this year. We truly lost an asset.

A patriotic Afghan May those who planned and did this rot in deepest part of hell. I am wordless.

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**Afghanistan Tribune**

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was one of a kind -- smart, dedicated, and pure-hearted. He could never do no wrong.

friend to those of us who were blessed to know him. We spent a lot of time together last year discussing everything from life and religion, to personal goals and hopes for the future. Despite receiving many job offers from around the world, he chose to remain in Afghanistan and serve his people.

May Allah have mercy on their souls, forgive them, raise their ranks, and grant them Jannatul Firdous.

I am reminded today more than ever of the importance of education. Of the resilience of all the students in Afghanistan and around the world who, despite all odds, continue to dream and hope for a better future for themselves and their country.

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**Mr. Farhana Rahman**

My husband, Nafay Choudhury, does not use Facebook. He asked me to share this beautiful and eloquent post he wrote in honour of our friends. I hope you take the time to read it.

As the sun sets this evening, we are bereft of thirteen glowing stars that represented the present and future of Afghanistan. Amongst them was my friend, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. He possessed various accolades on every level - religious and academic - and yet as an individual, he remained an incredibly humble person who exuded an infectious warmth through his genuine interest in connecting with others at a personal level. He was truly committed to making Afghanistan - and the world - a more tolerant and compassionate place.

With his passing away, humanity has been deprived of a rare and irreplaceable gem. Zubair Zakir, one of the other tragic victims, would regularly meet me with gleeful energy to

spaceship someday, chase the stars because earthlings are too slow for you".

He was not just a fulbright scholar, a Stanford Law graduate and a loyal patriot who chose to stay back in his country and lead it forward.

He was an inspiration to every single one of us. In his short time with us, he taught us each what we needed to learn to go forward. I cannot find enough words to phrase how I am feeling.

I guess it's true, the brightest stars do fade the fastest, and my friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, you shone the brightest I will pray for you every day. Seeing everyone's posts on Naqib's wall is making me feel very connected to him. Thank you everybody who has shared their kindness on his wall, who remember him and who wish well for him.

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**Ms. Farhana Rahman**

Today, my heart is heavy and I am at a loss for words. Our dear friend and my husband's colleague in the law department, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak (left), was killed in yesterday's attack on the American University of Afghanistan. I also just found out that Zubair Zakir (right), founder of the AUAF Islamic Club, of which my husband and I were professor advisors, was also killed in the attack. He was a quiet, humble student, who exemplified in every way the beauty of Islam.

Innalillahi wa inna ilayhi raaji'oon. Surely we belong to Allah, and to Him shall we return.

Naqib was a hafiz (he memorized the whole Qur'an), a gifted student who studied in the US as a Fulbright scholar, a passionate professor and educator, funny, kind, and a great

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**Mr. Shah Hussain**

This great person is not with us anymore  
We condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms  
"attack on American university of Afghanistan is an attack  
on the future of Afghanistan" Those who died wish them  
Jannatul Firdous.

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**Ms. Wagma Engel**

*feeling sad.*

He was one of University Teacher, had two Master degree &  
was prapering for his Doctora, but unfortunately Terrorists  
didn't let him to fulfill his wish !!! Aya why Khudaya

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**Mr. Mohabbat Ahmadi**

I still cannot believe that you are not among us anymore.

We are still hopeful that one day people will wake up and  
say "enough is enough"... until then we don't know how  
many more will follow your path. May your sould rest in  
peace Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak

**Humans of Afghanistan**

The real pain is burying them with their ambition for a  
bright future, we have not only lost students and teachers,  
but young and intellectual people. How near they were to  
death in that infelicitous night and only they recognize what  
they went through. And now they will be always absent in  
the classes, the sound of their laughter could not be heard in  
the corridor of the university anymore, their classmate and  
friends will remember their smiles forever, and they left

engage in deep conversations on the human condition and  
battling extremism through intellectual compassion. Indeed,  
he was set to do great things, and in his loss, I pray that his  
greatness may live on in others, InshAllah.

It bears repeating that the blood of a single individual is  
worse than the destruction of the entire Ka'ba - brick by  
brick. The Ka'ba can be rebuilt - as has happened several  
times in the past - whereas the tallest mountains and deepest  
oceans combined, cannot breathe life back into our now  
deceased brothers Naqib and Zubair. In times of such  
intense carnage and destruction, the moral imperative  
becomes particularly pressing. We lament their passing, and  
I pray that we can find - through our love for their souls -  
the ability to overshadow hatred through humanity.

When one passes away, their book of deeds are closed  
except in two manners. The first is for those who pray over  
the deceased, as these blessings continue to be recorded by  
the angels. The second is through the goodness that the  
deceased has imparted upon the world and the impact that  
resonates on all those thereafter, like pebbles thrown on a  
still lake. I pray that Naqib, Zubair, and all of the deceased  
are granted the highest station in Jannat al-Ferdous. Let us  
recite Surah al Fatiha on each of the deceased so that they be  
considered Shaheed for their sacrifice and so that we may  
testify to their honourable character. InshAllah, let us find in  
our love for them - as brothers, sisters, teachers, friends - the  
desire to do what is right, to do what is just, whether in the  
smallest actions or the largest tribulation. And let this light  
of humanity be their living legacy that is carried on not only  
through our own actions but also through our children, and  
our children's children, InshAllah.

unfortunately did not come true). I wish you were alive to share your knowledge, experience and patriotism to your students and other fellows. Your absence is a BIG loss for Afghanistan.

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**Mr. Arif Mujaddedi to Old Dominion University**

#Old Dominion University lost a great alumni from Afghanistan. Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak in the recent suicide attack at American University of Afghanistan. He was teaching there serving his country and its people. Such a great loss for Afghanistan.

**Mr. Faheem Shah Jadoon**

I got to know Naqib a few years ago when he was a Fulbright scholar in the United States. Since then we've had many conversations on facebook and skype. A brilliant academic, he could have lived anywhere on the planet, but he loved his country and his people to bits. He chose to live and teach in Afghanistan.

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak died yesterday in a Taliban attack on the university where he taught.

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**Mr. Sabawoon Saees**

Once again, started a day by finding about the lives lost in horrific attacks on American University of Afghanistan. Last night academic society of Afghanistan lost a committed and talented member of it. Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was a Fulbrighter, a professor, and a PhD candidate of Oxford University. RIP.

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American university of Afghanistan with a bunch of memories.

One of the martyrs was Prof. Naqib Ahmad Khapalwak. Who had two masters from US and was about to start his journey of completing PhD from Oxford university this December.

We all mourn the loss of everyone and strongly condemn this heinous attack on American University of Afghanistan.

Team HoA

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**Ahmad Amiri**

Feeling heartbroken. #AUAF

RIP Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, still can't believe you're not any more among us.

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**Ms. Zarmina Reshad**

May your soul rest in peace Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak and may Almighty Allah (J) grant the strenght to your family and friends to bear your absence. It is heartbreaking and unbelievable that you are No longer among us!

Naqib Ahmad (a Fulbright fellow) was at the Monterey Institute with us who went back to Afghanistan after the completion of his Master Degree. Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak worked as a lecturer at the American University in Afghanistan and was killed by a terrorist attack on the university on August 24th.

Naqib Ahmad: As a class-fellow and a Fulbright fellow, I remember your strong comments and motivation stating to change Afghanistan into a peaceful country (a dream that

**Mr. Taj Baba feeling sad.**

Rest in Peace prof Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak this the big lost for AUAF community.

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**Mr. Asil Stanikzai**

We are loosing our strengths, we are loosing our assets and future. Stop it for God sake.

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**Mr. Mashooq Elham feeling sad.**

He wasn't only a professor, he was a friend, he was a brother who would always bring smile on my face. ☐☐

Still can't believe you aren't anymore among us.

May your soul rest in peace Professor Naqib Ahmad

Khpulwak

انا الله و انا اليه راجعون

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**Mr. Kenneth Martinez**

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, my friend, was killed in the attack in Kabul yesterday at AUAF. He was a professor there and was teaching a class when the attackers entered the compound. The taliban shot him in the head, along with the six students he was sheltering in his classroom.

I have never known somebody who was killed by the taliban before. What do these people stand for, when they killed this man, a Hafiz who memorized the Koran and grew up in a Madrasah? A professor of Islamic law?

**Mr. Mahmoud Mobaarez**

i personally don't know the guy who got killed last night but, the pain in my heart going on; we lost a youth who got two Master Degree and was planning to achieve his Phd, but...

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**Ms. Spozhmai S Stanakzai at Los Angeles.**

Picked up my sons from daycare and pre-school. With thousand dreams and so much hope I work full time, go through hardship everyday to raise my children so that they could do something in their life and make me proud... Today while picking them up, I was trying a lot to act normal as nothing has happened. The reality is that I am just pretending, I am not another normal mother who went to pick up her children from school. I am an afghan mother who can't stop thinking of Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak's mother and her dreams that she had for her son. Afghanistan is graveyard of every mother's dream who brings up a child to serve this nation. Mourning the losses of all afghan mothers... #begonetaliban#auafattack

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**Mr. Abdul Aziz Rasheedy**

OMG

How to imagine loss of such a personality?! A teacher who has given me a grade of "C" in his class but was still my favorite and best teacher I've ever had. Oh Nah I forgot that these wilds eager take the lives of super-innocents.

May God rest your soul in peace Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak the victim of AUAF attack.

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**National Youth Movement of Afghanistan.**

Attacking our school and universities means you are enemy of education, so the best way to defeat this enemy is thru the power of education and social awareness. Let's keep going to school and do our best for humanity and our country. May Allah grant professor Naqib jannat ul firdous and give his family patience.

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**Mr. Ghayoor Saadat**

#AUAF #neverbackdown

Prayers and condolences to all families of victims.

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak you will be always remembered and never forgotten. We have paid our lives for this progress, we will rise stronger again.

#MostHeinousCrime #warcrime

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**Mr. Awesta Telyar Azada**

I am Deeply sad for the loss of a skilled academician, an Oxford PhD candidate, a lecturer at #AUAF and an amazing individual Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak who was killed yesterday during a suicide attack on the American University of Afghanistan. May Allah give him and 12 other who lost their lives the highest of Janna. Ameen!

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**Mr. Hameed Akbar**

Kabul Attack...

Our hope was attacked. Our future was attacked. The symbol of a rising Afghanistan was attacked. We lost many

Words cannot describe the scale of this loss for Afghanistan, and for the people who knew Naqib. There are very few people in the world that could do the things he could.

I was hoping that there was some mistake yesterday when I heard this news... Some things are hard to believe. Rest in peace Naqib, you and our family are in our thoughts.

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**Hinan Rana Javaid**

I met him two years ago and I instantly thought of him as an elder brother I never had. I can't express how at loss; I feel right now. I pray that you get the highest place in Jannah. A person like you is a rare find, who came back to teach at your homeland, continued to support your students and fellow countrymen, updated everyone on everything even about cricket at Afghanistan and made me realize that we neighbour a very very resilient nation to our West. I will miss you, I wish we had that reunion a year ago like we envisioned and I will never come on a Wednesday to scare you. Thank you man, for everything.

Rest in Peace, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak

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**Mr. Haroon Achakzai feeling sad.**

May your soul rest in peace my friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. It is really painful to believe that you are no longer with us.

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**Mr. Aziz Amin Ahmadzai**

Thank you Bashir Gwakh for writing Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak's obituary.

"I found him one of the most well-versed young Afghans who had a full grip over regional politics," he recalled. "A couple of months ago, when we were expressing our doubts about the country's future, he put his hands over my shoulder and said, 'Buddy! We will rule this country. This country belongs to all of us. We are the future, and we can give hope to this country.'"

Ahmadzai said "violence is killing Afghanistan's future

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**Mr. Mohabbat Ahmadi**

I still cannot believe that you are not among us anymore.

We are still hopeful that one day people will wake up and say "enough is enough"... until then we don't know how many more will follow your path. May your sould rest in peace Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak

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**Mr. Patrick Costa**

I only met Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak a handful of times but he always remained optimistic about his country.

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**Mr. Wahab Ouraishi**

They are killing the finest and the most promising ones Afghan families can offer to make this world a better place.

beautiful souls, many committed builders of Afghanistan. For some of us, the world will no longer be the same.

But can we afford to rest and forget? Can we let the enemies of our future determine our future?

NO. Our Hope and Our Future both must be kept alive. This is the only way we can honor the sacrifices of those who died hoping for and building a better Afghanistan. The best response to the cowardly attacks on our future is to reaffirm our resolve. As a dear friend wrote just now, we cannot let our enemies control us through FEAR and TERROR.

To the enemies of our progress, our message is: we hate your "ideology"; we hate your agenda; you have no place here. We will defeat you. You will not succeed. We will live. We will build a better Afghanistan. We will change the lives of our people. We believe in Afghanistan. And your despicable acts strengthen that belief every day. Prayers and thoughts with all the victims of last night's attack.

A dear friend, a Fellow Fulbrighter, a Stanford graduate, a USIP scholar, a lecturer at the American University Kabul, and a believer in Afghanistan, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak was among those killed last night. He was sheltering 5 other students in his office when the terrorists broke open the door and brutally took all 6 lives. I am shocked. I can't believe he is no longer with us. A massive loss for Afghanistan. He had heights to reach, a pure-hearted human, a silent peace-builder. Naqib will be honored. He will be remembered. His belief in Afghanistan will not die.

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country has lost a person who was fighting for getting a better place for his own people

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**Fareed Khan — feeling cry**

Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, A fulbright scholar, twice graduated and a haafizi quran. He was killed while teaching his students, by the shameless taliban. The teacher is gone now & there is nothing we can do for him.

How can u mother fuckers (Taliban) kill a Haafizi quran, a teacher, a great personality who was known by all around the country. You people are not even humans. You people killed humanity.

I met him on 25/07/2016 for the last time. He gave me very helpful and good advices. He talked to me for a very long time at that night because on 26/07/2016 I had a flight to India.

He had even sent his documents to my Big Bro نثار احمد امرخيل to join the Oxford university for PhD, in this month. He could have joined the Oxford university, but these animals have now demolished not only his dreams, but ours too.

Today Afghanistan has Lost a very Talented and great person,teacher,lecturer,etc

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**Mr. Maihan Siddiqui**

I have been shocked when i heard that this time the War and Coward Taliban#terrorists took life of my friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, in the recent attack in Kabul

They have killed an irreplaceable professor. I fear the day when we turn numb and get used to losing more and more of innocents around us.

#AttackOnEducation #AUAFbleeds #Kabulbleeds #AUAFa ttack

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**Prof. Barnett R. Rubin**

I have seen so many messages about Naqib, I regret I never had the privilege of meeting him. May he and all the victims rest in peace.

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**سلیمان بنوال feeling in pain.**

We were just planning lots things to do together and you were gonna show me your office. All the banter and jokes just a few days ago. What happened?! I remember when I first picked you up from the airport and hosted you, that was just the beginning of a great friendship. Didn't know I will never get to see you again for the rest of my life my friend. It is just so painful to be stripped off of all your beloved ones, and get to live with the pain of beautiful memories. Rest in peace my friend. Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. My prayer goes to your beloved family and friends.

**Rodrigo Fé**

Today I knew about the death of Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak, a brilliant human being that I had the great honor of having met, in the United States, during our Fulbright journey that brought us together at ODU. The war in Afghanistan has taken the life of thousands of people and sadly today it was the turn of my friend Naqib. Rest in peace my friend. Your

conversation. Naqib had heard that I was pursuing my higher education as well, just like him. I was MA candidate at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and Naqib was Fulbright student at Old Dominion University. Without hesitation, I told him that my door is always open and would love to talk. But before we could set a time to talk, we realized that we had already just spent an hour conversing about Afghanistan, education, books, foreign policy, groups and individuals. We had a fruitful conversation from the onset, and in the best interest of time, we had to table topics we couldn't cover to another time, which we did later on.

Naqib loved and enjoyed every minute of his internship at the Embassy, in fact, none of us considered him as an intern, but more like a distinguished fellow. Embassy staff, including myself, consulted with Naqib on a variety of issues, including his analytical skills. Naqib was a pragmatic thinker and a doer at the same time.

He wrote extensively for his college assignments, focusing on Afghanistan's future in the troubled regions in south Asia. At such a young age, he had the ability to draw positive conclusions and carefully seek for diplomatic solutions to Afghanistan's ongoing sectarian war. Naqib did not stop there as he vigorously tried to define Afghanistan's position in the world stage, as he wanted Afghanistan to become a reliable partner to the international community. Naqib had identified the positive contribution Afghanistan could make towards peace and regional stability, something Naqib always wanted to discuss and expand on.

One day, Naqib requested an appointment to meet with the Ambassador to discuss his latest paper he had drafted about Afghanistan's potentials and capabilities. I assured him that his paper would make it to H.E. Amb. Hakimi's desk and he

(<http://goo.gl/bkiQds>). I have known him for almost 10 years back, We worked together as English language instructor. After graduation, he continued his education at Stanford, He had 2 master degree from USA and he was a currently PHD candidate at Oxford University. I will always remember him as a smart person and a patriot who loved and cherished independent and democratic Afghanistan. Let your legacy live in your community and make Afghanistan united, Naqib. I never wanted to say it: Rest in Peace, Brother :( this is what you always wished for the world... The world that failed to host your soul.

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### ***SJ Sarchashmah Gone Too Soon:***

R.I.P Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak.

In 2011, I was serving as H.E. Ambassador Hakimi's executive assistant at the Embassy of Afghanistan in Washington, D.C. It was the summer of 2011 at the embassy when I first met two young gentlemen - Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak and Amir Ben Vig. These two gentlemen were far more impressive than I remembered them from their resumes.

These two young ambitious men with their inspiring background and their love towards public service immediately impressed me. Naqib was around my age, so, I really wanted to be his friend and get to know him further. I remember thinking that I needed to make sure I impressed him, so he would want to get to know me too.

Well, thank goodness, as I did not have to wait too long. By the next day, Naqib approached me with a big smile on his face, and politely asked me if we could sit down and have a

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***Ms. Ellaha Shaheen***

Dear fulbright community, in particular the executive team, the community lost one of his best scholar and alumni Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak at the last night attack in AUAF. Please deliver condolences from the community to his family. We all share the sorrow and loss.

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***Mr. Feroz Khan Masjidi***

Dear friends,

We have lost one of our own Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak in last nights attack on AUAF . May his soul rest in peace . Shaheed Khpulwak was a bright, and hard working fellow, He loved his country and people. I cant believe he is no more among us. His body will be taken to his home town Jalalabad and his funeral will be held in Jalalabad today at 2pm . I will soon post the exact address for his funeral ! AFA will soon arrange a gathering to remember him and we will try to have someone from his family with us too!

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***Mr. Jamal Temori***

Dear Esteemed Alumni,

Last night's attack on AUAF was shocking and horrific. We send our sincere condolences for the loss of our Fulbright Alumnus, Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. So many intelligent and ambitious students in our interviews and programs are alumni of AUAF, and we have high hopes for the institution as a useful tool in forging a brighter future for Afghanistan. We are saddened by those we lost yesterday, and extend condolences to their families, friends, students,

will have that appointment in coming days. I told Naqib to be prepared, my friend. It did not take much to squeeze Naqib's appointment into the Ambassador's calendar. I have to admit I was hesitant at first, but after reading Naqib's work, I was very interested to make sure this meeting happened and to have H.E. Amb. Hakimi meet Naqib, because I knew Naqib would make a positive impact.

I was glad that meeting took place between Naqib and H.E. Amb. Hakimi, because Naqib made a great impression on him. In fact, he was offered to consider working for the Embassy upon his graduation from Old Dominion University. Naqib and his buddy, Amir Ben Vig, worked tirelessly, contributed immensely, and represented Afghanistan at its best. Naqib successfully completed his tenure at Embassy, and moved to the West Coast to pursue his law degree from Stanford. Naqib remained to be a great friend, and a bright scholar. Even though he had many opportunities to stay in the U.S., his love and promise towards Afghanistan forced him to move back home and give his life in educating Afghanistan's next generation at the American University of Afghanistan.

Too soon my friend, too soon.

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***Mr. Mohsin Amin***

Oh.... I can't believe Naqib is no more with us. I had a breakfast with him a few days ago. He was about to start his studies in Oxford. He was a Stanford graduate. Shocked and tears in my eyes!!

***Mr. Asef Mehry***

I can't believe we lost Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak. I am in a state of shock.

in public memory, forever. We have several strong connections in the AUAF administration, student and alumni bodies, and their steering board. AUAF could provide land and support to build a monument on their new campus, or outside of it. We also have strong bonds in the Afghan government, civil society, media and armed forces, all of whom would potentially appreciate and support this. I volunteer 5000 Afghanis and my services for developing a concept note and facilitating connections to kick start this. Now is the time for AFA to orchestrate efforts and ensure Afghanistan remembers Naqib, his students, and our fallen forces.

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***Mr. Asef Mehry***

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***Parnian Ahmadi Amin***

Dear Fulbright family,  
As we all know, our dear friend Naqib Khpulwak was a strong voice, advocating education. I believe one of the good options to continue his way and to say NO to ignorance is to provide education opportunities, particularly for kids who cannot afford it. I am with the opinion that we can establish an Education Charity under Khpulwak's name and receive contributions from Fulbright Alumni. We do not need to start big. If we can put 10 orphans into school annually, that would change the lives of 10 families and communities. AFA executive would be in a good

and colleagues, including our Fulbright family, and support to all who are so committed to building a better future for Afghanistan through education. We sincerely hope that all of your family and friends are safe.

Kabul Public Diplomacy Exchanges  
Public Affairs Sections  
U.S. Embassy Kabul

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***Mr. Faraidoon Shariq***

I suggest our community should do anything we can to help with the families and friends of shaheed Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak and shaheed Andrabi, the Afghan security commander who fearlessly fought the terrorists and was killed while saving lives at AUAF; I am so sad to see how our bright and courageous young leaders are being killed.

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***Mr. Mohammad Behroozian***

Friends, it breaks my heart to accept Prof. Khpulwak is gone. It saddens me more to know he will soon fade from public memory as well, unless we do something about it. We have the best of engineers, architects, and artists amongst us. Sketch a monument that carves Naqib into stone. We will work to get it built. We must pay tribute to Prof. Khpulwak and the majestic ideals of learning and service that he and our other lost ones stood for. This is independent of helping Naqib's family. More of us will die along the way, and those worthy of it shall be turned into lessons for posterity. This monument will keep Naqib, his students, and the armed forces who died protecting them

Iftar....he joined our graduate program at #GPIS #ODU.....He, brother Mustafa and I became immediate neighbors and developed bonding memories as #Fulbright Fellows. We took couple of classes together at the program....He was ambitious and very fine person. We both compete as a fast bowlers and he joined our only Pakistani cricket team Wajid Khan, Ihsan U Khan, Hameed Khattak, Wiqar Khan, Muhammad Fahim, @Afwaan and others who won Indian Premier League in Virginia....I have no words to express my sorrows for the tragic loss at campus attack. I pray, may sanity prevails. And May God Rest your Soul in eternal peace! Amen.

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***Ms. Homaira Lodin feeling crying.***

Crying for Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak . I cannot believe you are no longer among us.

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***AR Zwak feeling sad.***

I am shocked by the sad news of losing a dear friend Naqib Ahmad Khpulwak in brutal attack of enemies of humanity last night in AUAF.

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***Mr. Ahmad Waheed feeling shocked.***

Monterey, CA, United States .

Rest in Peace my very dear friend, Naqib Ahmad. Mr. Naqib was at Monterey Institute with us, a Fulbright Alumnus, and a lecturer at American University in Afghanistan. Please

position to manage and maintain the Charity. Mohammad Resool and I are willing to contribute an amount to begin with. I would be happy to have your opinions and comments.

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***Ask Eirik Storsve***

I was very sad to learn that one of the most impressive Afghans I had the honor to work with while living there was killed in this week's attack on education in Kabul. Naqib was always enthusiastic about his work as a lawyer and about education, both his own and everyone else's. And enthusiastic is too mild a way to describe his feelings towards cricket in Afghanistan. I will really miss the regular Facebook updates on the Afghan national cricket team. I am really glad we managed to meet up in Washington DC two-three years ago when he was passing through. It was great to catch up and talk about our time as colleagues. THE killing of Naqib has robbed us of a great scholar and friend. The world is a poorer place.

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***تصور بیگ***

In summer 2010, on fine evening of Holy month of Ramadan, I was first person who welcomed dear Naqib in Norfolk VA. The first thing he asked me after greetings! "Do you have something to eat...its Ramadan and I have been fasting for 17 hours due to long flight to Norfolk"....I replied, "yes I cooked some food! Bhindi pasand hei (do you like Okra)?"...he was happy to see some homemade food for

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AUAU***

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<https://www.gofundme.com/rememberingnaqib>

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pray for him and all the innocent victims of this coward and barbaric terrorist attack on university.

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