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Afghanistan ten years on: Hopes and fears

To mark the ten years since the US-led military intervention in Afghanistan began on 7 October, Amnesty International is examining the promises of 2001 against the achievements of 2011, assessing the progress and failure in human rights in Afghanistan over the past decade.

Ten years on, the Afghan government and its international partners are forging ahead with reconciliation with the Taliban and transition of security to the Afghan forces.

Amnesty International's Afghanistan experts are available for interview on or before the 7 October Anniversary:

Horia Mosadiq, Amnesty International's Afghanistan Researcher is an Afghan woman activist and journalist with more than 15 years experience of national and international advocacy on human rights, justice and gender issues in Afghanistan. Horia previously played a leading role in Afghan human rights agencies, winning awards for her work. In 2007 she brought victims of war crimes to testify before the Afghan president. Horia has been victimised for her work as a human rights defender, and is a survivor of human rights abuses experienced while living in Afghanistan.

Languages: English, Farsi, Pashto, Urdu

Sam Zarifi, Amnesty International's Asia-Pacific Director leads Amnesty International's research, campaigning and crisis response in the Asia Pacific. Sam has specific expertise in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and has worked and travelled in the region extensively. Before Amnesty International, Sam was with Human Rights Watch for eight years, where he served as the Asia Deputy Director.

Languages: English, Persian (Dari)

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