

**Twitter summaries of the proceedings of the last day of the peace jirga
from inside the jirga tent**

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Group presentations, 4 June 2010

Farooq Wardak is on stage to announce heads of 28 committees

Head of the 1st committee on stage to tell what they have done yesterday

1st committee asks Taliban and Hizb members to be removed from black lists

1st committee recommends international committee to put more pressure on neighboring countries to stop terrorism

1st Group: Islamic rules shud be applied. Int'l Forces shud operate as per AFG rules, no corruption.

head of 2nd committee on stage to present his work

2nd committee recommends forming a commission that works to implement recommendations of the peacejirga

Group2: create Peace Commission secretariat, hire AFGs only. Trilateral peace deals, sovereignty, cut ties alqaida, civil rights, follow up Jirga

deputy head of 3d committee on stage to present their work. The head, Sayyaf, did not want to come to stage

3d committee believes unless interference from neighboring countries is stopped, there will be no peace in Afghanistan

Wow- finally a woman speaks, Rasool Sayaf is the leader of group but he gave the turn to a woman! CHANGE!!!

Group3: int'l assistance to taliban supporters shud cut-sharia to be applied on insurgents-use Saudi/Turky-neighbors interference to cut about

head of 4th committee on stage to present their work

4th committee recommends justice should not be sacrificed for peace; recommends removing blacklists, freedom of security prisoners

4th committee recommends amnesty for all insurgents except those committed crimes (?)

Group4: Justice shudnt be ignored for peace-withdrawing AFg names from blacklists-seize fire-no arrest/operations by NATO-amnesty for all

5th committee thinks distance from Islam, corruption and injustice are the main internal reasons of present situation

Cooperation of Pakistan and Iran termed crucial for peace in Afghanistan

G5:Corruption n moral corruption shud be dealt thru Islam-withdrawing names from blacklist-amnesty and free militants-women in peace-seize

G5:creating Peace Commission-OIC/UN support-legalizing int'l forces-political participation for militants-grand assembly for peace-

6th committee: both parties of the conflict should release prisoners for trust building

6th committee: women and jihadi commander should be given main role in the peace process

G6:withdraw names blacklists-women present-no corruption-role of clerics/mullahs-under constitution-legalize foreign presence-Islampeace com

7th committee: first committee that is presenting its work in Pashto

7th committee: corruption should be eliminated, rule of law enforced, intl coalition shld be formed for peace

7th committee: international community should deal with neighboring countries to stop

7th committee: commission should be formed with branches in provinces (such a commission is already working!)

7th committee: Karzai has to announce amnesty for anti-government elements

G7:governance-int'l troops cautious operation-int'l comm shud help peace-Iran/Pak stop interfering-security for militants to return-

G7:no conditions4peace-rights of Afghans-Peace Commission-OIC observers-general amnesty-free the arrested ones

8th committee: first committee headed by a woman (Shukria Barakzai), second presented in Pashto

8th committee: trust should be developed between the international community and the insurgents

8th committee: ceasefire should be announced and political prisoners released

8th committee: corruption should be eliminated and justice delivered

8th committee: seems Pashto was difficult for Shukria Barakzai, changed her track to Dari

Shukria barakzai, the leader of group 8 about

Its amazing, everyone talking about amnesty for all- wow about

G8:Peace commission-OIC/UN support-under constitution-seize fire and free the arrested-governance-justice/rights-sharia-exit strategy forces

G8: int'l coalition 4 peace in AFG-peace campaigns thru media/public

9th committee: commission members should be acceptable to both the government and the Taliban

9th committee: government should immediately combat corruption

An English translation of all the recommendations from all 28 committees will soon be posted on www.abdulhadihairan.com

G9-Peace Commission-SAudi/UAE/Turkey involve-Pak 2 accept peace-no corruption-governance/jobs for militants-INGOs thru govt budget

G9:ban un-islamic dramas and NGOs-withdrawing names from blacklist-NGos activities shud be monitored

10th committee: UN and US black list should be removed

10th committee: Killing civilians must be stopped immediately, tribal conflicts resolved

10th committee: convene loya jirga in each province for peace (loya jirga? how in each province?)

10th committee: insurgents should be included in all political, economic and cultural activities (but how?)

10th committee: international forces should be transferred from cities and deployed in border areas

G10-Peace Commission-dont label "terrorists"-withdraw names frm blacklists-UN role-legalize/exit int'l troops-disarm all-jobs for all-Iran/Pa

G10-no lone operations by NATO-rule of law/corruption/moral corruption-loya jirga-security for angry bros- govt authority of detention

G10-seize fire while negotiations-follow up Jirga-women2-int'l forces transfer to borders-exit strategy int'l forces-private sector for jobs

11th committee: fighting against corruption and finding work for youth in neighboring countries is important

G11-Peace Commission-legalizing int'l forces-Islam-No corruption/jobs/media control-ban immoral media-women control by Islam law-seize fire

G11-free detained wt elders oversight-OIC role

12th committee: recites poem: this life is very short for love, how people find time for hatred?

12th committee: law must be enforced on everyone equally (wht abt the warlords w. comprise majority of the jirga?)

G12-no preconditions for peace-Peace Commission-women2- G12-a poem(i didnt understand)-civil service reform anti corruption-rule of law-DIAG/disarm all-no discrimination against militants/muslims

13th committee: Taliban should be given the right to open office in an Islamic country

G13 (woman bt not group leader)-Islam shud be applied on all-Peace Commission-free arrested taliban/remove names frm blacklist-offer

G13-free mullah baradar he is under torture by Pakistani forces 21 minutes ago via web

14th committee: the Constitution should be respected and sharia enforced

14th committee: Taliban and Hizb members should be removed from black lists, foreigners' prisons closed

14th committee: Pakistan and Iran have been creating problems in Afghanistan, they should be stopped

14th committee: Many of the recommendations of the committees are the same

G14-invite HIG/Taliban for peace-Islam apply- development/security/governance-legalize int'l forces-citizens rights based on sharia-

G14-women rights till education and formation of family-free the arrested/detained taliban-Pakistan/Iran/central asia/india/China no interfe

G14-seize fire for negotiations-political participation for militants-Saudi/OIC observe and support process-

15th committee: only those should be reconciled with who are Afghans and who respect the Afghan society

15th committee: UN and international community should force neighboring countries to back peace

15th committee: a powerful commission should be formed comprising elders, youths and women

15th committee: a province should be named as peace province and insurgents invited there

G15-we support govt peace process-Peace Commission-Peace with Afgs only-security for militants-OIC/UN/Int'l support for peace-neighbors supp

G15-name one province for peace n invite militants/opposition for peace talks there-No NATO detention/raid-jobs n security for militants

16th committee: poverty is the main reason insurgency and terrorism becoming stronger

G16-anti-corruption/moral corruption-jobs for all-legalize int'l forces-Create Peace Strategy/Commission-Saudi/Turky-issue fatwa against war via web

many heads of committees try to deliver speeches instead of reading their recommendations

17th committee: head of this committee took more than allowed time only in preparing himself for the speech

17th committee: all insurgents should be reconciled with, no exception

*G17-security for peace talks/militants-political participation for militants-talks with AFgs only-no lone NATO operations/No raids/ G17-within constitution negotiations-remove names frm blacklists-free the arrested/detained taliban/militants-govt shud announce seize fire
G17-anti corruption-separate non Afg militants thru national/int'l forces-Create Peace Commission-*

18th committee: Taliban and Hizb members should be removed from black lists

G18-Create Peace Commission- Host Talks in Islamic country-general amnesty,free the arrested taliban-int'l comm shud not interfere internal

So far 3 women represented recommendations- one woman group G18-legalize int'l forces-Islamic Law apply on all-conflict resolution with neighbors.

19th committee: government corruption, non-professional employees, warlordism, etc. are main internal problems

19th committee: foreign support for terrorism and regional conflicts are main external problems

19th committee: both sides must give their conditions and start talks

19th committee: Omar and Hekmatyar should be given guarantee of protection to start talks

19th committee: government and international forces must announce ceasefire

19th committee: Afghan national security forces must be strengthened and reconstruction started

19th committee: Nato should not be given the right to veto decisions of the jirga

G19-Pak/Iran shud accept Peace Process-Jirga's views shud be implemented/followed-talk wt AFgs only>Create Peace Commission- G19-govt fight corruption and guarantee good governance-all respect Afg culture/religion-serious diplomacy with neighbor-UN/OIC/arab involve

G19-find hekmatyar/Mullah omar start negotiation- remove names from blacklist-govt shud seize fire-free the arrested and detained, from out

G19-no lone Nato operations/raids-development in insurgent areas-OIC/Int'l community shud back up peace plans

20th committee: the same recommendations as of the 19th

G20-Create Peace Commission-Int'l comm,neighbors shud accept Peace plans-seize fire-remove names frm blacklists-respect Afg culture/Constitu

G20-free prisoners-involve Saudi-offer exile in Saudi fr militants-security for militants/taliban-stop interference of neighbors-no corruptio

G20-dont label "terrorists" call them angry brothers

21st committee: Qazi Amin Waqad delivering speech instead of presenting recommendations

21st committee: Qazi Amin Waqad says Rabbani is elected chairman of the jirga not selected (?)

Rabbani, Mujaddedi, Qazi Amin Waqad, Amrullah Salih are among the members of this committee

21st committee: commission should be formed comprising non-government members

21st committee: insurgents have the same rights as other Afghans according the Constitution (where?)

Waqad: people affected during civil war should be supported (what about trying those involved in civil war?)

21st committee: some Taliban prisoners freed; removed from black lists; booties removed

G21-Started with an emotional appeal that lets not allow this Jirga to fail n embarrass our name. I guess he wants to legitimize Prof Rabani

G21-Pro Rabani/Mojadidi too members of this group. Create Peace Commission(wo/men)-Apply Constitution-Involve neighbors in peace talks-int'l

G21-government shud be effective/responsive-Peace message to all frm this Jirga-int'l comm have a double-face n support militants-

G21-womenrights/freedom of speech n sharia human rights-no raids/operations/pay reparation-security for militants-talk with Afgs

G21-amnesty n support to all militants-involve OIC/Islamic countries/UN/Int'l Comm observers>Create Peace Commission independent-

8 more groups/commitees to go before lunch/prayer

22nd committee: disunity among Afghans is the main reason of insecurity

22nd committee: nothing new, the same commission and conference talk

G22-Assalam to angry brothers-a long speech abt war, the roots of ongoing conflict-lets get united and work together and bla

G22-create trust among angry bros-free taliban prisoners-remove taliban bros names frm blacklists/bring them frm outside jails-declare peace

G22-hold talks in third party state-UN/Int'l comm shud back up-Afgs hate war/war is imposed on them-no discrimination among militants

G22:Media shud respect Islam-govt shud fight corruption- real development>Create Peace Commission to negotiate-legalize peace talks/constitu

G22-hold loya jirga invite taliban-regionalpowers involve-Int'l comm shud support Peace process

G22 also said that we need global support for peace, and solve Palastine issues too.

23d committee: media that is not working according to Islam should be banned

23d committee: madrassas should be built in provinces

G23-guarantee frm neighbors to back peace process-islamic countries as third party-ban un-islamic media-free taliban prisoners-involve provi

G23:govt assure neighors 'no threat' so they stop supporting insurgency-create islamic madararas in provinces-islamic rule of law/corruption

G23-legalize int'l forces-no raids/reparations for victims-int'l forces shud change to peace keepers as per Bonn agreement-disabled support

G23-Public peace education campaigns n programs

24th committee: a jirga should be formed that contact the Taliban

24th committee: Taliban should accept the Constitution, loya jirga should be convened for amendments

24th committee: countries that support Afghanistan should stay away from making conspiracies

G24:peace talks with Afgs under Islamic values>Create Peace Commission (jirgagai)- involve neighbors/Islamic countries-talk w taliban leader

G24:anti-corruption/civil service reform-bring Afgs from Guantanamo/free prisoners-int'l comm shud stop supporting militants support peace

Many group leaders thanked women who were their deputies for preparing the outcome recommendations of

25th committee: again black list, again prisoners, again commission...

25th committee: Taliban are not Afghans, they are imposed by Pakistan and Iran

G25:remove names frm blacklist-free taliban prisoners- secure political participation for militants-security for militants by Int'l comm/UN/

G25:war is imposed on us/govt shud fight corruption-int'l comm shud respect Afg culture-Pak/Iran shud stop supporting militants-

G25: Exit strategy/legalize int'l forces>Create Peace Commission-Involve OIC/UN-

26th committee: repetition of the same recommendations

better if chairmanship had converged all the recommendations and made a shorter version, avoiding repetitions

G26: Create Peace Commission-remove taliban name frm blacklists-no preconditions redlines can be discussed in the middle of talks-int'l comm

G26:saudi as third party n host of talks-follow peace jirga decisions/women too shud be included

27th and 28th committees: nothing new, same commission and black list

G27: Talks with those who are ready for peace - other Afgs interests shud not be sacrificed for the sake of militants/taliban -

G27: The group leader recited a poem for peace but everyone is hungry so not much attention :-)

Here is the last group/28 - All are the same recommendations but still, reporting on that as well.

G28: include families/tribes of militants in peace talks - create Peace Commission under President's leadership - OIC/UN involve - free prisoner

G28: Seize fire - Involve n hold talks in Saudi - UN/NATO shud support the peace programs

Rabbani addressing: same cliché that we hear from him for 20 years: country needs peace

outcome 1: a 3 days feast for the country's most corrupt officials and despised warlords

outcome 2: schools closed for 3 days, university for more than a week

outcome 3: half of Kabul city was a no-go area for people for more than 3 days

outcome 4: every participant said: 'corruption is the problem.' none said 'I'll no longer take bribes.'

outcome 5: the best waste of time and money by the corrupt government

The group presentations over. All groups led by powerful men, and ONE woman. Among 28 group presentations, 4 presented by women.

Now the chief of Jirga, Prof Rabani speaking: You r all hungry so wont be long. Thanks for ur patience/work/groups leaders n deputies. Thanks

Prof Rabani: Reciting verses from Quran on importance of peace and dialogue. Prevent Vice and Command Virtue. Was a taliban's force.

Prof Rabani: Islamic society reform. Even when husband n wife fight, religion says bring reps from both sides n negotiate.

Prof Rabani: This war is imposed on us - this war is beyond our borders. Therefore, we need int'l comm commitment to end this war.

The Peace Jirga Chief calls on all Afgs fighting to lay down arms and stop killing their own people. Killing innocents big Sin in Islam

Peace Jirga on a 2 hr break and will resume at 3 pm for Concluding declaration and President's speech.

FINAL SESSION

Speech Rabbani, 4 June 2010

Karzai arrives in the concluding session of the peacejirga

Pres Karzai has arrived-the afternoon session will resume soon and will continue till 6pm. The final declaration and pres speech.

Final session of the peacejirga is started with recitation from the Koran

Former jihadi president Rabbani addressing delivering his concluding speech to the peacejirga it is not our concluding session, from here we start our quest for peace in this country

Rabbani: our problems are not our internal problems, they are imposed on us from outside

Rabbani: if international community can form a coalition against terrorism, why they cannot form one for peace?

Rabbani praises Pakistan and Iran for supporting Mujahedin but condemns them for supporting Taliban

Rabbani to Taliban: I invite you for peace, we accept your demands

Prof Rabani, the Jirga chief once again came for a speech.

Prof Rabani: peacejirga shud not be a one time event, show off. But a beginning for our future away from war and ongoing violence.

Prof Rabani: peacejirga is a religious duty for us.No social justice in war.External forces didnt allow us rest in peace,imposed war on us

peacejirga observation:hardly see young delegates,patriarchy at its peak, young delegates cudnt get to speak in groups. 60 % of population

Prof Rabani:These powers changed the identities of those, they called freedom fighters, and continue manipulation.

Prof Rabani: We assure the Int'l Comm that peacejirga has one voice for Peace. Cant they form a coalition for peace? like "war on terror"

Prof Rabani: Thanks to Int'l comm, esp United States, and European Union. All Islamic countries,esp Saudi Arabia.they supported us in jihad

Prof rabani: Thanks to Turkey, with whom we have Islamic and long friendship. They stood with us and Palastine. We are proud of them

Prof Rabani: Thanks to Iran/Pak who accommodated us during tough times and Jihad.Now too part of reconstruction.India/China/Russia thanks

Seems Prof Rabani is just back from the anti soviets Jihad in 1991. All those are present here today

whoever addresses the Taliban in his speech/turns to Pashto language as default.

Prof Rabani: Mujahidin were disarrayed frm public/political life for various names. lets bring them back esp in security forces. (warlords)

Now time for the Peace Jirga declaration

200 pages of the recommendations, valued just like constitution- in the second place, announced the jirga chiefs

Resolution

resolution: we unanimously support government's peace plan
resolution: we unanimously thank international support, particularly that from the US
resolution: we request Islamic countries, particularly Saudi, to help the peace plan
resolution: we request all conflict parties to stop war and killings, and move towards talks
resolution: we request government and international forces to immediately act for releasing innocent prisoners
resolution: the international community should remove Taliban from blacklists
resolution: the international community should provide protection to reconciling insurgents
resolution: we request Taliban to renounce violence and cut ties with al Qaeda
resolution: we request mullahs and media to work for promoting peace and progress
resolution: a higher commission for peace should be formed
resolution: recommendations of this jirga should be included in the agenda of Kabul conference
resolution: we strongly condemn Israel's attack on aid groups in Gaza in Palestine

Afghanistan peacejirga condemned Israel's attack on aid agencies in Gaza but didn't condemn civilian casualties by Taliban and Nato

Afghanistan peacejirga requests Saudi and Turkey to help in the governments' peace plan

declaration: Create an Independent Peace Commission including all 13 categories of reps that came for the Jirga.

declaration: realizing our national/religious duties, peace is our need. Stand n Support Pres Karzai in his peace plan

declaration: We appreciate US support, n seek their continued support for the peace process

declaration: Ask saudi/turky to help the process further.

declaration: We ask all parties of the conflict to respond to our national call for peace and end of violence. Come for talks

declaration: In no cost non Afghans or terrorists will be allowed to be part of the peace process

declaration: govt shud create a long term/national strategy

declaration: We shudnt allow any acts against Constitution

declaration: govt shud listen n take Jirga seriously. and not misuse the tradition

declaration: we seek all parties of conflict to withdraw any preconditions of talks and start with trust in peace

declaration: any considerations that threaten national unity shud be eliminated

declaration: invest in income opportunities, poverty reduction and increase islamic education programs for all

declaration: create framework to integrate angry brothers

declaration: We ask to release those prisoners to seek trust among militants/angry.

declaration: govt to guarantee the security of militants during peace talks and arrange for a better life for them afterwards

declaration: ask national/int'l forces to prevent raids/arrests and adhoc detentions.

declaration: armed militants shud renounce violence n disaffiliate themselves from alqaida.

declaration: national forces shud take responsibility, be trained more by NATO.

declaration: ask int'l comm to not make afgs war a proxy for the neighbors.

declaration: govt shud fight administrative n moral corruption to secure nation trust in govt

declaration: including women n children, social justice shud be considered for all- rule of law on all

declaration: Seek religious clerics and mosques to start a national campaign for peace and conflict resolution

declaration: we seek the nation to stand wt its govt n bring peace together. govt shud bring us peace and stop criminal acts

declaration: high council for peace including all provinces, and members of parliamant including the militants

declaration: Council should release the prisoners. We ask delegates to take the message of peace back to their home provinces

declaration: govt shud include the Jirga recomms in kabul conference. govt shud campaign on the peace plans

declaration: at the end we condemn Israel's predatory acts against humanitarian activists/seek UN/IC to end blockade

peacejirga declaration ended.

Now the same declaration in Dari language. Why?

So the peacejirga endorses, appreciates, legitimizes the Afghan govt. mission accomplished?

Concluding remarks Sayyaf and Rabbani

Sayyaf on stage for concluding remarks

Sayyaf: if you want to make contacts with insurgents, first develop your contacts with God

Sayyaf turns the jirga into a religious ceremony; says Afghans got rid world of communism

Sayyaf to Taliban: killing of muslims is kufr (infidelity)

peacejirga observation: Almost all groups were so appreciative of Int'l comm role in Afg and asked for long term support. Quiet truly

McCrystal and Mark Sedwil seem quiet excited about the Jirga

here comes Rasool Sayaaaf.

At least [not even] one woman didnt speak in the plenary sessions. What a women's right commitment.

Rasool Sayaaaf: I didnt want to speak but my religious duty makes me to bring Prophet's messages to you all.

Sayaaaf: if we want to bring peace, lets get our relations straight with Allah, he will do the rest for us to bring peace.

Sayaf to neighbors: prophet said he is not a muslim whose neighbors are not safe from him sayaf to supporter of militants: anyone who supports the cruel, is not in Islam. This is the message of prophet pbuh

sayaf: those who dont care abt violence n injustice: Allah swears that those will be avenged when they see injustice n dont act

Sayaf: This land ruined the KJB and the Red forces, dont forget that those who dig the will, will end there themselves

Sayaf to Int'l Com: (wish cud say in ENG)-if world sees violence n dont act, the whole humanity will be plagued with destruction

sayaf message to Taliban: killing a muslim is koft/against Islam. Muslim's blood is haram on another muslim.

sayaaf: Lets restore the image of mujahidin, they saved the world from communism and KJB and are not ordinary people.

Prof Abdul Rasool Sayaaf ended up with his speech. The next is concluding remarks by President Karzai.

jirga Chief praises the struggles of Afg women in all walks of life, from Malalai of Afghan-anglo war, nahid who fought soviets,

Jirga chief: I forgot to mention that women played an important role

Jirga Chief: we will send some women to the mothers and wives of taliban for nanawati, a tradition for conflict resolution

Concluding remarks Karzai

Karzai on stage for concluding remarks; a female participant wanted to say something but silenced

Karzai: I will order the release of all prisoners arrested in the name of Taliban

Afghanistan peacejirga ends with a collective prayer, goodbye!

Here comes the President, Hamid Karzai

a woman has started yelling again that she wants to speak-but President says, he has no power here and calms her.

PresKarzai: I am glad I got message of Peace from this Jirga. Your declaration was complete, comprehensive and true.

Pres Karzai: I call on angry bros using ur voices. U called on govt for reforms, that is true. U called to release n we will

Pres Karzai: We take full responsibility in implementing this declaration. We count on Saudi/Turky. Turkey sent a letter today

Pres Karzai: I take the recommendations for sending sisters to the taliban houses for nanawati-esp in Iran and Pakistan for peace

Pres Karzai: I call on angry bros that do not miss this opportunity n come and embrace peace. All parties/all groups please come

Pres Karzai: Final prayers and thank you to all. Lets make our jirga tradition a success so that dont have any more violence

final prayer by Muhsini- what a day. U cant miss many of the sensational KJB enemies. In memories of Jihad days, long live ISI

I cant translate the final prayers. So many violent prayers.

Ashraf Ghani ahmadzai and Dr jalali too are present among first row premium members of the JIRga.

This was the Peace Jirga, over. Almost 2 yrs of preparations and 3 days of speeches. Hope there will be sustained call for peace