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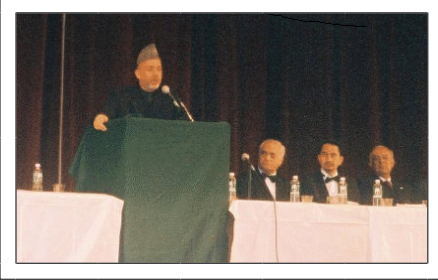
PRESIDENT KARZAI SPEAKS IN QUEENS (CONT ON PAGE 3)

On November 13, 2002, President Hamid Karzai came to Queens College to speak to the Afghan community about the current status of Afghanistan. Nearly 1500 people attended this event. The Afghan national anthem played in the background, as President Karzai walked on stage, greeted by a standing ovation from the crowd. The audience expressed its approval and appreciation for Karzai with its warm welcome. As Karzai began his speech, the positive response of the crowd became even more apparent by the many times he was interrupted by an overwhelming applause.

President Karzai spoke encouragingly about the tremendous sense of pride that Afghans currently express towards their country and the strong desire to help rebuild Afghanistan. To that end, he indicated that the reconstruction process would benefit from a united

government and from an end to interference by neighboring nations.

Karzai went on to detail some of the changes made in the internal governing process. In order to rid



the local regions of corruption, President Karzai sent out investigators to the government offices in each province. These investigators then reported on how each of these offices were operating. Some of the investigations had exposed corrupt employees who were subsequently removed from their positions. An interesting outcome of the purge was that the

remaining government employees suggested that new officials brought into the local offices should be from a different province. In their minds, this integration would work to bring the country closer together.

Furthermore, Karzai outlined some of his goals for the future of Afghanistan's government. In terms of the democratic process, Karzai hopes to have direct elections for the presidency in the next one to two years, doing away with the election of the *Loya Jirga*.

President Karzai also spoke optimistically about the financial prospects in Afghanistan at this time. Investments need only twenty-four hours to be approved and legal protection will be available. Currently, there are approximately 800 private projects going on in Afghanistan. Karzai encouraged Afghans from abroad to come and invest in their country.

CHECK OUT THE:

- *Special Non-Immigrant Registration Requirements, in English and Dari.*
- *Inter-Afghan Youth Summit IV*

FROM ALL OF US AT
AC...
EID MUBARAK!

AC HOSTS INTER AFGHAN YOUTH SUMMIT IV

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On the weekend of October 19th, 2002, AC proudly hosted the fourth annual Inter Afghan Youth Summit. This year's summit was held at the Empire State Building, with a fantastic view of downtown Manhattan. Of the many who applied, approximately 30 participants were selected, traveling from as far as Virginia, Canada and even the Czech Republic to be part of the event.

The goal of the two day conference was to assist young, active Afghan leaders in making headway in the world of non-profit organizations. The first day began with an open discussion on the challenges of community work, giving participants the chance to bring up some of the obstacles they face in each of their respective programs.

In the afternoon session, two workshops were held. Summit



attendees were given poignant information on the reconstruction process in Afghanistan and the macro and micro financial needs of the country. This was especially

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SPECIAL CALL-IN REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN NONIMMIGRANTS

The following registration requirements were issued on November 22, 2002. Those that specifically applied to Afghans are described here. Please pass the word along to others in the community.

This applies to you:

§ If you are a national or citizen of Afghanistan and were inspected by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and last admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant on or before September 30, 2002; and

§ If you are a male, born on or before December 2, 1986; and

§ If you did not apply for asylum on or before November 22, 2002, or if you are otherwise exempt as described in the attached questions and answers; and

§ If you will be in the United States at least until January 10, 2003.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1. You must come to a designated INS office to be registered (photographed, fingerprinted, and interviewed under oath) between December 2, 2002 and January 10, 2003.

2. If you remain in the United States for more than 1 additional year, you must report back to a designated INS office within 10 days of the anniversary of the date on which you first registered. For example, if you were registered December 20, 2002, you would report back between December 10 and December 30, 2003.

3. If you change your address, employment, or educational institution, you must notify the INS in writing within 10 days of the change, using Form AR-11 SR.

4. If you leave the United States, you must appear in person before an INS inspecting officer at one of the designated ports and leave the United States from that port on the same day.

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU COMPLY

If you do not follow these procedures,



اعلامه

لطفاً به دفتر امیگریشن بزودی مراجعه کنید

دفتر امیگریشن از افغانها خواهشمند است که خود را ثبت نام کنند اگر:

- تبع افغانستان، الجزیره، بحرین، اریتر، مراکش، شمالی کوریا، عمان، قطر، سومالی، تونس، متحده عربی و امارات ایمن هستید و آخرین بار در تاریخ ۳۰ سپتمبر ۲۰۰۲ یا پیش از آن مورد بازرسی اداره مهاجرین و تابعیت قرار گرفتید و اجازه ورود به عنوان غیر مهاجر یافته اید،
- و از جنس مذکر هستید و در تاریخ ۲ دسمبر ۱۹۸۶ یا پیش از آن متولد شده اید،
- و در تاریخ ۲۲ نوامبر ۲۰۰۲ یا پیش از آن درخواست پناهندگی نداده اید، یا در غیر اینصورت طبق سوال و جوابهای پیوست، معاف نشده اید.
- و حداقل تا ۱۰ جنوری ۲۰۰۳ در ایالات متحده خواهید بود.

کارهای که لازم است بکنید

- ۱- باید بین ۲ دسمبر ۲۰۰۲ و ۱۰ جنوری ۲۰۰۳ به یکی از شعبات معین اداره مهاجرین و تابعیت (INS) بیاید و ثبت نام شوید (عکس گیری، انگشت نگاری، و قید سوگند حقیقت مصاحبه شوید).
- ۲- اگر بیش از ۱ سال دیگر در امریکا میمانید باید ظرف ۱۰ روز از سالگرد نخستین ثبت نام خود، به یکی از شعبات معین اداره مهاجرین و تابعیت (INS) مراجعه کنید. بطوری مثال، اگر در تاریخ ۲۰ ماه دسمبر ۲۰۰۲ ثبت نام کرده باشید باید بین ۱۰ دسمبر و ۳۰ دسمبر ۲۰۰۲ مراجعه کنید.
- ۳- اگر آدرس، شغل یا موسسه آموزشی شما تغییر کند باید در ظرف ۱۰ روز از تاریخ تغییر، با استفاده از فورم (Form AR-11 SR)، به اداره مهاجرت و تابعیت (INS) کتباً اطلاع دهید.
- ۴- اگر از امریکا خارج شوید باید شخصاً در برابر یک مامور بازرسی اداره مهاجرت و تابعیت (INS) در یکی از مرزهای معین حضور یابید و همان روز از آن مرز امریکا خارج شوید.

تابعیت شما از مقررات حائز اهمیت حیاتی است

اگر از این مقررات تابعیت نکنید ممکن است وضعیت شما غیر قانونی تلقی شود و مشمول اخراج شناخته شوید. ممکن است بازداشت، موقتاً محبوس، جریمه و یا از امریکا اخراج شوید. این امر میتواند بر هرگونه درخواست آتی برای برخورداری از مزیت مهاجرت امریکا اثر نامطلوب بگذارد. اگر به نحو مقرر از یک مرز معین خارج نشوید، این موضوع ممکن است بر هرگونه اقدام بعدی برای ورود مجدد به امریکا اثر بگذارد. تصمیمات بر اساس هر مورد، بسته به شرایط آن مورد اتخاذ میشود.

you may be considered to be out of status and deportable. You may be subject to arrest, detention, fines and/or removal from the United States. Any future application for an immigration benefit from the United States may be adversely impacted. If you do not properly exit through a designated port, any future attempts to reenter the United States may be impacted. Decisions will be made on an individual basis, depending on the circumstances of each case.

DESIGNATED INS INTERVIEWING OFFICES FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION

NY - New York City 26 Federal Plaza New York, New York 10278

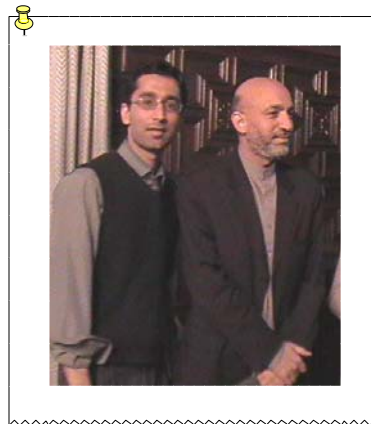
NJ - Newark 970 Broad St; Newark, New Jersey 07102

For more info, and to get a Pashtu translation, please visit the INS web site:

<http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/lawenfor/specialreg/index.htm#callgroup2>

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While there were some audience members who disagreed with points Karzai made, the overall sentiment was of optimism and support. The Afghans present at Queens College seemed pleased with what President Karzai had to say about the future of their homeland.



President Hamid Karzai and Rameen J. Moshref at a photo-op

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useful for those organizations looking for the most effective way to contribute to the reconstruction. The second workshop addressed the ever-important issue of fundraising. Workshop leaders offered pointers on who organizations should approach for financial support and how to go about asking. On Sunday, participants re-assembled for another open discussion on how to overcome the challenges and obstacles of community work that were identified on the previous day.

Outside the conference, attendees had a chance to network in a less formal atmosphere at a Queens restaurant. Following Sunday's open discussion, the participants made a group trip to Ground Zero to pay their respects to the lives lost on 9/11/01. This marked the official end of the two day conference, allowing many to spend the remainder of the day sight-seeing in

Manhattan.

IAYS IV was an exciting opportunity for dynamic, young Afghans to network and to share their experiences and successes with one another. The new contacts and constructive advice will undoubtedly prove useful in the hands of these admirable young leaders.

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CLASSIFIEDS

AC is looking for qualified individuals to translate documents. Interested individuals must have a college degree and must be fluent in both English and either Dari or Pashtu. Work will be compensated.

AC is seeking a responsible Full-time employee for our office. Anyone interested must have experience with computers and basic office skills. Please call AC at 718-445-6438.

Register now for Dari classes, taught by a qualified and experienced instructor. For more information call the AC office at 718-445-6438.

LOCAL LEADERS ATTEND AFGHAN HERITAGE DAY AUG. 18, 02

AC would like to acknowledge the local representatives and officers who took the time to attend this year's Afghan Heritage Day celebration, which was held in Corona Park.

It is important to know that these representatives are aware of the Afghan component of their constituencies and are a resource for the community as a whole. Individuals can contact his/her representative to voice concerns over issues pertaining to our area and are encouraged to do so.

Once again, on behalf of the Afghan community, we express our appreciation for the

show of support made by Councilpersons **Weprin, Comrie** and by Deputy Commissioner **Patrick** for braving scorching temperatures to attend AHD, 2002.

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The *Sakhī* Tomb in *Kart-e Sakhī*, Kabul