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Summary

The coming transition and government modulation have changed the media and journalists' conditions. It has seen that nothing is like the past. Many media have been closed, media worker lost their jobs, censor is performing on media broadcasts like in the past, journalists and media workers are faced with non-access to information, and journalists engage with dire economic problems.

Despite these problems, three media workers lost their lives this month. One is suicide himself because of poverty, the second is a journalist who was in the way of Iran because of economic problems who died in a traffic event, and the third is on a former media worker in a secretive case killed in Kabul.

Access to information in the southern of the country is still a serious problem like lasts weeks and in all zone of the country, the civilian and military administrations are not present to give information to journalists. There is no specific address for journalists to access information, and otherwise the government officials don't have the capacity of information classification to give to the media. And because of this many important information is not broadcasted.

From the beginning of Islamic Emarat, media is directly or indirectly censored and don't allow to be broadcast without coordination of Qandahar government officials. At the first they formally informed that don't have the right to broadcast music and don't broadcast any negative points against Emarat; but after some days and reactions in this regard, the Qandahar local government take its decision, but indirectly media were censored.

Also, this month a journalist was attacked and several journalists were beaten up, detained, and insulted.

Simultaneously, many media due to economic problems and censor on their broadcasts stopped their activities and closed it door that besides that many media workers lost their job, and now engaging with various economic problems.

Whenever these problems don't removal, it will cause that more media face to serious problems and close their doors, as a result, more journalists will lose their jobs.

The received information from the different parts of the country indicates that many journalists all over the country lost their jobs for various reasons and living in bad economic conditions.

The Islamic Emarat broadcasts some instruction about media broadcasts and emphasized that media don't allow broadcasting threatening issues on their publications.

Last week also journalists like past faced various problems, and no violent case against journalists investigated and the perpetrators don't recognize and punished.

But with that journalists and media try not to give up, and that is their main mission is to publish by accepting the hassle and insecurity.



The Mashrano Jirga TV worker suicide himself due to financial pressure



On 4th November Haroon Neromand the Mashrano Jirga TV technical worker killed himself due to financial problems and poverty.

His family says that Haroon Neromand recently was under mental and financial pressure and finally hangout himself.

Nek Mohammad, father of Me. Neromand said:” he looked at me, his brother and home situation that how they can provide this expense, and disappointed.”

Mr. Neromand had a bachelor in the field of law and become seven years that he worked in different media outlets. He worked as a technical worker with Mashrano Jirga for three years.

Abdul Khaliq, Mr. Neromand’s brother said:” his eagerness was more to be a journalist and works in media and wanted to be a famous journalist, and when the government changed he disappointed.”

Painda Mohammad Akbari, Mr. Haroon’s cousin said:” if the government and international organization don’t pay attention, we will witness a bad winter and humanitarian catastrophes.”

Meanwhile, the open media supporter and some journalists who recently lost their jobs concerning about journalists condition in Afghanistan.”

Nasir Ahmad Noori, the media watch director in Nai Supporting Open Media in Afghanistan said:” the suicide of Mr. Neromand indicates the deep economy catastrophe of journalists and media in Afghanistan.”

Baaes Mohammadi another journalist said:” more journalists and media workers were busy on their job, and now have the very bad condition and all lost their jobs.”

Navid Kavosh, journalists said:” journalists and media workers are jobless, and we



want from media supporter organization to take serious measure in this regards as soon as possible.”

Haroon Neromand along with the coming of Islamic Emarat lost his job.

New restriction from Amri Ba Maroof and Nahee Az Monker Islamic Emarat for media

On 21 November, the ministry of Amri Ba Maroof and Nahee Az Monker has broadcasted eight instructions about media publications, which is restricted media.

This instruction says that should not Afghanistan TV broadcast movies, comedian programs, or entertainments that insult the characters or drama that are against Sharia law.

Also, it indicates that the program of TV should provide which doesn't insult the characters, and the woman comedian doesn't play a role.

The press release also indicates that women journalists and anchors wear Hejab, and the TVs should not broadcast the movies and serials that have been played the role of the prophet.

But the Islamic Emarat's spokesmen have said that these instructions for media don't restrict the freedom of speech and it is a part of Afghanistan culture that Afghans confirm them.

Sediqullah Tawhedi, the director of the journalist's safety committee says that the Taliban with this restriction can not stop people voices.

Mr. Tawhedi added:” Taliban are not ready to accept freedom of expression. They started all things with Islamic principles which will seriously create concerns. Taliban are the 2001 Taliban, and now base on Pakistan pressures and the countries they have contact with them shows warm-up, but silently they will perform the thinks that they learned and trained in Madrasa.”

Meanwhile, Nasir Ahmad Noori the media watch director said:” We hope government by such a great decisions and instructions consult with media official, journalists, which don't consult that such instructions are restricting the freedom of expression.”

Nai Supporting Open Media in Afghanistan wants from Taliban that they should clear that what is Islamic publications, and such instructions causes that media face to lack of information, and this half-backed freedom of expression will hurt.



The Aaina TV presenter was beaten up by unknown individuals



On 19 November, Ahmad Basir Ahmadi the Aaina private TV claims that beaten up by an unknown armed in 9 districts of Kabul city.

Mr. Ahmadi said:” First they took my journalism documents and mobile, then attacked and hit me with gun and shows, and I fainted.”

Mr. Ahmadi is concerned about current situations and said:” the security of journalists and media should provide by government officials.”

Mr. Ahmaid said:” the life of journalists and media workers are really in danger.”

He added, journalists are not safe and they are in danger, and most of them left the country.”

Mohammad Nadir a media worker who was a witness of this event said to the media:” these people fired also, one bullet hit to the wall, and others bullet hit in the ground, and the teeth of Mr. Ahmadi were broken.”

Meanwhile, some journalists want from Islamic Emarat to investigate the journalists and media worker cases seriously.

Farkhonda Mohabbi journalist said:” recently journalists are in harassment of different groups, and journalists concerning. We hope the media supporter organizations and Islamic Emarat investigate seriously these cases.”

Ashequll Jalalzoy journalists said:” recently media have restricted, and many journalists were beaten up by unknown individuals.”

And the ministry of interior of Islamic Emarat speaks about the investigation of Basir Ahmaid case.

Meanwhile, Nai Supporting Open Media in Afghanistan said:” despite violence against journalists increased recently, but their perpetrator didn't punish.

Nasir Ahamd Noori the media watch director said:” we want from Islamic Emarat to



investigate the journalist's cases seriously, and make it clear that these are their soldier violence or people who are misusing from Emarat's name."

In the three past months, more than 30 events were recorded against journalists in Afghanistan, and journalists emphasized serious investigation for journalists' cases.

It is word mentioning that before the journalists union association in a survey after the collapse of last government nearly 70 percent of journalists lost their jobs, and about 70 percent media of country because of economic challenges stopped their activities.

Abdul Khaliq Hussaini the Khama Press journalist was beaten up by unknown armed in Kabul

On 25th October Abdul Khaliq Hussaini the Khama Press journalist was beaten up by an unknown armed in 9 districts of Kabul city. This event happened at 10:30 AM that Mr. Hussaini was going toward the UN office.

Mr. Hussaini said: "I was waiting near to UN office, two armed men come toward my car and started beating and took my mobile and attacked me. They tried to take my car but I threw the key in street and flee to among the shopkeepers and residents. When they faced people resistance flee to a street and people couldn't detain them. According to Mr. Hussaini, the armed men are in Hotkhail area and he could find their places with help of a small boy" when I and the small boy went there no was there, and people couldn't arrest them."

Mr. Hussaini complained to the 3rd district, and the Taliban arrested two people regarding this event.

The Khama Press journalist due to gun hit hurt from the head and shoulder area, and by consulting of doctors he was hospitalized to Jamhooriat Hospital, and now get out to the hospital.

The violence against journalists is not a novelty. According to statistics, 32 percent of violence against journalists increased than last year in the current year.



Hundred media stopped their broadcast in the first 100 days of Taliban government

From the Islamic Emarat government passed 100 days. This political transition besides other issues changed media also in a new transition.

Nai Supporting Open Media in Afghanistan in the survey found that after the new government more than 257 media including print media, TV, Radio, and online media due to restrictions and economic challenges stopped their broadcast, and more than 70 percent of media workers lost their job and left the county.

Nasir Ahmad Noori the director of the media watch at Nai said:” This survey indicates that media are not in a good condition, and it is concerning us.”

In these 100 days, two outlines were designed about media publications that had concerns and restrictions on media activity and freedom of expression.

But besides the challenges and concerns, the government officials have curtained about the supporting media and protection of freedom of expression.

Abdul Raqib Fayaz journalist said:” recently access to information was restricted, and it made journalistic work difficult. And the Amri Ba Maroof and Nahee Az Monker press release has increased the concerns and restrictions for media.”

According to reports, because of the various events including suicide attacks, unknown armed attack, suicide, and traffic event six journalists lost their life.

Jan Aqa Hakemi journalist said:” the decrease of media workers and bad situation of media centers, and financial crises expanded.”

In the first 100 days, the Emarat officials published two instructions related to media activity which had concerns about the restriction on media publications. And the media supporter organizations are also concerned about media restriction.

Hujatullah Mojadadi the director of the journalists association said:” the new restriction created a series of problems and concerns, we hope these problems solve as soon.”

Masror Lotfi the director of the Afghanistan journalists union said:” the mass media law and the right of access to information law are in the break, we hope the new government by consult with media supporter organizations and media community change and ratifications the to present conditions.”

However, the new government repeatedly has curtained media activity and freedom of expression.



Some women journalists claim that along with Islamic Emarat government lost their jobs

Along with Islamic Emarat government, some media in different reasons stopped their publications and their staffs are jobless including women journalists who are staying at home and facing financial problems.

Some women journalists said: "Taliban says that they cannot work with media."

According to them, what said Taliban in Qatar recently about girls work didn't act.

They say the Taliban with these actions blessed many women who brought bread.

Some women journalists and media workers who worked with the media claim that the Taliban said to media officials that women don't have the right work.

One of these journalists who work with a private TV, who want to do not write her name in the report said: "many women are the administrator of their family include of journalists. Each woman and girl who works out of home, I am the one who is staying at home. We are hapless. No girl works without Taliban permission at present time, and the women who were responsible for bringing bread, what should they do?"

A number of them said: "We are more vulnerable than another part of the community, we prepared a neutral report and were the voice of people."

Maryam Formoly who worked already with a private radio said that several years she worked for freedom of expression and reflection of people's voices, but now she is at home.

She said: "we women journalists for years suffered, our aims were just aware on time the people. Today is like a prison at home. Along with Taliban day by day the freedom of expression getting restricted if this like continue it is concern able."

In otherwise, one of the journalists who was a reporter in Jalalabad asks from Taliban that respect for women work out of home" unfortunately Taliban want an exclusive government if Taliban want such a government which women don't have any activity in society especially journalists condition shows that Taliban have the 20 years back thoughts."

Ahmad Jawed Farhad the director of news in Khorshid TV to Nai said: "before many women were in a different part, but now, unfortunately, they are at home and don't allow coming to their jobs."

Nai Supporting Open Media in Afghanistan concerning this situation of women journalists.

Nasir Ahmad Noori the director of the media watch said: "along with Taliban government the restriction on journalists increased, they cannot participate and cover the events like past, and prepare a report. In other had some journalists due to security problems left their profession, and some of them because of her family decision left



their jobs and left the country which this condition causes the concern of media community.”

Some media officials emphasize that the Taliban is forbidding the girls to not work with media.

According to them, the Taliban don't allow women in provinces to work out of home, and in Kabul, some media director is women don't allow to work out of the home.

Kamran Ibrahemi the former anchor of Noor TV was killed due to his car collapse

Kamran Ibrahemi the former anchor of Noor TV was killed due to his car collapse on 15 November in the way of Iran.

Along with the collapse of the last government and the coming of the Taliban, more than 70 percent of media in the country stopped their publications and their staff left the country or stayed at home.



Hamid Saighani the former anchor of Ariana TV was killed in a secretive case

On 15 November Fowzia Wahdat the wife of Hamid Saighani accepted the on her facebook page” I lost Hamid”.

Zabihullah Mujahid the Taliban government spokes write on his Twitter account that in an explosion in the car at Dashti Barchi area one civilian was killed and four others injured.

He added that investigation about this event and the reason for this explosion is continuing.

In the beginning, it is has said that Hamid Saighani was killed in a bomb explosion in Dashti Barchi area, but his wife announce that Hamid Saighani two hours before the explosion was killed in Khairkhana area by unknown individuals.





Armed attack on Sada and Sima TV Afghan cameraman in Kabul



Ali Reza Sharefi the Afghan partner and cameraman of Sada and Sima Iran government has been targeted in an attack in Kabul.

Sada and Sima Iran say the Afghan cameraman who works with this media has targeted and hit seven bullets and injured them.

Ali Reza Sharefi in a video published from Iran network says, during this event his wife and kid were with him. The attackers were on a motorcycle and opened fire on his car. In published pictures, some injury was observed on his face, and he says after the open fires on his car he has been sleeping and succeeded to flee.

The Irna news agency has written in a report that the invaders were two people, and after this event "Taliban have taken responsibility for securing Sada and Sima cameraman."

Taliban detained 24 hours a journalist because of a misunderstanding

On 31 October Hussain Ahmadi the Rahi Farda journalist was detained by the Taliban near the passport administration.

Mr. Ahmadi after the release has said that his detainment was a misunderstanding, he had been under the Taliban surveillance, and now the issue is resolved.





The Pajwak News Agency journalist threatened by Kuner province Public Health Director

The Pajwak News Agency journalist was threatened by the public health director of Kuner province, which in his report quoted from Kuner civilian hospital director. It has been said that he was threatened by the public health director afterward and told why he didn't quote Mr. Director himself in his report.

Six media stopped it is published in Paktia province in three months

Some media official informs from their media stopped in three last months in Paktia province. Radio Paktia Ghagh and Radio Tahlil and also some magazine and publications like Paktia Ghagh, Jaghar, and Takhaiul stopped their publications. With the closure of these media about 30 workers lost their jobs. Two female journalists also were in this media that now staying at home, and no female and media worker is active in this province.

The Khaibar Navisht Radio started its broadcast again

After the collapse of the last government, the Khaibar Navisht Radio apartment was captured by the Taliban and after that, the broadcast of this radio stopped.

On first November, by the attempt of media supporter organizations, the Laghman province information and culture administration, Laghman security officials, and ministry of interior this issue resolved, the mentioned apartment evacuated and Khaibar Navisht Radio started its broadcasts again.

Media officials; the media tax should be exempted

The media officials in Qundoz province due to financial problems and tax penalties in a formal letter to the ministry of information and culture and ministry of information and technology asked to end the impunity on media.

They asked media supporter organizations and Islamic Emarat to pay attention to these problems and exempt the media penalty and also change the commerce electric bill to a normal bill.

They announced these problems as the main reasons for media activity cut off in this province.



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Hussain Radio started its broadcast in Laghman province

Hussain Radio started its broadcasts in Laghman province which has 16 employees that two of them are females. It has been said that now this radio has 16 hours broadcasts.



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Nai press release

2 November 2021

Kabul, Afghanistan

The culture of impunity should be ended altogether

2 November is equal to ending the impunity against journalists. This day is celebrated in Afghanistan whereas violence against journalists in Afghanistan is continued for years to now and journalists are suffering.

International organizations that support journalists and media are also concerned about the increase of violence against journalists. Ending the culture of impunity is a legal principle. According to international laws, especially international criminal court, no one should be exempt from offense punishments. Base on the mentioned tribunal constitution, people who are in the circle of crimes against people, goods and money, and even respectability and prestige in the nation and international wide including this constitution commands. Journalists are still faced with all kinds of violence in Afghanistan.

Nai asks related organizations to investigate the violence against journalists and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Nai Supporting Open Media in Afghanistan once again wants to end the violence against journalists and hope the people who violate against journalists should not be exempt from punishments.



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Nai press release

14th November

Kabul, Afghanistan

Yesterday explosion was sacrificed from the media community

In yesterday evening explosion in the west of Kabul, Hamid Saighani the former employee of Khorshid and Ariana TVs lost his life.

It has been said that Fowzia Whadat's husband Mr. Saighani was the anchor of Ariana TV. Miss. Wahdat in her facebook post informs that lost her husband.

Meanwhile, the security officials also emphasized that in yesterday's explosion one civilian was killed and two others injured.

Nai Supporting Open Media in Afghanistan concerning about journalist's life. We hope the security officials prevent such events and provide the security of journalists till the life of citizens especially journalists and media workers be safe.



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