

Quotes for Press Release

'The biggest War Crime in Afghanistan would be to leave LECs behind'.

Forsaken Fighters Australia Inc.

Former Army Captain Jason Scanes MBus, GradCert Mgt, CMgr, FIML

Our collective security rests on our nations doing right by our Afghan allies who put so much faith in us over the last two decades. We cannot abandon them without consequence, we would lose so much if we do. This is our choice, we must act now.

Chris Purdy, US Army (Ret.), Human Rights First

Canada has long been a champion of immigration. Let us not abandon those that served us so diligently to a horrible fate. We need a plan and need it yesterday.

Wendy Long, Administrator, Afghan-Canadian Interpreters

The current protection crisis in Afghanistan requires a coordinated, international response, from the governments of the United States and its partners. IRAP is proud to stand with an international coalition calling for an urgent solution to protect Afghan civilians who are facing ever-increasing threats and attacks.

Betsy Fisher, Director of Strategy, International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)

Collective defense is the foundational principle of the NATO Alliance. Its drafters surely intended this principle to encompass protecting the lives of allied interpreters and other locally engaged civilians.

Maya Hess, PhD, Founder and President, Red T (United States)

Association of Wartime Allies applauds all countries who are evacuating, or already have evacuated their allies, for keeping a sacred promise to safeguard those Afghan wartime allies who have stood shoulder to shoulder with the nations of the NATO alliance throughout the war. We now urge the remaining NATO nations to urgently enact their own plans to bring our Afghan wartime allies home with the rest of the alliance.

Kim Staffieri, Co-Founder and National Visa Advocacy Director, Association of Wartime Allies

The Sulha Alliance stands with its partners in this collective call on NATO countries to fulfill their professional, moral and political duty to protect all Afghan Locally Engaged Civilians that supported the mission. The escalating security situation requires an immediate, inclusive and unified response.

Dr. Sara de Jong, Co-Founder, Sulha Alliance (United Kingdom)

We must protect interpreters in peace and war. They bridge the cultural divide between peoples.
Linda Fitchett, Chair, The AIC project to help interpreters in conflict zones.

Rarely is what is morally required also strategically the right thing to do. This is one of those moments. What are our nations waiting for?

Marcus Grotian, Founder and President of Patenschaftsnetzwerk Afghanische Ortskräfte (Germany)

They put their lives on the line for our people. Now it is our turn to save them from the Taliban, without any further delays. **Anne-Marie Snels, former chair of The General Federation of Military Personnel (AFMP), the Netherlands**

As soldiers it is our sacred commitment to "leave no one behind". This should also be the case for those who supported us in the execution of our mission for many years.

Emmanuel Jacob, President European Organisation of Military Associations and Trade Unions (EUROMIL)