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Speaker Bio

His Excellency Mohammad Naim Tahir Qadiry

Mr. Qadiry is currently Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, New Delhi India since June 2019. He is currently pursuing PhD in International Relations at O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana, India. He previously served as a Director of BBC Monitoring during 2003-2008, right after the fall of the Taliban. He established the first English and literacy school in North of Afghanistan, later followed by launching the first daily newspaper called” SAHAR” The Dawn.

He has won the prestigious One World Media Awards, Equivalent of Oscars in Media in London for being a “New Voice” in journalism and leadership; for his creative and in-depth analysis on Afghanistan. He was awarded the Utleasat Award for “Best Documentary of the Year” in Venice, Italy. He has produced/directed /presented more than 10 award-winning documentaries for BBC World TV/Persian TV.



Synopsis of the Talk

His Excellency Mr. Tahir Qadir gave us brief insight about the Afghanistan: Post 9/11. He began the lecture by congratulating the Afghan's for 100 years of independence from British rule. Mr. Qadir spoke his personal account of post 9/11. First, he spoke about the *Taliban era*. He said that the independence, liberty and privileges Afghans are now enjoying has made them realise what type of problems they were facing. He spoke about the women's struggle during this era like how women were not allowed to get education.

Second, he spoke about *post 9/11 Afghanistan*. He said that 9/11 was the new opening for Afghanistan and people of Afghanistan. He said intervention of international forces helped the Afghanistan to get free from Taliban rule.

Then third, he spoke about the beginning of the new era in Afghanistan i.e. *the era of transition period*. He said that Afghanistan drafted a constitution and had elections, then government and the intervening countries started a mission for new construction of the country, for example, DDR programme (disarmament, demobilization and reintegration) was launched to disappear the weapons which was threatening. He said that schools and newspapers were also set up. He spoke about the freedom of women. He said that where women were not allowed to leave their houses, now in this period they can get education and also participate in politics. Mr. Qadir gave some statistics saying that minimum 20% of women are admitted in the universities in Afghanistan and 27% women are representing in the parliament. He also appreciated the young people of Afghanistan as they have the power of future of Afghanistan by participating in elections.

