

Three Views of Afghanistan Women in Two Decades of War

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When I came to Afghanistan in the 1950s it was virtually impossible for a single man to meet an Afghan girl of marriageable age. In the early 1960s my wife and I came to know a few Afghan women, and in the late 1960s I would have some young women as students in my classes in Kabul University. They were bright and vivacious, exuding the vibrancy of the other half of Afghanistan society, full of hope for themselves and other women after them. By the late 1960s unveiled women were on the streets of Kabul everywhere, many of them employed in business and government. The status of women was clearly changing. I had the impression, as no doubt many of them did, that women would become more participatory in the modernization of the country. That the world we knew then would soon cease to be modern (that is, become wrought by multiple arguments, changing alliances, and broken commitments in a vigorously political, even zealously ideological, world) lay well beyond our horizon. Such

stirrings and tragedies would indeed come upon the Afghanistan people, whipping them one way and another by the rise and dominance of contrary political elements that were in fact – virtually all of them -- alien to their world. First, there were the Communists (Khalqis and Parchamis) supported by the Soviet Union; then, the Islamists espousing an anti-western religion formulated elsewhere; then the notorious Taliban whose barbarous policies had been nurtured in the refugee camps of Pakistan.

The hardships for the women during the succession of civil wars between 1978 and 2002 were little known, owing to their customary invisibility, until a spate of publications appeared in recent years (see the Appendix). Here I introduce three books that collectively reveal something of the life and experience of middle class Afghanistan women during this period of war. Collectively these works provide a kind of chronology of what women went through as well as attempted to accomplish as the men were engrossed in their wars.

Searching for Saleem: An Afghan Woman's

Odyssey, Farooka Gauhari, Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska, 1996, ISBN 0-8032-2156-8 (with a Foreword by Nancy Dupree).

Farooka Gauhari's little noticed gem describes the heartache and anxiety created for many people by the Khalqi Communist coup d'état of April, 1978. (The influence of Nancy and Richard Newell is manifest throughout the work; according to the author, Nancy read the manuscript many times making corrections and suggestions.) The early pages describe Farooka's early years, mainly in the 1960s when Muhammad Zahir Durrani was King, a period that many Afghans now look back on as the finest in their history, when for at least the people of Kabul and in some other cities, a progressive society was in the making. Farooka was a university student when a young man, Saleem, appeared in her life. The story of their courtship reveals the changes taking place in the mores of educated young people. Contrary to custom Saleem and Farooka get to know each other before marriage, although mostly under the watchful eye of her family. Their marriage brings her into contact with relatives outside

of Kabul whose customs surprise her as much as hers mystifies them.

All this is preliminary to the key event in the story, for Saleem suddenly and mysteriously disappears in the early hours of the Khalqi Communist coup d'état on April 27, 1978. Where he was and what happened to him becomes the obsession of the rest of the book. Along with hundreds of other relatives of individuals who disappeared in this period Farooka waits for days at the notorious Pul-i Charkhi prison, hoping for news about her husband. She cannot gain reliable information. Rumors about Khalqi activities are whispered in the streets and gleaned from the oblique comments of her students at Kabul University. The world around her takes on an ominous sense of mystery: colleagues monitor her movements and classroom activities; former students promise help but seem to be leading her on; a trusted relative shuns her; strangers knock on her door to tell her where to find Saleem; no one seems to have definitive information. She keeps her children home from school to save them from abduction into the military and from

government propaganda. Her plight worsens and her tale gains intensity as it progresses.

Mrs. Gauhari's story is one of many that could be told, not only by other women of Afghanistan but also by women in the many other countries where cabals of ambitious men have suddenly plunged their country into confusion and conflict. Like her, many women, even though educated and relatively well connected, were reduced to guessing what was happening around them. My own students have found this book engrossing, gripping. Some have wept.

Zoya's Story: An Afghan Woman's Struggle for Freedom, by Zoya with John Follain and Rita

Cristofari, New York: William Morrow, 2002, ISBN 0-06-009782-5.

The ordeal Mrs. Gauhari describes took place early on, during the Khalqi communist regime (April, 1978 - December, 1979). She could not have known the descent into civil war that awaited her compatriots in the 1980s, to be followed by the fratricidal wars of the 1990s, and then by the brutalities of the Taliban, who

first appeared in Kandahar in 1994 and lasted until the American attacks in the fall of 2001. A sense of what women experienced then is provided by the other two books. Zoya (a pseudonym) was barely one year old when the Soviets invaded in late 1979, to replace the Khalqi government with Parchami communists more to their liking. She grows up in Kabul watching and admiring a mother whose activities outside the home are secretive, mysterious. Her parents attempt to shield her from the outside world, only to instill in her a sense of foreboding. She is kept from school lest bombs be set off there or on the way. She is told the "Russians" have recruited spies among those around them; even their neighbors could betray them. At the age of seven her mother enlists her to help distribute leaflets around the city, a task more dangerous than she could know. Eventually she learns that they are distributing fliers produced by RAWA (Revolutionary Afghan Women's Association), an organization created "by professors, students and intellectuals" to oppose the atrocities of both the Soviets and "Moslem fundamentalists."

The problems of her family are compounded in April, 1992, by the demise of the Communist regime and the arrival in the city of those very Islamic fundamentalists. "Far from rejoicing that the Russians had been defeated Grandmother told me that a new, worse Devil had come to my country. There was a popular saying around this time, 'Rid us of these seven donkeys and give us back our cow.'" Soldiers with "wild-looking eyes and long beards" divide the city into rival neighborhoods, burn the books in the public library, loot the city's laboratories, force the women to wear burqas, remove women from radio and television programs, teach school children to hate. There are rumors of torture, rape, blindings, mutilations.

The Islamists commence fighting among themselves. One group (Gulbuddin Hikmatyar's Hizb-i Islami) bombard the city indiscriminantly, killing nearly two thousand civilians. Zoya's parents mysteriously disappear in succession, killed, she learns, "on the orders of the fundamentalist Mujahideen warlords, like thousands of other people." She considers suicide. "I had heard of many girls killing themselves

when they had lost their families or after they had been raped.”Her Grandmother, her only support now, believes the Day of Judgment is near, when “everyone has to go before Allah, and you have to tell Him all the good things and the bad things you did in your life.And then He decides whether you go to Heaven or to Hell.”Grandmother flees with Zoya to Pakistan where Zoya is educated in a RAWA school and, despite many of the same threatening conditions there, becomes active in the movement herself.Her story reveals what RAWA was doing inside Pakistan as well as Afghanistan.

Veiled Courage:Inside the Afghan Women's

Resistance, Cheryl Benard, New York, Broadway Books, 2002, ISBN 0-7679-1301-9.

Cheryl Benard’s enjoyed extraordinary access to members of the RAWA movement, possibly because she is the wife of a naturalized American citizen from Mazar-i Sharif, who has held various prominent roles in the State Department, Zalmay Khalilzad.(He served as the U.S. representative to the country during the Taliban war and had a similar assignment during the

second Iraq war). She introduces us to many women like Zoya who worked in the organization, to risk – even to give – their lives in opposition to the succession of cruel regimes -- communist, Islamist, Taliban – that attempted to dominate the country. Foremost among the pantheon of RAWA heroines was Meena, founder of the organization, and after her death a legend. From very early on Meena and her husband were equally opposed to Khalqi communists, Parchami communists, Islamists, and Taliban. In April, 1980, she and other women organized a large demonstration against the Communists in which two girls were killed. The desire to publish this brutality became the occasion for the founding of a magazine, Pay?m-i Zan (Women's Message). RAWA had the policy, contrary to the practice of other middle class people, not to leave the region; they stayed in order to expose the abuses of women. Benard says there are "two thousand full-fledged members, who pledge to work directly with the organization and not to emigrate" plus many others. RAWA became the most publicly active opposition to the Islamists. "Meena believed that women -- educated women -- were the

first and most natural opponents of fundamentalism.”She and the other members of RAWA started schools for girls, literacy classes for adult women, orphanages, courses in nursing and first aid. Benard says Payam-i Zan was “[f]or years ... the only magazine that provided independent, intellectual discussions of current events.”In Pakistan as Meena’s influence broadened she and her husband became targets. He was captured and killed in 1986, perhaps tortured, by Hikmatyar’s men, and in the spring of 1987 Meena herself disappeared along with two of her aides. Her body was later found mutilated. Eventually two members of KHAD, the Communist secret service, admitted to the murder. Both sides, Communists and Islamists, would have killed her at the first opportunity. Now Meena is a mythical heroine for the members of RAWA: “Meena’s blood flows through the veins of each and every RAWA member and her memory and her thinking is the moving spirit of RAWA.”

In their behavior and publications RAWA displays a profound distaste for the Islamist agendas. Benard says

“I had been led to believe that the Afghans were universally behind the ‘freedom fighters,’ ready to pay any price to punish the Soviets. These women had a different view. To them, martyrdom was not heroic and the sacrifice of children was not gladly given. They wanted their young sons alive and accused the rebel leaders of being tyrants, unscrupulous and corrupt.” They, moreover, “didn't accept loveless arranged marriages as a given, they didn't feel secure in the arms of an extended family, they weren't content in deep traditionalism. ...” One woman told her, “If there were freedom, women would reject the burqa, reject not being able to go to school, and those other crazy ideas.”

Zoya and Benard portray RAWA as an authentically Afghan movement that heroically works for the rights of women as well as men. Benard indicates that many people admired RAWA. An Afghan man said that in Peshawar “the [Afghan] men didn't have the guts to stand up to these people, but the women from RAWA were carrying out demonstrations condemning them.” Another said, “They were the first Afghan

organization that demonstrated against the coming to power of fundamentalist terrorists. ... in those dark days, RAWA gave voice to the thoughts not only of women but of ordinary Afghan men as well.”She is told that “fundamentalism and its accompanying hostility to women are fringe views, repugnant to the vast majority of Afghan men.”Someone estimates that “the majority of Afghan men by now are against fundamentalism, because everyone suffered under the jihadis and the Taliban, and we've all learned a lot from the experience.”

For me, RAWA has been a difficult organization to get a true sense of. In 1996 I discovered a copy of their magazine in a bookstore in Islamabad and I began to search for more issues. In virtually every store the response was similar: The shopkeeper would at first deny having any copies, then after glancing around as if to see that the coast was clear he would poke around among papers and pamphlets. A few of them found some old issues. There was a sense of reserve, even of mystery about RAWA. I wrote to their box address in Quetta but received no reply. When I was in Quetta I

looked for them and asked about them but found no evidence of them; no one knew where to find them. In the mean time the Pakistani papers occasionally reported on public demonstrations by RAWA members in Peshawar and Quetta; they came out as if from nowhere to demonstrate and then disappear as suddenly as they appeared. And now, in this country I cannot find a single person from Afghanistan who speaks well of RAWA. Some people describe the members of RAWA as crude in their language; others believe RAWA is merely an internet organization with no presence inside Afghanistan whatever. Zoya and Benard, however, seem convincing in the detail they provide on the movement. I am personally satisfied that such an organization exists and has been aggressive, even sacrificial, in seeking the welfare of Afghan women.

Toward the end of her book Benard attacks the romantic notions nurtured in the West about Pashtuns as "a wild people fundamentally and refreshingly different from the effete, overcivilized humans who otherwise populate this planet; and [for whom] the relentless oppression of women is part of their gutsy,

lusty approach to life." Such a view, as she says, insults as it romanticizes [p. 260]. She raises a fundamental issue in the confrontation of cultures in this collapsing world: Can the customs of others be accepted when they deny some citizens the right to self-expression and personal dignity? The women of RAWA were driven by the conviction that Afghanistan women had a right to fundamental freedoms. That they have paid a heavy price for that conviction reveals how entrenched are the conventions that have subjugated Afghanistan women. That I never saw the face of an Afghan woman before the mid-1960s was an experiential fact whose significance now looms in retrospect. I originally took the seclusion of women to be a convention of the Afghanistan way of life; it was a matter of custom. But Foucault has provoked us to pay attention to the informal mechanisms of control and coercion working piecemeal through the informal relations of everyday life that sustain customs, limit options, shape understandings. I should have been more inquisitive about the forces that were keeping virtually half the adult population out of sight. Like the dog that didn't bark their absence was telltale. We well may wonder

how those conventions will fare in the new social order
now being constituted in that country.

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Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 2(WorldCat)

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an Afghan-American woman speaks out /

Author:Aseel, Maryam Qudrat, 1974-Publication:Sterling, VA : Capital Books, 2003

Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 16(WorldCat)

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Author:Rivera, Sheila, 1970-Publication:Edina, MN : Abdo Pub., 2003 Document:English :

Book: Elementary and junior high schoolLibraries Worldwide: 1(WorldCat)

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women and reconstruction.

Publication:Kabul ; Brussels : International Crisis Group, 2003 Document:English :

BookLibraries Worldwide: 2(WorldCat)

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the martyr who founded RAWA, the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan /

Author:Chavis, Melody Ermachild.Publication:New York, N.Y. : St. Martin's Press, 2003

Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 1(WorldCat)

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Author:Armstrong, Sally, 1943-Publication:Toronto : Penguin Canada, 2003 Document:English :

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Author:Banting, Erinn.Publication:New York : Crabtree Pub. Co., 2003 Document:English :

Book: Elementary and junior high schoolLibraries Worldwide: 21 (WorldCat)

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an Afghan woman's struggle for freedom /

Author:Zoya.; Follain, John.; Cristofari, Rita.Publication:London : Review, 2003, 2002
Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 2(WorldCat)

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the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan /

Author:Brodsky, Anne E.Publication:New York : Routledge, 2003 Document:English :
BookLibraries Worldwide: 39(WorldCat)

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Author:Kazem, Halima.; Brown, Katharine Elizabeth,Publication:Milwaukee, WI : Gareth
Stevens Pub., 2003 Document:English : Book: Elementary and junior high school

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tradition and change /

Author:Harik, Ramsay M.; Marston, Elsa.Publication:New York : Franklin Watts, 2003
Document:English : Book: Secondary (senior high) schoolLibraries Worldwide: 66

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Reconstruction, Georgetown University, Washington , D.C, July 2002.

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Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 12(WorldCat)

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Author:Ellis, Deborah, 1960-Publication:Toronto ; Berkeley : Douglas & McIntyre : Distributed
in the USA by Publishers Group West, 2002 Document:English : Book: Fiction

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repression of women and girls in western Afghanistan /

Author:Coursen-Neff, Zama.; Sifton, John.Publication:New York : Human Rights Watch, 2002
Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 21(WorldCat)

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shattering myths and claiming the future /

Author:Mehta, Sunita.Publication:Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan, 2002 Document:English :
BookLibraries Worldwide: 5(WorldCat)

16The women of Afghanistan under the Taliban /

Author:Skaine, Rosemarie.Publication:Jefferson, N.C. : London : McFarland, 2002
Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 2(WorldCat)

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growing up under the Taliban : a young woman's story /

Author:Latifa, 1980-; Hachemi, Chékéba.; Appignanesi, Lisa.Publication:London : Virago, 2002
Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 2(WorldCat)

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Central Asia /

Author:Samiuddin, Abida.; Khanam, Rashida.Publication:Delhi : Global Vision Pub. House,
2002 Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 10(WorldCat)

19Veiled threat : the women of Afghanistan /

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20Women trafficking and prostitution in Pakistan and Afghanistan /

Author:Jalalzi, Mus'a Khan.Publication:Lahore : Dua Publications, 2002 Document:English :
BookLibraries Worldwide: 1(WorldCat)

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the hidden power of the women of Afghanistan /

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voices from September 11 /

Author:Hilton, Christopher, 1944-Publication:Stroud : Sutton, 2002 Document:English :
BookLibraries Worldwide: 2(WorldCat)

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a study of women in the nation of Afghanistan during the late twentieth century /

Author:Estrada, Katherine Renee, 1980-Publication:2002 Document:English : Book:
Thesis/dissertation/manuscript :MicroformLibraries Worldwide: 1(WorldCat)

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the hidden power of the women of Afghanistan /

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Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 315 WASHINGTON UNIV (WorldCat)

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Osama Bin Laden and the seeds of terror /

Author:Devji, Mantoshe Singh.Publication:Scottsdale, Ariz. : Inkwell Productions, 2002

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a reader /

Publication:Boston and New York : Houghton Mifflin, 2002 Document:English : BookLibraries

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shattering myths and claiming the future /

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Author:Emadi, Hafizullah.Publication:Karachi : Royal Book Co., 2002 Document:English :

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a novel of mystery set in the new Afghanistan /

Author:Hart, Anne.Publication:San Jose, Calif. : Writer's Club Press, 2002 Document:English :

Book: FictionLibraries Worldwide: 1(WorldCat)

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Author:Miller, John,; Kenedi, Aaron.Publication:New York : Marlowe & Co., 2002

Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 739(WorldCat)

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voices of women of Afghanistan /

Author:Logan, Harriet, 1967-Publication:New York : ReganBooks, 2002 Document:English :

BookLibraries Worldwide: 333 WASHINGTON UNIV (WorldCat)

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our life in Afghanistan and how we escaped to freedom /

Author: Yagur, Batya Swift. Publication: Hoboken, N.J. : John Wiley & Sons, 2002

Document: English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 255 (WorldCat)

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Author: Ellis, Deborah, 1960- Publication: Toronto : Groundwood Books, 2002 Document: English

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return to a lost homeland /

Author: Shah, Saira. Publication: London : Michael Joseph, 2002 Document: English :

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an Afghan woman's battle for freedom /

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Author: Emadi, Hafizullah. Publication: Westport, Conn. : Praeger, 2002 Document: English :

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Author: Latifa. Publication: Oxford : ISIS, 2002 Document: English : BookLibraries Worldwide:

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Author:Ali, Tariq.Publication:London : Verso, 2002 Document:English : BookLibraries
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Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 1(WorldCat)

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to access to health services and their impact on young women in Afghanistan and in

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Author:Armstrong, Sally, 1943-Publication:2001 Document:English : Book:
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and Children of Afghanistan

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her extraordinary story /

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Author:Bhatia, Anupam.; Meyangbo, Param.Publication:Kathmandu : ICIMOD, 2001

Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 1(WorldCat)

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Document:English : BookLibraries Worldwide: 119(WorldCat)

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an exploration of Islam and women's rights /

Author:Harkless, Megan M.Publication:2001 Document:English : Book:
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Author:Belt, Don.Publication:Washington, D.C. : National Geographic Society, 2001
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Author:Court, Alex.; Court, Alex.Publication:2001 Document:English : Book:

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