

To the US Department of State, and other emergency partners

Sub: Request for assistance

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Respected Authorities,

This is a letter from the lawyers community staying at Emirates Humanitarian City, Abu Dhabi.

Among other different categories of people from different professions, there are some lawyers including Judges, Prosecutors, and defense lawyers currently in the city. The judges are supposed to be transferred to USA, as they have gone through some process of their cases. About the prosecutors and defense lawyers no decision have been made yet. The intake process was done by the embassy of US in the city and we are frequently told that we have to have cases like p1, p2, and SIV that unfortunately only some have such cases but not all. So it has been almost 7 months that we are staying here with no clear path of where we are going finally and have not gotten any asylum visa from any country yet.

The evacuation process was announced, and different NGOs and Organizations cooperated to evacuate people at risk that we included those. At the moment we were not asked whether we have cases to US or any other country and we also were only thinking of our safety, as we were directly posed to be harmed and many of us got messages and signs. Some of our colleagues were disappeared, later their dead bodies were found. During our employment under the previous regime, we gave lots of sacrifices and our colleagues were shot by the Taliban and ISIS groups that is reported from national and international medias, also the US embassy in Kabul is well aware of. So, we left our country at the emergency moments but now we are told to have cases to USA to be transferred.

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You might be well aware of the situation here and the restrictions we have in the City. We do not have access to other countries' embassies, UNHCR, or any immigration agencies in Abu Dhabi to contact for processing our status. Of course we knocked many doors in these 7 months via emails and letters including huge organization advocating for lawyers but received no assistance. We can only contact the US embassy and we have shared the list and details with them but have not heard of any hope raising news about us.

Let us ask you, just imagine our situation here and what stress, anxiety, and frustration we are going through at the moment.

We have old, ill, kids, and single women, and women with their kids but no adult men with them. Some of us left our families, single women, mothers, and children behind in Kabul. As we were hoping that we can resettle soon and support them financially and immigration but we can not do anything for them that is the most annoying thing.

We are staying in an industrial area that adds more to our problems. The lack of proper health care services, the clean air to breathe, food according to our culture, (Indian food is given to Afghans), are the things that increased illness and we have got different health problems. Based on recent rules, we have to wait for two hour in a queue under 38 degree heat to get stuffs for our bathroom, and a box of milk for our babies from the camp authorities. But who cares?

We were working under a very risky and tough situation for our future and our country. We were judiciary staff and the US embassy in Kabul, the US based NGOs, and government were working with us in struggle against corruption, narcotics, arm smuggling, money laundering, elimination of violence against women and children. We prosecuted the cases. They were

providing training courses, infrastructure, and sometime monetary as a whole. We left our villages, and province where were influenced by Taliban and resisted them. But today we are forgotten.

We here by share our status and concerns with you. In this long period of time being here, we have not received any meaningful assistance yet with the problems we mentioned above. It is disappointing. It is amoying. Its frustrating. It is not our right. These all are not what we deserve.

So, you are the only left authorities that we express our situation and we request you to please, think about us and provide this vulnerable group with Humanitarian Parole Visas or any other.

Thank you

Sincerely,

The lawyers Community staying in Emirates Humanitarian City,
Abu Dhabi

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