



## **Freiheitliche Demokratische Partei Afghanistans**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009 the presidential elections are taking place in my homeland Afghanistan. The most likely candidate appears to be the current president at the moment.

For 30 years war, chaos, poverty and suffering have dominated my homeland. What has changed for the better for the people of Afghanistan during the current president's time of office?

The president should not just assume political leadership but also moral leadership. He should be the driving force of the nation which leads the people into a better present and an even better future.

The current president has never achieved this goal. Afghanistan seems to be vegetating from a cancer in the face of national and international economy cliques. A sleaze of parties, local leaders, drug barons and clans is preventing the country's recovery. If Karzai is re-elected then this cancer will continue to spread resulting in growing corruption, growing poverty for the mass of Afghans and growing suffering.

In view of the devastation why has President Karzai put himself up for re-election?

The west is supporting the wrong with money, weapons and the lives of young soldiers who are deployed in Afghanistan. It is a disgrace that young Europeans and Americans are paying with their lives for such a regime.

The war in Afghanistan can not be militarily won. The former Soviet Union has already had to learn this the hard way. Morally the war was lost a long time ago.

Anyone who wants victory in Afghanistan must win the hearts of the people. This cannot be achieved in a military way. Anyone who wins over the Afghans also wins the hearts of the people in the neighbouring countries.

For Afghanistan we want a president who can change the balance of terror, who is at the same time a political and moral authority.

Yours faithfully,

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1st Chairman of the FDPA