



Nai Graduate Club (NGC) Monthly Newsletter

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Introduction

Nai Graduate Club (NGC) is a family network of successful working journalists in all over Afghanistan, who have taken Nai media courses in Kabul, Jalalabad, Mazar-e-Sharif, Herat, Kandahar and surrounding rural provinces since Nai Supporting Open Media was established in 2005.

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The key aim for journalists is to build strong working relationships with each other in their respective cities, provinces, and countrywide.

Nai Graduate Club links up Nai's Media Watch campaign, which raises awareness about the rights of journalists, to strengthen regional media's presence and their access to information. It also enables them to establish and grow relationships with Nai's network of media lawyers, as well as Nai partners, like the annual Afghan Youth Voices Festival, human rights advocates and civil society organizations.

NGC Facebook

Nai Graduate Club Facebook account is a valuable tool for members to post upcoming events, media opportunities, special projects and multi-media stories, facilitate discussion and trade reporting tips nationwide. Currently the NGC members in Facebook are around 203 people and they are increasing day by day.



April 5: Gathering about Media rights in Kabul at Nai office



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April 19: Gathering about Media situation in Afghanistan, in Kabul at Nai office

NGCs Activities

The following activities are done by Nai Graduate clubs on April 2012.

Kabul

- On April 5th, NGC members conducted a workshop on Media law at Nai office in Kabul. It was instructed by Musa and Qasim Rahmani Nai Legal Advisor, with 34 participants.
- On 19th April, NGC conducted a gathering on Media Situation in Afghanistan and 46 people attended. Abdul Mujeeb Khalvatgar, Executive Director of Nai was one of the speakers, he explained Nai Graduated Club and said that Nai opened 5 clubs in 5 locations of Afghanistan in 2011. He also spoke about media landscape in Afghanistan. Sediqullah Tawhidi Media Watch Manager of Nai was another speaker, he explained about publication of Journalist's National Day Booklets and giving awards to the best journalists. Jalal Norani, Advisor of Ministry of Information and Culture was another speaker, he talked about Ministry of Information and Culture responsibilities against journalists. Abdul Hamid Mobariz, National Union of Journalists Director in Afghanistan as speaker explained about Journalists problem in Afghanistan and he thanked from Nai on Creation of these Clubs in Afghanistan. He also thanked from Media Watch for broadcasting Media reports on Media Situation in Afghanistan. Shafiqha Habibi, National Union of Women Journalists' Director in Afghanistan was another speaker, she talked about women's role in Media. Jawansher Haidari, Mohmmad Musa Radmanesh, Nazari Pariani and Ahmad Yama Delawar from different media outlets talked also at the gathering. The gathering was ended by concussion speech of Sediqullah Tawhidi, Media Watch manager of Nai.



April 16: NGC members meeting with provincial council chief in Balkh



NGC members in Balkh



April 22: Media Law seminar in Mazar-i-Sharif

Balkh

- The second election of NGC facilitator and co-facilitator was on April 5th by participation of more than 40 male and female club members. Noor Agha Sharifi, Hub Manager of Nai in Mazar was a speaker, he thanked from NGC members and said “we are in the second term of NGC election, the people which they were responsible, done good job and tried a lot for NGC. So we respect them and now we will entrust this responsibility to other people, hopefully the new selected people do their best for NGC”. Shakir Shokran, previews NGC assistant also spoke, he read the regulation of being a candidate for leading the NGC. Sikander Maihanyar and Mokhtar Wafahi were the candidates for NGC facilitator, Sikander Maihanyar got 25 votes and Mokhtar Wafahi got 15 votes. Sikander Maihanyar selected as NGC facilitator. Ahmad Nawid and Asma Razma was candidate for the post of NGC co-facilitator which Asma Razma were selected for the mentioned post and Shamsuddin Shams was selected in secretary post.
- A meeting was conducted by NGC members with Mohammad Afzal Hadid, Provincial Council Director of Balkh on his office, the meeting aimed to get introduces both sides, and followed by questions. The meeting attenders were 40 male and female members. Finally the NGC facilitator requested Provincial Council Director to appreciate NGC members for their encouragements and told that three NGC members must be invited to the Civil Society Meetings. The Provincial Council Director promised he will invite three NGC members on each meeting of Civil Society.
- On April 22, a 3 days Media Law workshop was conducted by NGC, the participants were both male and female the workshop was too helpful for them. It was the first workshop for journalists on this topic by NGC.

Herat

The normal meetings were managed by Herat NGC on April.

Nengarhar

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April 22: Media Law seminar in Mazar-i-Sharif

Kandahar

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Statistics

The followings are the NGC seminar statistics.

Topic	Instructor	Date	Location	Duration	participant	
					Male	Female
Media Law	Jawid Azin	22-24 April	Mazar	3 Days	6	6

The followings are the NGC meetings statistics

Meeting with	Aim of meeting	Date	location
Provincial Council Chief	Introduce the NGC and to participate in Civil Society Meetings	04/22/2012	Kabul

The followings are the NGC gathering statistics

Proposition	Participant		Date	Guests	Location
	Male	Female			
Media Law	15	19	04/05/2012	3	Kabul
Media Situations in Afghanistan	29	17	04/19/2012	12	Kabul
NGC election		40	04/05/2012	1	Mazar