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# 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.

It is a club where all members share their works, exchange ideas, experiences, reporting advice and discuss the critical issues which journalists face day by day in Afghanistan.

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.

Finally, Nai graduates play a valuable role in mentoring current Nai students; – providing them with long-term guidance – and opening the door to student opportunities with internships at regional media houses.

## Nai Graduate Club on Facebook

Nai Graduate Club Facebook site 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. It enables reporters throughout Afghanistan to establish relationships with each other, and trade experiences based on their shared media profession, as well as supply sources for ongoing stories outside their region. Right now the members are around 172 and the number is increasing day by day. The page could be found at:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/nai.graduate.club/>

## NGCs Activities in February 2012



*Nai Graduate Club photo exhibition in Kabul*



*Nai Graduate Club Mass Communication in Kabul*



*Indoctrination of electronic media including radio and televisions workshop in Kabul*



In February 2012, Nai Graduate Clubs accomplished a series of activities which are as follow:

### Kabul Nai Graduate Club:

- Held a photo exhibition which showed violence against women and the problems and challenges they face in Afghanistan.
- Had two day sessions regarding Mass Communication which also covered indoctrination of electronic media including radio and televisions; there was also a meeting about violence against journalists, which NGC showed some pictures about violence against journalists and the problems and challenges the face in all over Afghanistan. Mr. Mujeeb Khelwatgar, the executive director of Nai organization talked about violence against journalists and said, "we need close cooperation of journalist to work hand by hand and solve the problems together;" similarly, Mr. Khushal Wasify, the director of Ariana Radio station said, "I am sure that we can solve all problems by sharing our experiences, ideas, and our activates with each other."
- According to NGC policy in every two month the facilitator and co-facilitator should be elected/re-elected by the members, so on February 2012 Kabul NGC members elected their new facilitators and co-facilitator for two months.

### Kandahar Nai Graduate Club:

- Invited Senator Besmillah Afghanmal to their conference that first he briefed the journalist about Wolesi Jirga and Mishrano Jirga (Parliament of Afghanistan) and the activities performed by them during current year; and then answered to Journalist questions on the topic, at the end he requested all journalist to be independent when preparing their reports on any topic.

### Mazar e Sharif Nai Graduate Club:

- Conducted two trainings in the month of February, presentation/narration skills training for 14 members who are working in different media stations in the mentioned province and conducted marketing and sales training for 10 members/journalist who are working in different media stations; as the Nai office was relocated, so they could not hold any meeting on a specific topic

### Jalalabad and Herat Nai Graduate Clubs:

- Did not have any activity in the month of February, but will organize a series of activities for the month of March 2012.

Nai Graduate Club in Kandahar



**Statistics:** Now NGC have more than 120 members in Kabul and more than 302 members in Mazar Sharif, Kandahar, Herat and Jalalabad provinces.

Cities	Members	Male	Female
Kabul	120	55%	45%
Herat	100	60%	40%
Mazar	100	70%	30%
Kandahar	55	85%	15%
Jalalabad	52	91%	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>72.2%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>