

Laila Haidari

Civil Activist: Serving the affected and wounded people of Afghanistan.



Laila Haidari was born as a refugee in 1978 in Pakistan and lived as a refugee in Iran. She successfully completed her bachelor's degree in religious studies. In addition, she has been trained in short courses as director at Young Cinema Organization, journalist, nurse and teacher. Laila, a lady whose name has been woven as "mother" for hundreds of men and women in ruined city of Kabul, her homeland. Laila's identity was first shaped with poetry. The poet Laila, filmmaker Laila, the activist Laila and perhaps the Laila that works tirelessly and dedicated herself soulfully to serve one of the most disadvantaged groups of her society – the drug addicts. Laila serves a cause, perhaps a very important cause to help the drug addicts quit addiction and giving them another chance to live their lives. As she believes "life is beautiful". Furthermore, Laila manages Taj Begum Restaurant to financially support her cause and serve the addicts in quitting.

Throughout her life and specially her recent work in Afghanistan, Laila has been abused, threatened and even kidnapped by the people who are against her work. In her everyday work she is being insulted for working with addicts. However, Laila become stronger and more determined day by day. So far, there have been tens of reports on Laila's work, both in national and international media/websites.

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