

Horia Mosadiq

Researcher with Amnesty International

Horia Mosadiq is 43 -years-old Afghan human rights defender and journalist with around 23 years of work experience in Afghanistan and the region, in the fields of media, human rights, transitional justice and women rights.



Award Winner of 2007 national human rights award in Afghanistan and in 2011 she was recognized among 50 bravest women of the world for her work by Glamour magazine in the United Kingdom, and in 2012 and 2015 won Women Rights Defender Award from Amnesty International and in 2015 also won the prize for outstanding achievement in human rights from Open Asia/ Armanshahr Foundation in Afghanistan and in 2017 won the Aspire Award from Diaspora Afghan academia of Europe and USA.

During the past 23 years Horia Mosadiq served as Afghanistan Researcher for Amnesty International since 2008, Director of Human Rights Research and Advocacy Consortium (HRRAC) 2004-2008, Media Commissioner for Afghanistan Elections Commission 2005, Senior Advisor to Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission 2005-2006, Observer in the Constitutional Loya Jirga of Afghanistan in 2003- 2004, Political and Gender Advisor to the Canadian Embassy in Kabul and served as journalist for many years in Kabul and Islamabad and served as a war reporter during civil war in Afghanistan for both local and international media organizations.

Horia represented Afghanistan in tens of international conferences and events as key speaker including Paris Donor Conference 2008, 51st Session of UN commission on status of women 2007, London Donor conference 2010 and Bonn donors Conference 2011 are among them.

She represented Afghanistan in 51st UN session Commission on the Status of women in year 2007 and chaired the human rights and civil society panel in Paris donor Conference in 2008 and participated in London donor conference 2010, Bonn II donor conference 2011 and Tokyo conference in 2012.

Since September 2008 she is working at Amnesty International, International Secretariat as Afghanistan Researcher.

In 2013 she established a local NGO Safety and Risk Mitigation Organization (SRMO) which is mainly working with the Human Rights and Women Rights Defenders in Afghanistan to provide protection, build resilience and assist with risk mitigation strategy and enabling environment for the defenders specially the grassroots defenders who are working in volatile and insecure provinces.

Horia is also author of more than 100 articles on human rights, women rights and political issues published by different national and international media outlets and did interviews and provided political and situation analysis of Afghanistan and region for different media outlets including BBC, Al Jazeera, CNN, France 24, Rueters, Voice of America, TOLO, Ariana and many more.

In year 2003 Horia was featured in a CNN documentary as women rights activist in Post-Taliban Afghanistan.

