



Sonali Kolhatkar and Jim Ingalls, co-directors of the "Afghan Women's Mission", US based organization, visited Malalai in her office in Farah province in Feb. 2005.



Malalai gives first hand information about ongoing abuses of human rights in Afghanistan. She attended several gatherings and meetings in the US in Sep. 2004.



In Dec. 2004 the "Woman of the Year 2004" International award was presented to Joya in Saint Vincent, Italy.

## Organization of Promoting Afghan Women's Capabilities

(OPAWC) is a non-governmental, non-political and a non-profitable NGO working for empowerment of Afghan women in fields of education, health care, income generating etc. OPAWC is serving Afghan women inside Afghanistan since 1999.



Afghan MP, Malalai Joya speaks inside the parliament building after the opening ceremony of its first session. Dec. 19, 2005-AFP

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Malalai Joya is one of the most popular MPs in Afghanistan and has many times taken stand against the ex-Mujahideen fighters who dominate the country's new assembly.

She has made her name as a woman's rights activist who has attacked Afghanistan's most powerful institution, the Mujahideen.

On 20 December, the day of the parliament's first session in more than 30 years, she did what many of her friends feared she would.

Rising from her seat she launched into a denunciation of many of those seated around her, condemning the presence in the parliament of "criminal warlords" whose hands are stained with the blood of the people.

Many MPs beat their fists on their desks and furiously shouted her down. As she left the parliament she received death threats.

BBC News, January 27, 2006



OPAWC believes that Afghanistan needs lots of work in the field of education to revive its educational system and educate illiterate generations.



Malalai speaking to some of the students of a computer course run by OPAWC.



With a very low budget, OPAWC is working hard to assist larger number of women and children in remote parts of Afghanistan.

After having read about Malalai Joya, I fully support her as a courageous and intelligent woman who stands against Afghanistan's disguised enemies no matter what. This is the kind of people the country needs to finally stand on its own feet!

**Itala Terrones, Peru, Dec 20, 2004**

"Today, our people are concerned that the election took place in an armed environment, and that is why our people and the international community should not have expected democratic elections, which didn't take place," Joya said.

"We witnessed that those with money, power and backed by foreign countries came into the parliament. Their presence pollutes our parliament as a legislative source. But we shouldn't forget that some real and true representatives of people also came into this parliament. But, unfortunately, they are in a minority."

**Asia Times, Dec.21, 2005**

Malalai Joya, one of the new delegates to parliament, said that she was offering her condolences to the people of Afghanistan for the presence of warlords, drug lords and criminals in the new house.

The people of Afghanistan, she said, had only recently escaped the Taliban cage to be now trapped in the cage of the warlords.

It was a much needed spark of defiant reality in an otherwise controlled ceremony.

**ABC (Australia), Dec.20, 2005**



Determination and absolute stand of Joya against criminal warlords is a matter of great proud for thousands of women and men.



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