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International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environmental in war and Armed Conflict Report

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Celebration: International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environmental in war and Armed Conflict in Eastern Afghanistan

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I. Introduction

In the series of world environmental days celebrations. On Tuesday 10 December 2109 the Environmental Protection Directorate (NEPA) of Nangarhar province, Future Generations Empowerment Organization (FGEO)/FGA, Environmental Community Institutions (ECIs), and some representatives of Nangarhar governor office, FAO, Jalalabad Municipality and Agricultural Irrigation and Livestock Directorate of Nangarhar province were jointly celebrated the International day for preventing the exploitation of environment in war and armed conflicts for one day in Jalalabad city, the event took place in the *Plant Quarantine and protective Directory of DAIL conference room close to FAO east region office Jalalabad*

The aim of this day event (International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environmental in war & Armed Conflict) was that to share the information about preventing the exploitation in war and armed conflict and to point out the effects on On-going 4 decades of war on our environment, to build the capacity of participants about the effects of war on environment and give information regard the ENMOD convention to the participant and It is an opportunity to take steps to reduce the collateral damage from conflicts and protect the natural resources that are so crucial for sustainable development , furthermore to have the ideas of participants about how we can prevent the exploitation of environment.

This day was first marked by the UN General Assembly declared November 6th as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in

War and Armed Conflict in year 2001. In addition to that, this day was celebrated by the environmental health Federation in Mali city of Malisha. Now this day celebrates everywhere in each year in most of the countries in the world.

The program began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Subsequently, Environmental Protection Director of Nangarhar Mr. Aminullah Yousafzai and other participants presented their statements on International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environmental in war &



Armed Conflict and their plans in Nangrahar province. The program agenda had three main sessions the first part allocated to governmental *authorities'* speeches, second part was technical part for presentation about International day for preventing the exploitation of the environment in war and armed conflicts and third part for open discussions and group work among Environmental Community Institutions (ECIs) and governmental/ provincial officials.

2. Program Participants

Future Generations Empowerment Organization (FGEO)/FGA organized one-day session for celebration of International day for preventing the exploitation of the environment in war and armed conflicts with the participation of governmental officials and environmental community institution members (ECI) in Jalalabad city other stockholders. The following are participants of the event.

1. Environmental Protection Director of Nangrahar Mr. Aminullah Yousafzai.
2. Environmental & Natural resources Expert in the Governor house Mr. S Ruhullah Pacha.
3. DAIL and municipality representatives.
4. Environmental Community Institution members.
5. NGOs representatives and civil society.
6. Nangrahar University lecturers, students.
7. FAO colleagues and Media.



3. First Session

3.1 Participants Statements

3.2 At the commencement of the event, Environmental Protection Director of Nangrahar **Mr. Aminullah Yousafzai** spoke and welcome, all participants of the event, beside he thanked FGA administration for organizing the event. He said that the National Environmental Protection Directorate of Nangrahar province have implemented a number of activities, as well as many programs in the field of public awareness, and have

a number of plans for the future as well. He also spoke round the effects of ongoing war on the environment from both national and international point of view and he described the negative effects of war on environment and said that the protection of the environment during war is responsibility of all of



involved sides in war. He stated that It has been four decades since we became victims of this horror, Our political, economic, commercial and cultural values are threatened, we are endangered by the environment, wars have robbed us of prosperity, national wealth, forest overhead land and mineral underground

Mr. Said Ruhullah Pacha provincial representative and province's expert in environmental affairs spoke and thanked all those who involve in such events, especially FGA administration for



gathering people together and delivering public awareness for the people of Nangraha, and Talk about the dangers and challenges of war. In addition, he expressed the hope that heightened public awareness, with particular attention to integrated bodies, could significantly change the idea of fighters and address the worst threats of war. He expressed his confidence in cooperating

with the Environmental Protection Directorate and related agencies on behalf of the provincial administration.

Other speakers of the events were, the director of DAIL Mr.Zamir Besoudi , FAO eastern region director Mr.Khoshal Asifi, Nangarhar musicality representative Mr. Shazada Halimzai. They all expressed their concerns about the adverse effects of war on the environment and strongly urged the battle involved sides to stop the war for protection of environment and people.



4. Second Session

4.1. Presentations

During the meeting, presentations on International day for preventing of environmental in war and armed conflict by FGEO. In addition, the main topics were:

1. General information regard wan and arm conflict in the world
2. The Theme of the day “Effect of war in the environment”
3. Distractions of the First and second world wars
3. War effects on living Environment
4. The history of international day for preventing of environmental in war and arm conflict
5. Protective measures During War and armed conflict
6. Recommendations for prevention of War and arm conflict



A view of presentation regard International day for preventing the exploitation of Environment and armed conflict

After presentation, technical team showed some short videos on international day for preventing the exploitation of environment in War and armed conflict to the participants.

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5. Third Session

5.1. Open discussions

Group work on international day for preventing the exploitation of environment:

A group work performed by participants about “current Environmental, Cultural and economic effects of war on our society” and what are the solutions for resolving these problems?, participants were divided into 2 groups and each of the groups wrote down their ideas about



the given problems in flipcharts and then one member of each group presented group work.

Each group express their concerns about current ongoing war in Afghanistan which it badly affected the environment, particularly considering the current socio-political and security situation. As well, as the public properties have been used and destroyed very carelessly by

war involved groups and fighters during war in instant most of our forests burnet and tries cut down houses buildings and roads were desperately destroyed, gardens, greenery and plants disappeared, water and air polluted, drought, Animal and plants happenings, destruction of cultivation resources. Etc.

Climate change, air and water pollution are very common issue and even we consider the pollution of voice environment at during war and arm conflict which impact on mind and psychological situation of hum. In addition, war and armed conflict caused the displacement migration of people form their homeland that caused deprivation and spread of multiple environmental disease, population instability, poverty, joblessness, unstable security and bad political circumstance are still the main challenges in this county. Each group were jointly collected their ideas and urged the battle involved sides to stop the war allover country. Moreover, they requested both sides to accept ongoing current reconciliation process to ensure the peace and stability. Both groups' members committed to work more to gather in order to overcome on war put behind effects and troubles and contribute for better living environment. Moreover, dedicated that will to try their best to work for the protection of common places value and protection of the environment.



The Banners of International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environmental in war & Armed Conflict.



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