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We Afghans Are All Bouazizi

By Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers

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Afghan youth are quietly encouraged by the Egyptian uprising because the people of Afghanistan want what the people of Egypt want.

We are all Bouazizi.

We want dignified livelihoods.

Dare any scientist prove to us that 30 years of wars and more to come will successfully bring us decent livelihoods? Dare any human being prove to us that mutual killings somehow bring men and women some measure of murderous dignity?

Aren't any of you curious about whether there are any 'stirrings of Middle East change' in Afghanistan?"

Are we Afghans so 'animal-like' that we are not capable of protesting for our bread and butter? Or is the world poised, in propagandic or silent complicity, to shoot any Afghan protester even before they take to the streets?

Why isn't there even an Afghan 'blip' in the mainstream news?

The publicity-hungry Al Jazeera is also not picking up any 'blip' from Afghanistan, perhaps not even asking the needed questions, not even pursuing leaks.

No one notices us, not even when 103 of us burn ourselves, far less when we are dead.

We are saddened by the inhumane 'oversight' from the general public and mainstream media of the world. We are puzzled that Nobel Peace Prize Winners have neglected to comment about the War in Afghanistan. Is it perhaps because their 2009 'fellow-winner-friend' Obama is the War Commander-in-Chief who is prosecuting War as the way to Peace. Do Nobel Peace Prize Winners approve of the approximately 2400 Afghan civilians killed in 2010 as just?

Come to Afghanistan, face ANY Afghan mother, and tell her that this is your justice.

We're convinced that those in Power do believe that killing Afghans brings peace.

And we understand that the rest of the world is too busy, too remote and too uninvolved in human tragedy to 'stir'. You would NEVER believe that this tragedy has strengthened our love for the non-violence seen clearly in our Egyptian friend Shereef and his People.

At least Wisconsin, and many other Middle Eastern places are stirring for themselves, so 'Go for it, People of Wisconsin, People of Tunisia & Egypt, People of Bahrain, People of Libya, we ordinary Afghans share your moral rage.'

Didn't we try to tell you? We are all Bouazizi.