

## **Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)**

### **Press release on the killing of the Afghan journalist Mr. Sultan Mohammad Munadi**

The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) strongly condemns the murder of Mr. Sultan Mohammad Munadi and calls for an urgent investigation into this incident, and the identification, arrest, and punishment of the perpetrators.

Although it is the duty of all parties to the conflict to protect the dignity and life of journalists, unfortunately several journalists have been killed only this year without its perpetrators being identified and punished. No doubt the killing of journalists is a violation of the right to life, a serious threat to freedom of speech, and an egregious violation of human rights.

There are many questions and ambiguities on how Mr. Sultan Mohammad Munadi was killed, which remain unclear and need to be seriously and comprehensively investigated. The AIHRC has started its probe into this incident and will inform the relevant authorities and the people of Afghanistan of the results once it is completed.

Expressing its sympathy to the family of the deceased and condemning the murder of Mr. Munadi, the AIHRC urges the government of Afghanistan, NATO command, and UN mission to conduct a serious and precise investigation in this regard, and to identify, arrest, and punish the perpetrators.

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