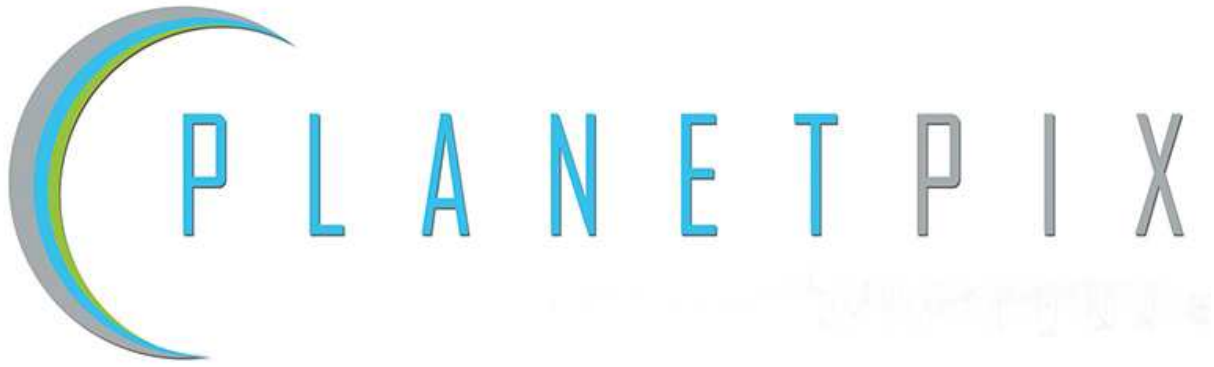


TURBULENCE

*The Tumultuous Journey of One Man's
Quest for Change in Afghanistan*

DR. NADIR ATASH

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PlanetPix Productions is pleased to enclose information about a riveting, newly published book for readers interested in the current political and cultural affairs in Afghanistan. Written by Dr. Nadir Atash, ***TURBULENCE –The Tumultuous Journey of One Man's Quest for Change in Afghanistan***, is a 230-page memoir available in paperback and e-book.

TURBULENCE provides over 50 years of personal insight into Afghanistan – starting in the 1950's when Afghans thought fondly of John F. Kennedy and America – to the subsequent Soviet war, the rise of the Taliban, and U.S. engagement following the attacks of 9/11 when Dr. Atash became an advisor to the Government of Afghanistan.

Through real life, chilling accounts, Dr. Atash exposes corruption in the Afghan government and provides insight on how the international community can improve its assistance. His quest for justice is a great inspirational tale, from which individuals and nations supporting the cause of freedom and democracy can learn.

Dr. Atash is currently available for interviews, to provide commentary on television or radio, or to serve as a speaker or panelist at Afghanistan-related events. Given the worldwide interest in Afghanistan, Dr. Atash can offer unique insights not being shared by “analysts,” who are cited as experts, but have little first-hand experience in Afghanistan. Dr. Atash can speak or comment about a broad range of issues related to Afghanistan including the role of the West, security, governance, education, economic development, the recent elections, and other topics. All this from the perspective that has not yet been heard—from an Afghan-American who has lived and traveled between Afghanistan and the U.S. for the past five decades.

If you have any questions, would like to set up an interview, or request Dr. Atash's participation in any events or media engagements, please e-mail your request to naz@planetpixproductions.com. We also invite you to visit the book's website at www.turbulencethebook.com. Thank you in advance for your interest.

FORMER AFGHAN OFFICIAL PROVIDES INSIGHTS ON GOVERNANCE IN AFGHANISTAN IN NEW BOOK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington D.C.- Former official in the Government of Afghanistan, Dr. Nadir Atash, has released a new book: ***TURBULENCE –The Tumultuous Journey of One Man's Quest for Change in Afghanistan***. The 230-page memoir details Atash's battle against corruption in post-9/11 Afghanistan and sheds light on what has led to the increased insurgency in the country. The story depicts the many journeys the self-made Afghan-American educator, entrepreneur, and philanthropist made throughout his life - from a carefree childhood in 1950's Kabul, as a foreign exchange and university student in the U.S. and Beirut, as an immigrant raising his young family in America following the Soviet invasion, to his ultimate return to Afghanistan after 9/11.

With no plan or knowledge of what he would face, Dr. Atash was one of the first Afghan-Americans to return to Kabul and witness the destruction wrought by over 20 years of war. He helped to rebuild schools, revitalize businesses, and promote democracy. After serving as an advisor to the Government of Afghanistan, Dr. Atash was asked to become an official as President of Ariana Airlines, the nation's primary airline carrier. It was then he began to see the dark world of dirty politics and shady business practices that existed behind the scenes. The more he stood up to corruption, the greater resistance he faced—not from the Taliban, but by individuals who stood to gain from insider deals.

Turbulence provides first-hand experiences of the challenges to good governance in a state weakened by conflict, corruption and narcotics. Dr. Atash's chronicles weave in and out of the cultural and political challenges he has faced, providing a view into the lives of people who have been affected by war. It also presents a rare and unflinching look at the cruel mafioso culture that has come to dominate Afghan politics in the post-Taliban years.

It has become apparent to nations with troops in Afghanistan that security cannot be achieved through military means alone. Dr. Atash's quest shows that with committed leadership, there is hope for positive change. As the outcome of the recent elections in Afghanistan is determined, this story provides for timely recommendations affecting the course of a nation.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Nadir Atash is a renowned Afghan-American educator, entrepreneur, activist, and author who has more than forty years of experience in education, business management, policy formulation, and development. Dr. Atash is an **expert on Afghanistan** who has witnessed firsthand the depths of the problems in the country. Based on his unique experience as a former government official, he offers solutions on what it will take to rebuild Afghanistan.

Dr. Atash left the U.S. shortly after 9/11 to serve as a volunteer in Afghanistan's reconstruction. He was the first **Chairman of the Board of the Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC)**, opening its first office in Kabul, Afghanistan and organizing its first conference in Kandahar. He served as a **Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Finance** in 2003-2004 and to the **Ministry of Transportation** from 2004-2005, and **President of Ariana Afghan Airlines** (2005-06). Dr. Atash is the founder of **Nooristan Foundation** (www.nooristanfoundation.org) and a founding member of the **Afghanistan Advocacy Group**, a network of professionals in the U.S. that provides advice to policy makers on development and security issues in Afghanistan.

Dr. Atash has appeared in U.S. and international media (**Reuters, BBC, The Washington Times, National Press Club, Al Jazeera, Voice of America, AFP** and much more), speaking on governance, democracy, private sector development, and education related to Afghanistan. He has participated at major international conferences on various topics.

Dr. Atash is also the author of **"TURBULENCE –The Tumultuous Journey of One Man's Quest for Change in Afghanistan."** The book is based on Dr. Atash's real life experiences working on education and economic development programs over four decades and provides insights on the realities of fighting corruption within Afghanistan's government after the fall of the Taliban. It includes recommendations that are timely given the Obama Administration's new strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan. "Turbulence" has been called "fascinating" ... "excellent" ... "bold" ... "crucial to understanding Afghanistan." It gives readers a gripping front-row seat to lawlessness

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and corruption in Afghanistan – and it lays out a sensible way forward for making the country stronger and more stable.

Dr. Atash received his **Ph.D.** (1982) in Educational Research, Statistics, and Measurement from **Florida State University** and his **M.A.** (1973) in **Science Education from Claremont Graduate School**, both on academic scholarship from UNESCO. He received his **B.S.** (1970) in Chemistry from **The American University of Beirut**, where he was the recipient of a USAID Academic Scholarship. He was the youngest recipient of the first scholarship program for Afghan students to study in the United States, completing his high school degree at East High School in Madison, Wisconsin in 1962.