

Saving Just One Afghan Woman

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I have been trying to save just one woman in Afghanistan. It is proving to be an unimaginably arduous task, one that has taken up nearly all my time, night and day, for more than a week; one in which I've involved at least twelve others in this one rescue mission.

My woman in Kabul is eminently qualified for a seat on an American military plane out of Taliban terrorist Hell. She has worked for an American university, and for a number of European NGOs and international agencies on behalf of women's health and women's rights. She has a degree in medical science and has lectured all over the country. She is known. Over there, she is a target; here, she will no doubt become a productive and assimilated Afghan-American.

Sadly, our departure from Afghanistan is Vietnam all over again.

We know what will happen next – it is already happening. There will be countless massacres, executions, Sharia-mandated amputations, and [purdah](#).

A 21-year-old woman [perpetrated a suicide attack](#) last week on the Kabul home of Afghanistan's acting defense minister, General Bismillah Khan Mohammedi, a former mujahideen commander "with a long record of fighting the Taliban." He was not at home at the time, but eight civilians, including women and children, were killed and 20 people were wounded.

The United States unwisely continued to trust promises made by the Taliban, and thus, forced the Afghan government to [has expanded the qualifications for visa status](#) to include

journalists, there is no plan to vet and get them out of Afghanistan and into the United States before Aug. 31. Journalists are high premium targets and the Taliban [would start with the women](#), especially with those who are educated and who have been fighting for women's rights in Herat, Kabul, Kandahar, and Mazar-i-Sharif.

I have been on email with this one women in Kabul both day and night. I [IPT](#).