

In Her Hands



A Netflix Feature Film

Zarifa Ghafari

Afghanistan's Youngest Female Mayor





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Zarifa Ghafari

- She was born in Kabul in 1994.
- She grew up with war all around and was hospitalized as a young girl due to a bomb blast.
- She attended university in India and returned home after earning her degree in economics.
- She became mayor of Maidan Shahr in 2018 at the age of 26.
- As a women's rights activist, she used her platform to inspire other women.



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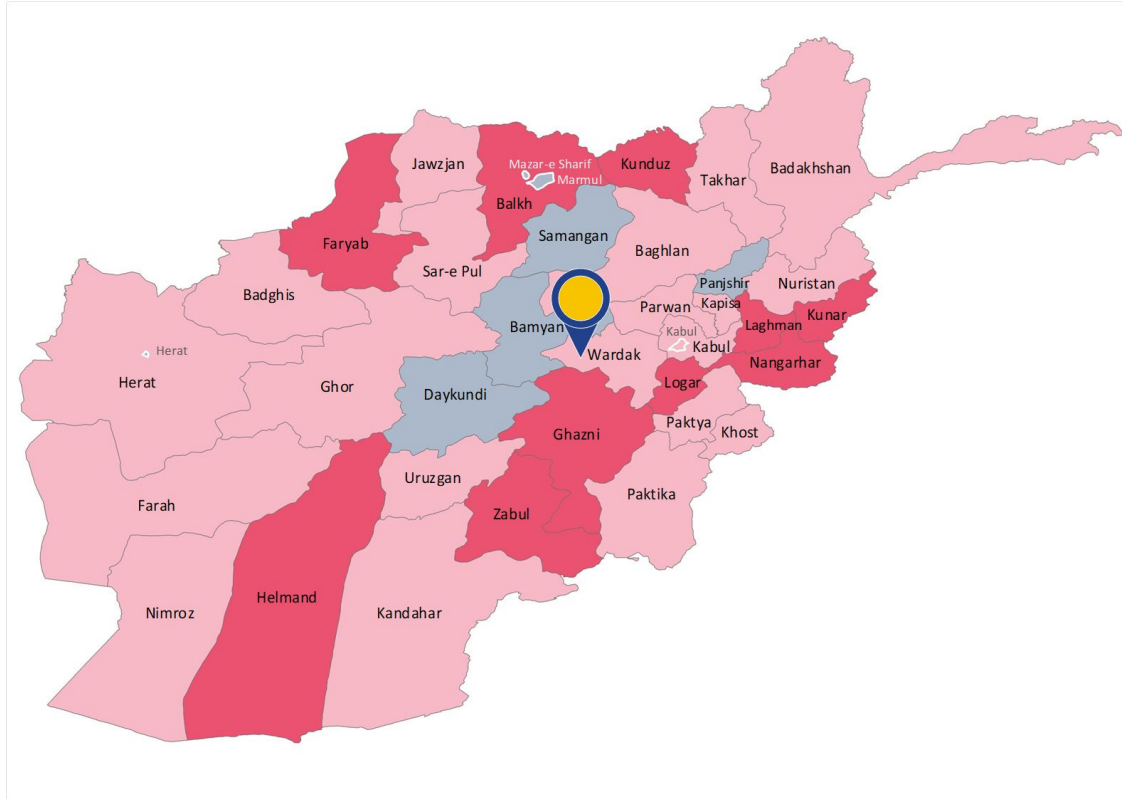
- Soon after becoming mayor, Zarifa faced numerous death threats from the Taliban. She survived three assassination attempts.
- As mayor, she introduced anti-litter campaigns as well as became a role model for the women around her.
- In 2020, she saw her father being murdered by gunman in front of their home.
- In 2021, Zarifa fled the country with her family after the Taliban took control of Afghanistan's government.

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Why do you think the Taliban was so against Zarifa Ghafari and wanted her removed?



Maidan Shahr



Conflict in Afghanistan

October-December

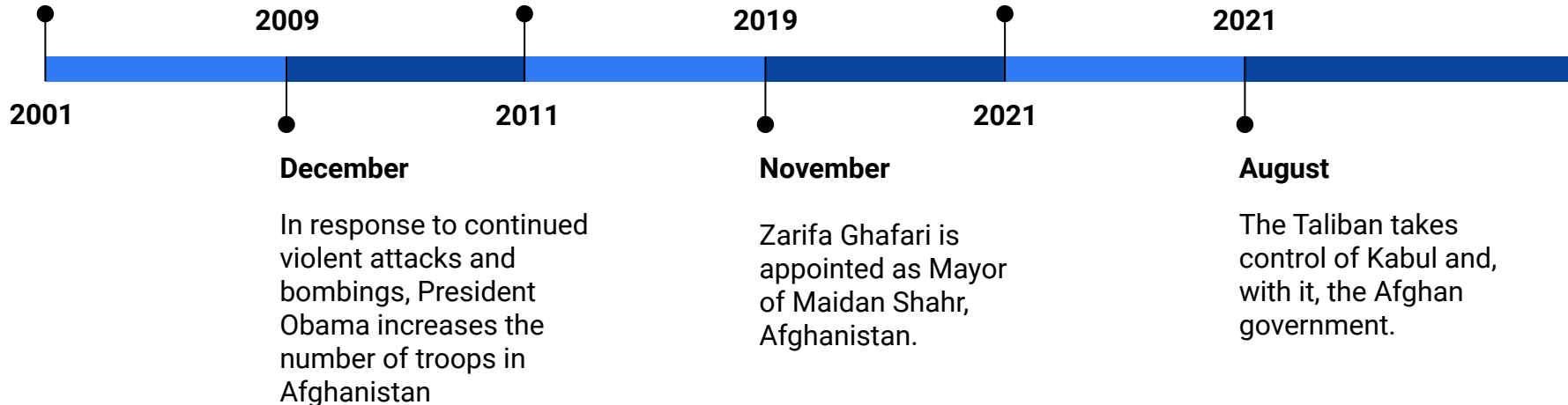
President Bush authorizes the bombing of Afghanistan in response to the 9/11 attacks. The Taliban collapses and Al-Qaeda retreats.

June

Pres. Obama agrees to withdraw a third of troops by 2012 due to political pressure; however, the relationship between the countries is hostile.

July

All U.S. forces withdraw from Afghanistan as a result of the Doha Agreement under the Trump administration.





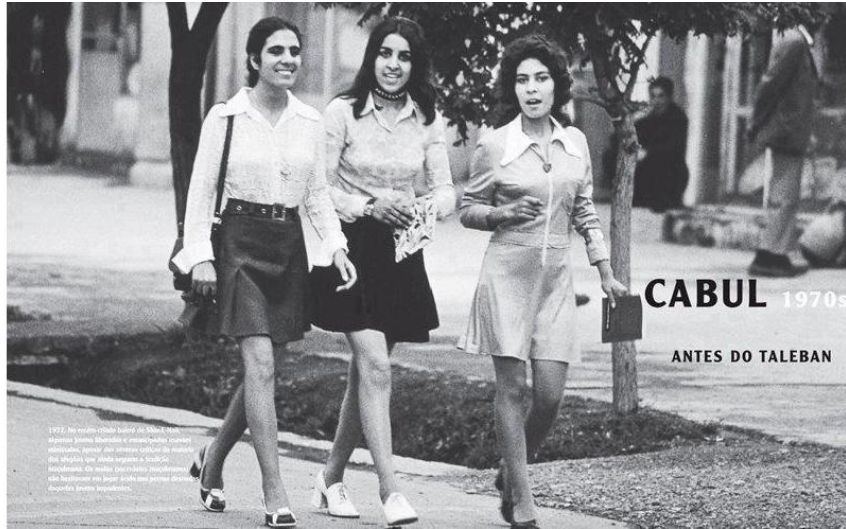
Can you think of anyone else who has advocated for women's rights despite threats of violence and death?



Women's Rights Under the Taliban



Women's Rights





In what ways is the Taliban violating human rights?

