

In the name of God.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Congress. Good morning! Thank you for inviting us to the house of the American people.

For 20 years this house supported the people of Afghanistan, our people. We built a new society with your help, where for the first time, girls were educated across the country, and women were treated with equality. A new generation grew up with the hope that this time it would be different, and Afghanistan would take its rightful place among the family of free democratic nations.

It was not to be. That hope was cruelly extinguished. But we remember how in the hard times when cowards turned tail and made a deal with our enemies, it was you, members of congress, who supported the efforts of your brave servicemen and women, who saved thousands of Afghan lives in the face of certain death as the country collapsed. On behalf of the people of Afghanistan, I thank you. We will remember this for the rest of our days.

Twenty years after 9/11, Afghanistan fell back into the hands of the terrorists who were the very reason of 9/11 at the first place.

The consequences for the region and the world are grave as we can see the recent unfortunate events in middle east. My friend and comrade Koshal Saadat will talk about how China has stepped in to seize our oil, gas and lithium when America departed.

I want to focus on the serious terrorist threat that Taliban now poses. Some 16,000 al-Qaeda terrorists are now training in our country. Their leader moves freely between Afghanistan and Iran. Former American bases close to Kandahar airport is full of foreign fighters, training as suicide bombers. They are so embedded into the Afghan system that the Taliban ministry of defense uses an al-Qaeda training manual for its troops. And it is not just al-Qaeda. Afghanistan is now the hub for dozens of terrorist groups, TTP who now wage war on Pakistan, IMU, Ansarullah and ETIM who are training to take on our Central Asian neighbors as well as the wider world. With Taliban in power terrorism has now time, space and inspiration that were denied by US and Afghan military. Taliban now opened hundreds of religious schools to brain wash children and prepare them for overseas suicide operations.

We are not going to let it happen. We are organizing now to recover our country – united under one flag, inclusive of all minorities, and governed under a constitution by a government chosen by the people. We have set up a political movement, the Afghanistan United Front, to show our resolve in wanting a legitimate government in Afghanistan. We will set up that government peacefully, through negotiations if possible. Let the Taliban stand for elections. But if they will not talk to allow elections to happen, then force will be the last resort.

You will ask if this is realistic, I was commanding on the ground in Helmand where my troops were fighting to the end while the rest of the country collapsed. There was no lack of resolve or courage among Afghan or US warriors. US and Afghan military were defeated by failed policy of successive governments not by actions of foes. There is no way Taliban could have defeated us, in the past 20 years we lost zero battles. In the name of peace both Afghan and

US political masters put us on our knees to give peace a chance and then stabbed us from behind.

The Taliban ignored their side of the Doha deal, they did not cut their links with al-Qaeda and they moved into space. But despite this failure on their part to stick to the terms of the deal, President Biden still went ahead with the withdrawal, leading to the chaos of the collapse of our country. It was a betrayal not only of Afghan hopes, but of the sacrifice of the over 6000 Americans who died for our freedom.

I know what this loss means. Some of those brave warriors fell or were wounded when on operations with me. To this day I remember every moment and feel the pain to my bones, And I say to you now – that I would be betraying that sacrifice if I did not attempt to recover the land where they bled to their death. I know we can not go back in the past to change what has happened but we can change the future what is to come to us all and that's what we will focus.

We will fight again; we are not asking American boots on the ground alongside us. We are asking for your moral and political support. Including curbing support from US government to Taliban.

Stepping up to politics of today there is two major challenge ahead of us, uniting a divided Afghan opposition and uniting a polarized region in south-central Asia. It could be a chance, a new start amongst us the Afghans and working with our region include some of those we rivaled in the past.

In our history like other nations we have seen tough times and invasions but we always came back together and this time also can and we will rebuild a free Afghanistan again, making the Taliban rule a brief interruption in the history of our nation. We are ready for the great sacrifice. We will once again be one free nation under God.