

AFGHANS WILL BE ABANDONED BY TRUDEAU DUE TO INCOMPETENCE AND DISINTEREST

Afghan civilians who worked with our soldiers are veterans who served our country, but are now at the mercy of the merciless Taliban.

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The unfolding crisis in Kabul is tragic on so many levels, many out of control of Canada. However, the cries of the civilians who worked with our troops as translators or other roles, or those who worked for NGOs in Afghanistan were ignored by our government and the opportunity to offer them safe haven may have been missed.

Many Afghans risked their lives and those of their families to work alongside our soldiers during the war. They have been asking for safe passage for years. They are not immigrants or even refugees. They are essentially 'veterans' who served our country with bravery and distinction.

The issue is not if the war was a just war, or if it was or was not in Canada's interests from the start, or as it evolved. The issue is not that fact that the immediate crisis was not caused by Canada, but by the error of US President Biden to precipitously withdraw according to a rigid timetable and with complete incompetence in withdrawing troops without first evacuating vulnerable civilians and shipping weapons out.

Successive Canadian governments going back to our 2014 withdrawal under the Tories put up many restrictions to the resettlement of these brave people and made it impossible for families who would be butchered by the Taliban to come to Canada. We have had seven years to do this. Then, over the past few months as the US departure neared, efforts could have been increased, but despite the whole world knowing that the country was going to be abandoned to the Taliban this month, our government has been caught unprepared. The news reports from Kabul are shocking as we hear that Canadian soldiers are not allowed to listen to or help these people. We are saying "Too bad, so sad, have a nice life" when we should be saying "Thank you for your service".

Everything must be done to rescue our Afghan allies and offer them a place in Canada.

Trudeau offers only his usual thoughts and prayers, but the entire history of his policies towards veterans has been shameful as was that of the previous Tory government which canceled Veterans Pensions in 2006. This betrayal of our 'Afghan vets' is therefore not unexpected. The People's Party of Canada Election Platform on Pensions offers the strongest support for our veterans of any party.