

Mr. Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Former Afghan Minister of Interior

Mr. Mohammad Haneef Atmar served as one of Afghanistan's leading Ministers during his terms in office as the Minister of Interior (2008-2010), Minister of Education (2006-2008) and as Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (2002-2006). In his role as a member of the Presidential Oversight Committee, Mr. Atmar played a key role in directing the formulation of the Afghanistan National Development Strategy. He was one of the youngest members of the cabinet and became a thought leader in shaping numerous development, education and security policies and programs for Afghanistan.

Since 2010, Mr. Atmar has been engaged as a high level advisor to international organizations in Afghanistan and has been deeply involved in Afghanistan's ongoing political developments and security transition. In this role, he has emerged as one of Afghanistan's most articulate voices for progressive change, conflict resolution and accelerated development. Mr. Atmar holds advanced degrees in Public Policy and Information Technology from the University of York and has written and spoken extensively on security, peace-building, politics, humanitarian aid and the role of non-governmental organizations.

Mr. Atmar has authored several books, including "Development of Non-Governmental Organizations in Developing Countries" and "From Rhetoric to Reality: The Role of Aid in Local Peacebuilding in Afghanistan," both published in the UK. He has also authored books entitled, "Humanitarian Aid, War and Peace in Afghanistan: What to Learn?", "Afghanistan or a Stray War in Afghanistan" and "Politics and Humanitarian Aid in Afghanistan and its Aftermath for the People of Afghanistan." Fluent in Dari, Pashto, English and Urdu, Mr. Atmar has also written numerous analytical articles on humanitarian aid in the rehabilitation of Afghanistan.