Malalai Joya was an elected representative to the December 2003 Loya Jirga (Grand Council) convention in Kabul to create Afghanistan’s new constitution. At that meeting she stood up to denounce the prominent presence of warlords in the constitutional process. Despite death threats, she went on to be elected from her native Farah province to the Wolusi Jirga, the House of Representatives of the new Afghan parliament. She has continued her vocal public opposition to the participation of armed factions in Afghanistan’s political institutions. Since 1998, Malalai Joya has worked in Afghanistan as a social worker establishing orphanages & health clinics.

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