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Soraya Sarhaddi Nelson is the bureau chief for NPR's bureau in Afghanistan. She covers stories that give listeners a better sense of life inside Afghanistan, from the increase in suicides among women in a tribal society that sees them as second class citizens, to the growing interference of Iran and Pakistan in Afghan affairs and the impact of Western policies in the region. Her reports can be heard on NPR's award-winning programs including *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, and *Weekend Edition*.

Nelson came to NPR in 2006, after spending more than two decades as a newspaper reporter. She served as Knight Ridder's Middle East Bureau Chief from 2002 to 2005 and spent many months in Iraq. Prior to that, she was a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, and was sent on extended assignment in Iran and Afghanistan following Sept. 11.

More recently, Nelson worked with the *Orange County Register* covering Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Nelson also spent three years as an editor and reporter for *Newsday* and was part of the team that won the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for covering the crash of TWA flight 800.



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