SJSU Afghans open up about homeland

By Amani Hamed

Safia Nekrawesh, a San Jose State political science junior, is an Afghan who has never seen Afghanistan.

Nekrawesh lives in an area of Fremont known as "Little Kabul" where she said she’s surrounded by Afghan culture that’s imported to California by Afghans like her parents, who came in the late 1970s.

Fremont is one of the largest Afghan communities in the U.S. and more than 60,000 Afghan people live in California, with most of them concentrated in the Bay Area, according to an August 21 San Francisco Chronicle article.

She said her parents fled from Afghanistan as refugees in the '70s after a Soviet-backed communist coup began nearly 45 years of war and turmoil.

Afghan communism, supported by Soviet soldiers, killed Afghan President Mohammad Daoud Khan which led to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the torture and execution of hundreds of civilans in the 1980s coup, better known as the Soviet Revolution, according to an Oct. 2001 article from Human Rights Watch.

Human Rights Watch is a non-governmental international organization that investigates human rights abuses globally, according to its website.

“As soon as I moved back to Fremont [from Yuba City]... I just felt like I was part of this really beautiful community. I felt more open and honest about my culture,” Nekrawesh said.

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She said she credits her parents for creating a life of privilege in Little Kabul.

“Immediately from my parents’ always being so open and honest about my culture,” Nekrawesh said.

In the same article, Darwan said she was threatened by the Taliban when she interviewed Taliban members at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border and trained other women journalists in the field.

Some of the journalists Kazem-Stojanovic trained are members of the Shia religion and Hazara ethnic minorities. The Taliban, acting as Sunni Muslims, says Shia aren’t really Muslim and Hazara aren’t really Afghan.

Human rights activist Amani Hamed.

Kazem-Stojanovic, 28, said she moved to Fremont in the late '70s.

She said she feels survivor’s guilt and wants to use her privilege to help Afghans in Afghanistan who are facing war and terrorism.

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The US military is helping to train and support civilan aid workers, according to the Doha Agreement.

According to the same Los Angeles Times article.

“Challenge yourself to learn something about Afghanistan. Learn something about Muslims beliefs and culture. Learn something about the diversity of those beliefs, the diversity of those peoples, the diversity of those places,” Armaline said.

The post-three decades of war and disorder have had a devastating impact on the Afghan people,” stated members from the Afghan Civil Society Forum and Association for the Defence of Women’s Rights in an Oxfam International report titled “The Cost of War.” According to its website, Oxfam International is an organization working to end global poverty.

“Millions have been killed, millions more have been forced to flee their homes and the country’s infrastructure and forests have all but been destroyed,” the November 2008 report authors said. “The social fabric of the country is frayed and state institutions are fragile and weak.”

“Counterterrorism is a false pretext,” said Khaled Hashimi, a human rights activist who was imprisoned for being an intellectual and imprisoned for being an intellectual and affiliated with the university.

The war is just about my age,” Kazem-Stojanovic said in a video interview.

Since 2001, terrorism from Saudi Arabia and several other Arab countries have_PICK_TRUE_ into Afghanistan and Pakistan.

“Our goal was to create stability and peace in Afghanistan, but to gain revenue for private military contractors,” said San Francisco Chronicle.

“All U.S. military forces include its allies and Coalition partners including all non-diplomatic civilian personnel, private security contractors, trainees, advisors and supporting services personnel, according to the Doha Agreement.

“This is not just about the politics or the economic benefit to us. ‘Are you kidding me? There’s so much work to be done. This is a perfect place to start. ’”

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Afghanistan became a country caught between U.S. and communist Soviet empires warring for political and control of a society based on the Arab Peninsula and the former Soviet states, now Iran.

A country b razing with natural wealth, opium fields and the potential for unlimited monetary growth through malignities, Afghanistan al most entirely produced citizens were helped when they came to the U.S.

In addition to the potential human rights abuses facing the Hazara and Shia minorities, many are concerned that women who were able to send their children to work or public office have lost an education in the last 20 years as well again fall victim to the Taliban ideology.

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The mandate also sharply limits on website to support Afghan people including fundraising efforts to help displaced Afghan families and emergency aid for victims of Taliban attacks.

“The military industrial complex is not concerned with the rights of women, I say that with all of my heart,” Armaline said in a photo interview.

Armaline and Kazem-Stojanovic said the U.S. government’s aim was never to create stability and peace in Afghanistan, but to gain revenue for private military contractors.

Private military contractors have made $100 billion in Afghanistan since 2007, according to a 2017 Business Insider report.

Business Insider is a U.S. media company that publishes financial news, according to its website.

Armaline said those contractors have received large amounts of the $2 trillion the U.S. government spent on Afghanis tani military occupation.

Armaline said U.S. culture must shift away from xenophobia and the skeptical judgement of government, media and intelligence agencies’ intentions in order to stop militant’s cycle of profit.

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