

Speech MAPA Activists Global Strike 25.03.22 #PeopleNotProfit

Viktoriya from Fridays For Future Ukraine

My name is Viktoriya and I'm an activist with FFF Ukraine. My Ukrainian grandparents are survivors of countless consequences of ignorant and power-hungry regimes. As children they survived the Second World War, as adults the 1986 evacuation of Chernobyl after the nuclear disaster, and now at age 80 they have just fled their home country. And despite the horror of hiding from missile strikes in their bathroom day to day and the heartache they lived through again and again, this is nothing compared to the compounded suffering of millions in this war. And the war in Afghanistan, the violence in Sudan, in South Sudan, the conflict in Palestine, the war in Yemen.

When will global leaders recognise that these conflicts and the refugee crises they cause are not just some statistics of people caught up amid the political games of superpowers? Is a world fractured by greed for power and resources what they want their children to inherit? How can we build a better world, when every day our people are killed or lawlessly imprisoned for demanding the simple right to peace and democracy? Today we are on the streets for the people who cannot be on the streets with us. For the people, not blood-tainted profit-makers!

Ahmad from Fridays For Future Afghanistan:

Hello everyone, It's Ahmad and I'm a 24 years old Afghan Climate and Human right activist and Freelancer Photographer. In 2018, I became a FFF member and climate activist.

We had so many plans in Fridays For Future Afghanistan, however, as we all know everything is complicated with politics and now everyone knows about the situation in Afghanistan and what happened. Thanks to Fridays For Future Activists in Risk Zones, 15 climate activists and I were evacuated to Germany. Since I arrived here I can't stop thinking about my family and other climate activists who are still in Afghanistan. It is not clear what will happen after one hour there, everything is in the Taliban's hand. They are killing innocent people. Since I arrived in Germany, I have lost one of my cousins, 2 very good friends, my best friend. My cousin got killed in a horrific way, and no one could do anything. I lost my best friend. I can't stand it anymore. Put yourself in my shoes. What would you do?

Because of the activists we had in my family, I can't sleep at night and I can't do anything about it. Even outside war, I can't sleep in peace. Please help us, thank you!