



Samim Faramarz

Journalist

Date of Birth: 1990

Date of Death: 2018

Site of the Incident: Kabul

Person/Group Responsible for the Incident: ISIS

Life and Education

According to Tolo News, Samim Faramarz, born in Kabul, graduated from the Afghan-Turk High School in 2009. He was proficient in five languages and always sought the truth in Afghanistan with his unique perspective on events. As reported by Etilaat Roz, one of his friends shared that he scored 320 points and was accepted into the Faculty of Literature at Herat University, which was his first choice: "It was a matter of curiosity for everyone why he chose literature with such a high score. One day he told me that his family wanted him to study a field with good job prospects, but he himself wanted to study literature." According to this friend, Faramarz left his studies incomplete after receiving a scholarship to Kazakhstan and graduated with a degree in journalism from Al-Farabi University in Kazakhstan in 2015.

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On the evening of September 5, 2018, Samim Faramarz was covering a suicide attack in the Dasht-e-Barchi area of Kabul with a colleague when he was killed by an explosion attributed to explosives planted in a vehicle.

Activities

As Tolo News reports, Faramarz joined this news network nearly three years before he lost his life in the incident. The source also adds that Faramarz was one of the most exceptional journalists at this network and displayed his unique qualities through the reports he prepared during his work. Tolo News writes, "Faramarz occasionally extended his work beyond the borders of the country. In 2017, he traveled to Bangladesh and produced a documentary about the displaced people from the Myanmar wars. His last special report was about insecurity in the Khak Jabbar district and the Taliban's influence in this part of Kabul; however, his final incomplete news report covered the suicide attack that occurred on the evening of September 5, 2018, in Dasht-e-Barchi, Kabul."

Tolo News also notes: 'Faramarz's passions included music, cinema, sports, and poetry, and he consistently tried to carve out moments in any situation to indulge in these passions.'

Memories and Quotes

In a report by Tolo News, Shabir Ahmadi, a close friend and colleague of Samim Faramarz at Tolo News, said: "No one was as peaceful as he was; I had never seen anyone like Samim who was so opposed to violence, yet he himself became a victim of that violence. Samim approached his work with great integrity, and it was widely recognized that he did so with honesty and passion. Etilaat Roz also quoted another friend of Samim Faramarz: "At that age, he was a complete perfectionist. Samim was talented and unpretentious, an individualist, cheerful, energetic, but taciturn. He had such serenity that I only found that level of peace in children."

Photos / Notes

Months before he lost his life, Faramarz shared a post on his Facebook about the terrorist incidents.



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Translation of the Facebook Post: Someone has asked who is happier; those who lose their lives in terrorist incidents and leave this world, or those who survive and witness these atrocities with their own eyes?

Samim Faramarz, moments before being killed, was reporting live on a suicide attack.



Aspirations and Goals

According to Etilaat Roz, Faramarz had a strong interest in social issues and consistently aimed to positively impact people's living conditions through his work. The report also mentions that he constantly had the ambition to pursue a master's degree. His friends stated that if the second terrorist incident had not occurred that night and Faramarz had survived, he would travel to Kazakhstan a few days after reporting the suicide attack to bring his educational documents and continue his studies at an American university.

Reactions to the Incident

In response to the tragic killing of journalist Samim Faramarz, the Journalists' Safety Committee expressed serious concern, labeling the situation as alarming and highlighting its potential impact on journalists' operations. Sadiqullah Tawhidi, who oversaw the advocacy section of the committee, noted: “We believe that the second attack was targeted against journalists to foster an atmosphere of fear among both the public and journalists, which can have very negative psychological effects”.

Additionally, Saad Mohseni, the head of Moby Group, released a statement describing the passing of Samim Faramarz and his colleague Ramiz Ahmadi as a profound loss for the journalism community.

Links

Here are some of the links to the news about the assassination of Samim Faramarz:

1. Tolo News Report

<https://tolonews.com/fa/afghanistan/%D8%B5%D9%85%DB%8C%D9%85%D9%81%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%B2%D8%9B%D8%A7%D8%B2%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%B1%D9%86%DA%AF%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA%D8%AB%D9%86%D8%A7%DB%8C%DB%8C%D8%B7%D9%84%D9%88%D8%B9%E2%80%8C%D9%86%DB%8C%D9%88%D8%B2%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%AD%D9%85%D9%84%DB%80%D8%AF%DB%8C%D8%B1%D9%88%D8%B2-%D8%AC%D8%A7%D9%86%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%AE%D8%AA>

2. Etelaat Roz Report

<https://www.etilaatroz.com/65344/%D8%B5%D9%85%DB%8C%D9%85%D8%9B-%D8%B5%D8%AF%D8%A7%DB%8C-%D9%81%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%B2%DB%8C-%DA%A9%D9%87-%D8%AE%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B4-%D8%B4%D8%AF/>

3. Da Azadi Radio Report

<https://da.azadiradio.com/a/29473864.html>