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I just spoke to Ahmad Zia Langari, one of the (nine) commissioners at the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) and delivered the five bullets below, as well as the supplemental, sixth bullet ("Should the AIHRC indicate they have reports of abuse, why have such reports not been communicated to GoC as per the arrangement?").

Langari said that the AIHRC has faced problems of access to NDS facilities. As a result, the commission is unable to monitor the condition of detainees, as per their agreements with the Canadians, Dutch and others. Langari said that Dr. Sima Samar, the AIHRC chair, raised this issue about 9 days ago with President Karzai. The president subsequently set up a meeting between Dr. Samar and NDS chair Amrullah Saleh. However, according to Langari, the access problem has still not gone away.

Separately, the issue was raised yesterday at the Human Rights Forum, which Catherine attended. The deputy AIHRC chair, Ahmad Fahim Hakim, reported that, as follow up to the Samar-Saleh meeting, he met with the Legal Advisor of NDS to request enhanced access to NDS facilities. However, if this does not result in improved access, AIHRC may ask Canada, Netherlands, UK and others jointly to demarche NDS.

Finally, I have had a request in since April 17 to meet with Saleh on i) general detainee-handling issues and ii) Glyn Berry. Saleh was away but returned to Kabul today. We are still awaiting confirmation of the appointment.

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Globe & Mail articles of today re: detainees inserted below. As discussed, grateful you make formal demarche with the Afghan authorities and the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission



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