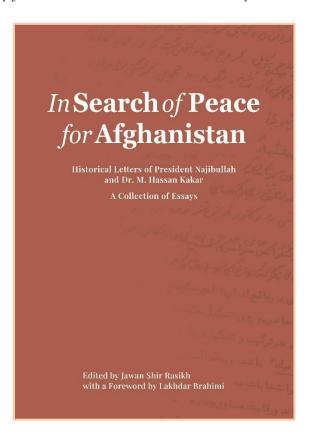




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In Search of Peace for Afghanistan: Historical Letters of President Najibullah and Dr. M. Hassan Kakar A Collection of Essays

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In Search of Peace for Afghanistan is edited by Jawan Shir Rasikh with a Foreword by Lakhdar Brahimi. This volume is a collection of 22 essays on pasts and presents of war and peace making in contemporary Afghanistan. The volume was inspired originally by the discovery in 2019 of historical letters of President Najibullah and historian M. Hassan Kakar. In the correspondence, exchanged in 1990, Najibullah and Kakar speak candidly about hopes and desires of the Afghan people for peace, about plans to bring peace to Afghanistan, and about actors, factors, and obstacles vis-à-vis the states of war and peace, then in post-Soviet Afghanistan.





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