

Province: Nangarhar

Occupation:

I live in Ghazni province, I am from Nangarhar, and my husband is from Khokiani of Laghman, and we are strangers to each other, not a relative. When there was a state of war, we went to Ghazni and there we tied a relationship with the Sikhs of Ghazni and got a bride for our son from Ghazni. My daughters are in other countries, one is engaged in London and the other in Holland. My daughter's husband, who is in London, was martyred in Ukraine. One of my sons is in India and my other two sons live with me in Canada. When we were in Afghanistan, everything was different and we celebrated every happiness with great enthusiasm, like Visaki, and we invited Muslim people as guests, including the leaders and Parliamentarians, and they helped us in celebrating Visaki. They took care of us like a brother and even surrounded us in Nangarhar Sultan Pul, so that we could celebrate VisaKi with a calm mind. And we celebrated Vesaki for three days, like Eid festive, and whatever we prepared, Muslims would eat it, and their females would sit among us. On Eids, we gave gifts to our Muslim brothers, yes, we did not do this for female and were not giving it to women.

In Canada, we also celebrate Visaki, but most of the Sikhs there are from India, from Punjab, and they are different from us Afghans.

Where did you go to school?

I did not go to school and we studied in Gurdwara. Our children went to school and lost. There was a time when all the schools were closed due to security, although, the government had arranged schools for our children and teachers were to be appointed, but due to the security situation, the schools were closed in 2010. After that, our children studied in Daramsal, and to learn more, other Muslim teachers came to teach as well.

Which languages do you speak and which languages do you know?

We can speak the national languages of Afghanistan and among the Sikhs, normally, I speak Pashto and Hinko.

How were the people's attitude towards you? How happy are you with the people who lived in the same area as you?

We used to live together and could go to each other houses and life was spent happily.

Which foods do you eat and which not?

At home, we can eat all kinds of food, but we are not allowed to eat meat during funeral (Fatiha) and Daramsal.

Will you return to Kabul if it is safe?

Yes, it's difficult for us here, starting from language to going out of the house and going to the doctor. I will never be happy here.