

# INTERNATIONAL VISITORS COUNCIL, INC.



## Afghanistan

### Participant

**Mr. Mohammad Rahim ALIYAR**,  
Governor of Bamiyan  
Province

**Ms. Fauzia Farzad**  
Interpreter

## Rule of Law

**March 2-5, 2004**

Mr. Aliyar is a governor in the Afghan province of Bamiyan who will be visiting the Central Ohio region March 2- 5. His US Department of State sponsored visit, being coordinated locally by the International Visitors Council, Inc. and nationally by Meridian International Center, will include meetings with many legal and government institutions, which will provide him with insight into a working democracy.

A major purpose of this visit is to expose the Governor to good governance procedures, the rule of law, and democracy and human rights. The leading stabilizing influence in his province, the Governor directs the police and the courts, catalyzes economic development, smoothes relations between ethnic groups, and assures proper election procedures. As chief of Bamiyan's ministerial cabinet, he is the ultimate arbitrator among the various ministries.

### Program Objectives:

- ♦ observe a free and fair electoral system;
- ♦ learn about effective, productive approaches to public administration;
- ♦ observe programs that minimize partisanship and promote mutual respect and tolerance;
- ♦ discuss concepts of proper legal and law enforcement procedures;
- ♦ observe programs that promote human rights and women's rights;
- ♦ meet counterparts in several US states and have discussions with them and their staffs.

### Welcome Reception

International Visitors Council Inc.,  
OSU-Office of International Affairs and  
OSU-International Institute for Democracy  
will host a reception for the Governor on  
**Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 6:00 pm.**  
Dr. Alam Payind, Director of the Middle East  
Studies Institute at OSU  
will deliver a keynote address.  
Please call (614) 225-9057 for more  
information.

### Tentative Itinerary

Ohio Attorney General's  
Office

Ohio Supreme Court and  
Judicial College

Ohio Department of  
Human Services

Ohio Civil Rights  
Commission

Ohio Commission on  
Dispute Resolution and  
Conflict Management

Ohio Peace Officers  
Training Academy

Ohio Department of  
Youth Services

Ohio State University

IVC's mission is to build partnerships between Central Ohioans and citizens of other countries that strengthen democratic ideals, encourage economic development, and promote cultural understanding through the exchange of ideas and knowledge.

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