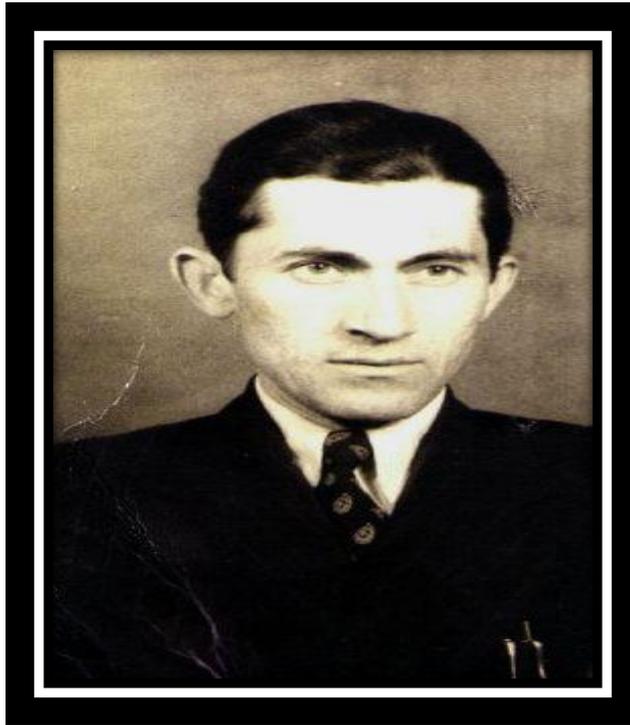


A Proud Member of the
National Progressive Movement
"Weesh Zalmiyan"
(Awakened Youth)



Mohammad Noor Khan Alam

1908 - 2006

Mohammad Noor Khan (1908-2006) was born in Kandahar, went to school in Kabul where King Amanullah recognized his unusual mind (he had photographic memory and exceptional perceptive ability). After graduation, he was appointed at the Ministry of Defense in the civilian branch to help in economic development underway in Afghanistan, which had started in the Middle East with the Atta Turk era in Turkey and progressive movements elsewhere.

He was a founding member of the Weesh Zalmiyan, an enlightened political movement to help Afghanistan become more secular and susceptible to modernization. However, once the intellectual freedom was tasted, the light could not be stopped. The movement started asking for Constitutional Monarchy, patterned after the British system.

Some of the leaders of the movement were thrown in jail (among them Muhammad Rasul Pashtoon) and kept there under solitary confinement. Mr. Noor was placed under house arrest for two years and blacklisted (similar to ex-communication under the old Catholicism). After two years, with the intervention of General Mohammad Alam (one of Mr. Noor friends), Mr. Noor was reconciled with the Prime Minister, Shah Mahmood at a garden party in Wardak (Shah Mahmood allowed Mr. Noor to be brought from his house). When Mr. Pashtoon was released from prison, Mr. Noor accommodated him for 2-3 months until Mr. Pashtoon became a successful attorney helping many people abused by the justice system.

Noor started working in the private sector and became a successful attorney, while being the executive/board chair of an international transportation company, helper of the poor and reconciler of various interests, serving Afghanistan under free enterprise system until the Communist coup in 1978 when he was imprisoned then put under house arrest. He was able to migrate to Canada after the Soviet supported system failed to keep tabs on political dissenters. Noor lived in Canada until the end of his life, 2006.

His closest friends were the founders of the Weesh Zalmiyan: Mohammad Rasul Pashtoon, Abdul Raouf Benawa, Abdul Shukur Rashad, Abdul Hai Habibi, Maiwandwal, Musa Shafik, and lesser-known ones. They continued contact until they were imprisoned, killed, and/or scattered after 1978.

He is survived by 14 children who live in the US and Canada, all productive taxpayers, and progressive-minded.