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1. Empower Women if You Want Peace



Prof. Dr Mira Phailbus, caretaker minister of Education, Punjab, Pakistan recently spoke at the national seminar titled "Factors enhancing the status of women in Pakistan." The seminar which was held in March was organised by the **Pakistan Women's Foundation for Peace.**

"Stressing on the need to educate women, Dr Phailbus explained that an uneducated wife or mother gives birth to a terrorist, which can be controlled if the government realises that education should be their topmost priority."

Read the whole article at the link below.

Link: <http://www.thenews.com.pk/print1.asp?id=100419>

2. Afghan Female Photojournalist

Farzana Wahidy is one of the few female Afghan photojournalists in the world. "Born in Kabul, the 23-year-old is one of the few female photojournalists in Afghanistan. And even six years

after she picked up her first camera, Ms. Wahidy says she still hears the grunts of disapproval or feels the sticks that are thrown at her, the sentiment that comes with being a female photojournalist in a male-dominated profession, and in a country where women are not seen as equals." From <http://tinyurl.com/4vwenx>

"Every picture that came out of Afghanistan, they were mostly taken by men and foreign photojournalists." And most were pictures of bloodshed, she says. "So I thought that could be something for me to do, show a picture of what Afghanistan is. I like pictures that show the difficulty of the lives of women, their daily lives."

For more informations read this article in the [Ottawa Citizen](#).

Read a short interview with Ms. Wahidy [here](#).

[See some of her work.](#)

[Voices on the Rise: Afghan Women Making the News](#) is a traveling photographic exhibition which includes Ms. Wahidy's work. You'll find amazing stories of women's suffering and courage here.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/4vwenx>

3. Short Creek's Long Legacy

Slate writer Neil J. Young takes a look at the history that shaped the April raid on the polygamist YFZ Ranch in Texas. Fifty-five years ago a similar raid in Arizona ended with the empowerment of the polygamists when they managed to turn public opinion in their favor. Female members of the sect suffered as the leaders became more secretive about sexual abuse, more restrictive on the acceptable activities of females and more focused

on the only path to salvation available to women in this cult: early and frequent reproduction.

Read the article below for more information and pick up a copy of Jon Krakauer's shocking book [Under the Banner of Heaven](#) if you have not already read it.

Link: http://www.slate.com/id/2189274/pagenum/all/#page_start

4. Feminists Never Burned Bras!

According to Claudine Zap of the **Huffington Post**, "bra-burner" was a snappy journalistic label, not a flaming reality.

Check out the article at **Alternet** below.

Link: <http://www.alternet.org/blogs/peek/81061>

5. May Site of the Month

[Womenstake.org](#) is the blog of the National Women's Law Center. Popular topics include Child Care, Education, Emergency Contraception, Employment, Women's Health, Poverty, Inequality and Title IX.

Be sure to check out their blogroll too. They link to blogs of powerful and instructive women's organizations.

Link: <http://nwlc.blogs.com/womenstake/>

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