

# IN MEMORIAM Helmand Province Afghanistan Most Senior Police Officers LIEUTENANT ISLA BIBI (deceased July 4, 2013) and LIEUTENANT NIGAR (deceased September 16, 2013)



Lt. Bibi Photo: Majid Saeedi courtesy of The Telegraph April 7 2013

July 4, 2013. The 37-year-old mother of three sons and two daughters was a role model for other women in the province. Lt. Bibi was the senior most officer of the Helmand Province and one of only 32 other female officers. She was shot as she rode on a motorbike alongside her son-in-law in the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.

Lt. Bibi was quoted by *The Sunday Telegraph* in April 2013 as choosing a police career because "Firstly I needed the money, but secondly I love my country," she said. "I feel proud wearing the uniform and I want to try to make Afghanistan a better and stronger country." As she tried to keep order, Lt Bibi said that her career path was irreversible. "I am a policewoman and I will be a policewoman in the future. I'd be proud if my daughter wanted to follow me."



Friends and relatives grieve for Lt. Nigar  
Photo courtesy of Radio Free Europe

September 16, 2013. Lt. Nigar, 38, had worked for seven years in the police crime branch in Helmand. She was the mother of a son and a daughter and was based at Lashkar Gah airport after reaching the top rank of women's investigation section. Before taking over in Helmand, she had been posted in the capital Kabul. After Lt. Isla Bibi was killed, Nigar told local media that she was not afraid of being a police woman in Helmand and that she was determined to continue doing a job she loved.

Lt. Nigar was shot as she walked near police headquarters in Lashkar Gah and died on September 16, 2013.

Please stay alert and be safe.

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