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BUILDING DEMOCRACY IN TAJIKISTAN

VIDEO

DUSHANBE CITY

YOUTH IN STREETS

MUBORAK SAYING GOODBYE

MUBORAK WALKING OUTSIDE

IN CLASS

TEACHER

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Tajikistan in the heart of Central Asia // the poorest former Soviet republic and also one of the youngest, with 70% of the population under 30.

// Now young Tajiks are stepping forward, eager to help their nascent republic succeed. (22)

In a few days 19 year old Muborak Rustamzoda, along with 63 other youth leaders, for the first time will publicly debate issues that matter to them. All with the hope that the government, unpracticed in free speech, is ready to listen. // It's a fragile opportunity to push forward democratic expression. (26)

Muborak lives in Kulob City, in Khatlon Province, which shares a porous border with Afghanistan. (6)

SOUND UP TEACHER: (In English) M

"Good afternoon teacher. Take a seat."

(4)

IN CLASS	<p><u>NARRATION:</u> She is studying to become an English teacher at Kulob State University. (4)</p>
TEACHER	<p><u>SOUND UP TEACHER:</u> (In English) M <i>“Who is ready just now- if someone is ready please hands up. Muborak?” (5)</i></p>
MUBORAK	<p><u>MUBORAK:</u> (In Tajik) F <i>“What I want most is for education to be improved. I want the system to change.” (8)</i></p>
MUBORAK	<p><u>SOUND UP MUBORAK:</u> (In English) <i>“For example she is happy today. It’s a simple sentence.” (6)</i></p>
MUBORAK IN ENGLISH CLASS	<p><u>NARRATION:</u> Independence for this country in 1990 came with sacrifices. One, was the loss of Soviet funding of state institutions which devastated the quality of education, especially in the rural areas, where 85% of the population live. (16)</p>
MUBORAK	<p><u>SOUND UP MUBORAK:</u> (In English) F <i>“Unhappy.” (1)</i></p>
MUBORAK ON-CAMERA	<p><u>MUBORAK:</u> (In Tajik) F <i>“As we know, society will not develop without women’s active participation // If the women are educated, society will be educated and able to develop.” (7)</i></p> <p><u>SOUND UP MUBORAK:</u></p>

MUBORAK ON CAMERA

*“Who can be a leader-What kind of person?”
And why? Does anybody know? Do you know?”
(9)*

YOUTH OF THE
21ST CENTURY nMEMBERS
WALKING TOGETHER

NARRATION:

Muborak was trained in social outreach and women’s rights by a local organization called Youth of the 21st Century, which receives financial support and guidance from the United Nations Democracy Fund. Their focus is on helping young people have a voice in the way their country is run. (18)

FORUM

Muborak will be a key figure at the country’s National Debate Center, a youth forum where young people will come together for the first time to have an open dialogue with a government official, on how to best solve the problems facing their country. (13)

MUBORAK ON-CAMERA

MUBORAK: (In Tajik) F

“I’m a little nervous, but I will try to be strong.” (7)

MUBORAK GIVES SPEECH

SOUND UP MUBORAK SPEECH:

“Due to low salaries at the government institutions, the quality of education is poor.” (4)

YOUTH LEADERS RESPONSES
TO MUBORAK’S SPEECH

FEMALE #1: (In Tajik)

“I would like to say only one thing about education in our country. One of the biggest problems is bribery. (Applause) So many students just BUY their academic credits instead of going to class. This bribery is a huge problem.” (19)

AUDIENCE CLAPPING

NARRATION:

FIRST DEPUTY OF Y.A. WALKS
IN AND GREETES AUDIENCE

Tajikistan's First Deputy of the Committee on Youth Affairs, has come to hear what the young leaders have to say (6)

FIRST DEPUTY

SOUND UP FIRST DEPUTY: (In Tajik) M
"Dear attendees of this discussion, I'm ready to answer your questions." (5)

MUBORAK ON CAMERA

MUBORAK: (In Tajik) F
"In the past, there was no chance for youth to meet with a government official to solve their problems face to face. It's a great opportunity for us."
(10)

CHILDREN PLAYING

NARRATION:
Muborak is one of her country's pioneers –
// laying the foundation for a stronger democracy for the next generation. (10)

UN LOGO

NARRATION:
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