

Author Nasir Shansab Writes of Afghanistan War Turmoil

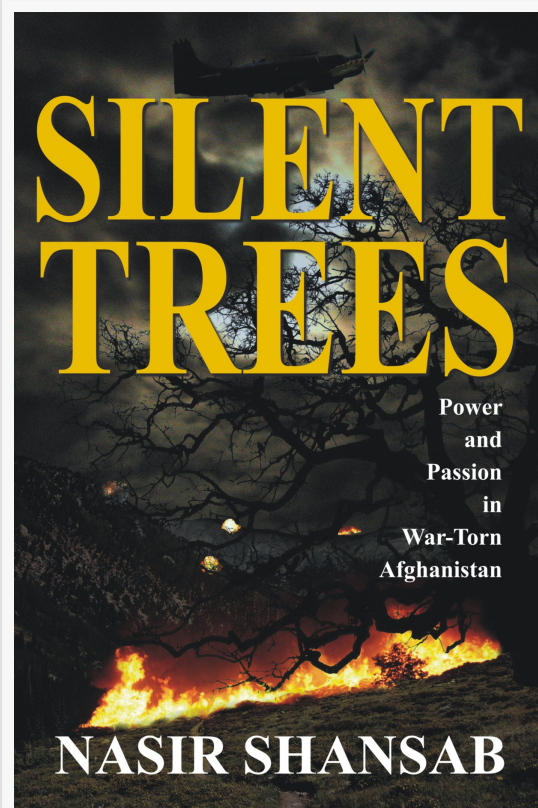
Announcing the release of "Silent Trees: Power and Passion in War-Torn Afghanistan" by author Nasir Shansab.

TERRA ALTA, WV, USA, April 20, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Nasir Shansab was once Afghanistan's leading industrialist before he was forced to leave the country in 1975. He has periodically returned to that country in the years since the U.S. invasion seeking better opportunities for the Afghan people.

His novel, *Silent Trees*, is a poignant love story with the backdrop of his native country. Set in the late 1970s, shortly before the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan that began decades of war--the main character, Habib Dil, will learn as we all must-- when a select few ruthlessly control a people, everyone is corrupted-- the street vendor and the politician alike-- and suffers profoundly from the absence of liberty. Above all, it must end the rule of strong men and let the rule of law prevail in the country.

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its themes are as much about the human condition as they are about Afghanistan. And if 'fiction is the best tool' to convey them meaningfully to a wide audience, as Shansab argues, then the author has succeeded wonderfully," writes Masatoshi Asaoka from the Diplomatic Courier.



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His concern for Afghanistan and its people remained strong. In 1981, it became clear that a native Afghan resistance had begun and Shansab decided to travel to the region to observe and even advise the Mujahedeen. He continued to make regular journeys to the region for the next seven years. It was on these trips to Pakistan and then the mountains of Afghanistan that Shansab met with and developed relationships with most of the major leaders of the resistance: Hekmatyar, Rabbani, Mojaddidi, Gailani, Sayaf, and others. He even had a breakfast meeting in Pakistan with Osama bin Laden, the Saudi national who was giving money to the resistance. It was at this meeting that Shansab took notice of bin Laden's arrogance and contempt for the Afghan people.

Nasir Shansab is a dual resident of both the United States and Afghanistan who maintains homes and extensive business interests near Washington, D.C. and in Kabul.

Shansab advised the Reagan White House during the Russian invasion of his home country, spoken before Parliament in London and given a keynote presentation at the National Press Club, in each case sharing his unique, unbiased insight into the centuries old turmoil and turbulent future of Afghanistan. Multiple media outlets that have called on Shansab for his expert analysis include The Washington Times, The Diplomatic Courier, NewsMax TV, Voice of America, TalkRadio Europe, America Tonight, Sirius/XM Radio, The Huffington Post, Canadian Business Magazine, The Glenn Beck Show, One America News Network, The Voice of Russia, The Jim Bohannon Show, America's Radio News and many more. SILENT TREES is his second book.

Silent Trees is now available at your favorite local and online bookstore and www.HeadlineBooks.com.

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