

AJMAL AAND

Journalist, Editorial Leader & Digital Innovation Practitioner

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Multilingual journalist, editor, writer, and digital-media professional with more than 25 years of experience across journalism, newsroom leadership, multimedia production, audience engagement, and digital transformation, including 23 years with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Afghan Service, Radio Azadi. Experience spans field reporting, newsroom editing, multimedia journalism, senior editorial leadership, staff development, audience strategy, digital products, and responsible applied AI.

CORE CAPABILITIES

Editorial leadership | Cross-platform journalism | Multimedia production | Newsroom operations | Audience engagement | Digital transformation | Staff development & training | Product/workflow design | SEO & analytics | Multilingual communication | Responsible applied AI | Pashto/Dari/Farsi evaluation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) - Radio Azadi

Senior News Editor / Digital Lead, Afghan Service | July 2020 - August 2025 | Prague, Czech Republic

- Led cross-platform editorial and digital operations across radio, web, video, podcasts, social media, and live programming.
- Supervised approximately 20 Prague-based employees, coordinated with Kabul Bureau editors and leadership, and worked with provincial reporters and freelancers.
- Translated organization-wide digital strategy into newsroom workflows, training, audience development, publishing systems, and product collaboration.
- Supported WhatsApp distribution, low-bandwidth audience access, audio-focused mobile delivery, SEO, analytics, and multimedia expansion.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) - Radio Azadi

Multimedia Journalist & Broadcaster | June 2007 - June 2020 | Prague, Czech Republic

- Reported, scripted, produced, edited, and presented journalism for radio, web, video, podcasts, and social media.
- Hosted live call-in programs, debates, interviews, podcasts, and video panels while working across editorial, camera, audio, graphics, and digital teams.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) - Radio Azadi

News Editor, Kabul Bureau | September 2004 - May 2007 | Kabul, Afghanistan

- Managed newsroom and correspondent workflows, edited coverage, set story priorities, mentored journalists, and helped lead reporting on elections, constitutional developments, parliament, and major national events.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) - Radio Azadi

Journalist / Field Reporter | September 2002 - September 2004 | Kabul, Afghanistan

- Covered breaking news, politics, conflict, and community issues; interviewed officials, experts, and citizens; and developed sources across Afghanistan.

BBC Afghan Education Project

Coordinator & Script Editor / Writer-Producer | March 2000 - September 2002 | Peshawar, Pakistan

- Wrote and edited educational radio programs and drama for Afghan youth and refugee audiences, directed performers, coordinated production, and gathered field material for programming.

Independent Author, Translator & Content Creator

Independent | 1998 - Present

- Published Pashto poetry, translation, literary writing, criticism, and other creative and cultural work.

EDUCATION

Pashto Literature, Nangarhar University - degree not awarded.

LANGUAGES

Pashto - Native | Dari/Farsi - Fluent | English - Professional proficiency

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Google Digital Marketing & E-commerce Professional Certificate | AI for Productivity - Duke University/Coursera | Learn Cinematography Specialization | Getting Started with TikTok