



Statement from Paktyawal family – March 15, 2026

Regarding the death of Mohommad Nazeer Paktyawal while in ICE custody

“Our family is in deep shock and pain after losing Mohommad Nazeer Paktyawal.

Nazeer was a loving husband and father. He had six children who depended on him every day. The youngest is only 18 months old. His children adored him, and he worked hard every day to take care of them and build a future for them in the United States.

For many years Nazeer worked alongside American forces during the war in Afghanistan. It was dangerous work, but he believed in helping bring stability to his country and protecting the people around him. After Afghanistan fell, the United States helped evacuate our family in 2021, and we came here hoping for safety and a better life.

Since arriving in America, Nazeer focused on providing for his family. He worked, supported his children, and tried to build a peaceful life after everything our family had been through.

The morning he was taken away, he was getting ready to drive his children to school. His children watched as he was surrounded and taken away. That moment will stay with them forever.

Later that night we were told he had been taken to the hospital. The next morning we were told that he had died.

We still cannot understand how this happened. He was only 41 years old and was a strong and healthy man. His children keep asking when their father will come home.

Right now our family is trying to comfort six children who have lost their father. We are heartbroken and trying to process this loss.

We ask for prayers for Nazeer and for strength for his children and our family during this painful time.”

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