

In the Name of Human Rights

Statement of the Protesting Women of Afghanistan on the Occasion of August 15th

Today marks the two years' dominance of the Taliban over Afghanistan and their entrance to Kabul on Aug 15, 2021. With the passage of two years of Taliban rule, Afghanistan is under an extensive humanitarian crisis. According to the United Nations report, the poverty rate has increased from 19 million people in 2020 to 34 million in 2022, and thus 85% of the people of Afghanistan live in poverty¹. Moreover, due to the restraining policies of the Taliban, fundamental rights and freedoms of the people are violated and declined across civil, political, economic, gender, social, and cultural spheres of society. Meanwhile, women are the most vulnerable and oppressed social group living in the country. Women have been dehumanized and systematically removed from all social affairs. Various reports of international organizations along with countless local reports indicate this severe human rights crisis².

Amnesty International in its 2022 report entitled "Death in Slow Motion: Women and Girls Under Taliban Rule³" refers to the widespread violation of women's rights and violence against them under the rule of the Taliban. The 2023 report of this organization, "Your Sons are in the Mountains⁴" reveals the collective punishment of the civilians in Panjshir province by the Taliban. The 2022⁵ and 2023⁶ reports of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights for Afghanistan divulge immense violence and discrimination against women, restrictions on freedom of expression, infringement of the right of the people to establish peaceful associations and movements, the infraction of socio-economic rights, and disruption of justice. Forced displacement of native ethnic groups of northern Afghanistan, confiscation of their houses and lands, and relocation of terrorist groups such as the "Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan" and the southern and Waziristani tribes in these areas are other cases of widespread human rights violations committed by the Taliban⁷. Nonetheless, these reports are only a small portion of the international organizations' findings about Afghanistan under the rule of the Taliban and their villainies.

Accordingly, we believe that the Taliban are unable to address the problem of Afghanistan and are not interested in providing welfare services and ensuring the basic human rights of our people. We believe that dialogue and engagement with a terrorist group is the ransom for terrorism and proportionally maximize the crisis. We believe the ongoing Afghanistan disaster will cross borders sooner or later and sink the world down into terrorism. Therefore, we want the United Nations, the international community, and especially countries that follow a feminist foreign policy, to stop supporting and cooperating with the Taliban and stand by the women and democratic forces of Afghanistan. Last but not least, we ask the people of Afghanistan, both men and women, to hold their right to self-determination, not to cope with the Taliban, and stand for a free tomorrow.

**Protesting Women of Afghanistan
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¹ [UNDP warns that restrictions on women's rights will worsen economic catastrophe in Afghanistan | United Nations Development Programme](#)

² [Afghanistan: Repression Worsens 2 Years into Taliban Rule | Human Rights Watch \(hrw.org\)](#)

³ [Afghanistan: Death in slow motion: Women and girls under Taliban rule - Amnesty International](#)

⁴ [Report \(amnesty.org\)](#)

⁵ [A_HRC_51_6_AdvanceEditedVersion.docx \(live.com\)](#)

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⁷ <https://parsi.euronews.com/2022/12/13/exclusive-report-forced-deportation-of-population-ethnic-groups-in-afghanistan-uzbek-hazar>

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