



Support Afghan Women against Gender Apartheid

FAROE Statement on the occasion of International Women Day 2023

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Discriminatory decrees:

On August 15, 2021, the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan, for the second time. The supreme leader of the Taliban has since takeover, issued many discriminatory decrees against women. The objective of these decrees is clearly .erasing women from the social life in Afghanistan. De facto government has effectively barred women and girls from:

- Attending secondary schools: More than 500 days ago, all secondary schools were ordered to prevent more than 3, 5 million secondary school girls were from joining the school. Even special female secondary schools were shut down.
- Study at university level: in December 2022, hundred thousands of female students were ordered to stop attending the government owned and private universities
- Employment, Tens of thousands of women were forced to leave their jobs and stay at home.
- Travel to a distance longer than 70 km: every woman without a male chaperone was prohibited from boarding planes at Kabul airport. Prior to this, the Taliban had banned women from long road travel without a male relative.
- Using gyms and parks in Afghanistan. Even mothers are not allowed to take their children to parks.
- Thousands of female graduates of the faculty of medicine were barred from attending the state-examination which allows them to start work as a doctor.

Protest by Afghan Women:

Off course, this situation is not acceptable for Afghan women. Dozens of demonstrations have been held by them but crashed by force and even using warm weapon against women. Tens of them have been put to jail by the de facto government.

Afghan women need our support:

We can support them by:

- Political/diplomatic support: by putting pressure on our government to use all possible political and diplomatic means against gender apartheid in Afghanistan.
- Moral support: by reflecting their voice through media and in all relevant occasions.
- Financially: by promoting micro finance projects for Afghan women. Once they are financially independent, they can come up for their rights.
- By giving financial support to protest women for compensation of the costs of their activities. You can do this by sending money to the following account and mentioning "Afghan protest women":

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