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Gender-based violence in Afghanistan

Gender-based violence is prevalent in Afghanistan. Gender-based violence and other complex cultural practices, when combined with poverty and lack of awareness, make women subservient to men. This prevents them from taking action or receiving support.

Nearly 90% of women in Afghanistan have experienced at least one type of family violence, sexual violence, and physical violence. With the Taliban presence in Afghanistan, violence against women has increased. The Taliban are well-known for misogyny and violence against women at the national and international level. Now that the Taliban have returned to power, women's concerns are more pressing than ever before.

Women must always wear a burqa in public. This is because one of the Taliban spokesmen said that a woman's face is a source of corruption for men. Women are not allowed to work and after eight, they are not allowed to learn science and education. Women who want to learn science and education are forced to continue their studies in hidden places like basements. And if their education location is revealed, they will be tortured, imprisoned, and interrogated. Most of the Taliban leader's orders restrict women from work and education. Women do not have the right to go to the market, entertainment places and sports grounds, and they cannot ride in taxis or public buses without a mahram (husband, brother and father), and if they do not wear a burqa in public places, they are tortured by Taliban surveillance teams. It is common for women who violate the hijab rule to be flogged in public.

During the last two months of this year, 260 people, including 50 women, were publicly whipped by the Taliban. Most of these whippings and other types of torture, such as executions and amputations, are carried out in sports stadiums before hundreds of people. A live example is 27 men and women in the Parwan sports stadium in Charikar city. They were whipped. However, punishment in public is a clear violation of human rights and these acts continue to increase day by day.

Taliban says hearing a woman's voice is provocative for men, and women should not talk to non-Mahram people. Taliban's restrictions on women's cultural presence have covered several areas and the names of places previously named after women have been changed. Exclusion of women from political, social and cultural activities.

Imprisoning women at home and taking away their rights and freedom has put them under mental and emotional pressures and about 97% of women suffer from mental illnesses (depression). The Taliban

send their monitoring teams to children's classes (below sixth grade) and identify adult girls and expel them from the schools.

However, during these 20 months, the restrictions against women have increased day by day and women's presence in political life has been banned. This is while under previous Afghan governments, women held various positions in government offices. While the Taliban is present, all women are deprived of work and under house arrest. This includes women who worked in private institutions and NGOs. This is why the NGOs have been suspended in Afghanistan.

It has been more than 550 days since the closure of schools and universities for girls. During this period, none of the human rights defense organizations have taken practical action to open educational institutions and schools. In an effort to identify the terrorist and humanitarian group (Taliban), the United Nations has called for its recognition.

These Taliban actions are not temporary and will continue as long as this terrorist and anti-human rights group is in Afghanistan. Why do we have unreasonable expectations of the Taliban and why do we forget history? Wasn't it the same Taliban who threw acid on the schools' children and students? And wasn't this student mourning Kabul University?

My message to the world is, why do you expect miracles and humane treatment from Talib? Taliban's nature and origin are to inflict violence, arrest, assassinate and torture, create terror, cruelty and fear, close school doors and be hostile to women and mothers. Yesterday, the Taliban closed the school gate, stopped schooling and progressing for girls. Today, he removed women's names from human rights offices and organizations in Afghanistan forever.

Recently, the Taliban closed everything to women, or suspended it until further notice. Except breathing.

Solutions:

1. Non-recognition of the Taliban regime by the United Nations since it's a terrorist organization and perhaps the biggest violator of human rights on the planet earth.

2. A serious review of the Afghan problem by the United Nations Security Council, agreeing on a practical road map for inter-Afghan negotiations.

3. Pressureing the Taliban to respect human rights, freedom of speech, especially the right to work and education for women

4. The actual support of the United Nations and the international community for Afghan women and people instead of continued lip service to Afghan women's wishes

5. Coordination of the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Countries and the heads of influential countries to realize the right to work and education for women. This will respect human rights and individual freedoms in Afghanistan.

6. The United Nations and the international community support an inclusive government in which all Afghans, including women and ethnic minorities, participate.