



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on human rights situation in Afghanistan, in particular the persecution of former government officials
(2023/2881(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on human rights situation in Afghanistan, in particular the persecution of former government officials (2023/2881(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Afghanistan,
 - having regard to the Council conclusions of 20 March 2023 on Afghanistan,
 - having regard to the UNAMA report of 22 August 2023 on human rights violations against former government officials and former armed force Members,
 - having regard to Rule 144 of its rules of procedure,
- A. whereas the human rights situation in Afghanistan continues to deteriorate alarmingly, with high levels of human rights violations including torture and killings; whereas attacks against minority groups remain widespread; whereas Afghanistan continues to be the most repressive country in the world for women and girls;
- B. whereas in 2021 the Taliban announced a general amnesty towards former Afghan government officials and members of the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces (ANDSF); whereas this commitment has been frequently reiterated by Taliban leaders, but not respected;
- C. whereas the UN has documented at least 800 instances of human rights violations against former government officials and ANDSF members between 2021 and 2023, including extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, detention, and torture; whereas former Afghan National Army members face the highest risk, followed by national and local Police officials;
- D. whereas former government official and ANDSF members have been killed in detention facilities and unknown locations; whereas some have been killed in public places; whereas often families are unaware of the fate or location of detained relatives for days or weeks until their bodies are returned;
- E. whereas the Taliban has denied the existence of state-sponsored reprisals, and sought to downplay the reported statistics; whereas the de facto authorities have not made public any information on internal processes to hold perpetrators to account;
1. Deplores the level of human rights abuses in Afghanistan, which have risen exponentially since the Taliban takeover; denounces in the strongest terms all forms of human rights violations in the country, including the widespread persecution of former government officials and ADNSF members, the staggering oppression of women and girls, and the targeting of civil society organisations and human rights defenders;
 2. Urges the Taliban to uphold its own pledge of amnesty for former government officials and ADNSF members; recalls that this stems from Afghanistan’s obligations under

international human rights law; calls on the regime to issue written confirmation and guidelines for upholding the purported amnesty against former officials;

3. Deeply regrets the impunity which exists in the country for perpetrators of human rights abuses; urges the de facto authorities to introduce transparent procedures for holding human rights abusers to account;
4. Recognises the work undertaken by UNAMA in monitoring and documenting the treatment of former Afghan government officials; supports the continued work and extension of the mandate for the UN Special Rapporteur for Afghanistan;
5. Urges the creation of an accountability mechanism under the auspices of the UN to investigate alleged human rights violations and breaches of international law;
6. Instruct its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the HR/VP, and the UN Special Rapporteur for Afghanistan.