



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 Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. Whereas since the Taliban have taken power in Afghanistan, human rights violations are being reported daily, including the arrests, detention, abduction, torture, and targeted killings on human rights defenders, notably women’s rights defenders, journalists, doctors, educators, marginalised groups such as Hazara, Turkman, Hindus, Sikhs, Tajiks and LGBTIQ+ communities, as well as former government officials and members of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), including policewoman Banu Negar and police chief Mohammad Hashim;
- B. Whereas despite the announcement of a “general amnesty” meant to protect previous government employees, a recent United Nations report states that more than 218 extrajudicial killings, 14 enforced disappearances, over 144 instances of torture and ill treatment, and 424 arbitrary arrests and detentions of former Afghan government officials and ANSF members have taken place since the Taliban came to power;
 1. Condemns in the strongest terms the policy of gender apartheid and continuous violence and human rights violations in Afghanistan, including the arbitrary arrest, disappearance, torture and targeted killings of former government officials and ANSF members;
 2. Exhort the de-facto authorities to fundamentally change course and bring Afghanistan back to the international order with full respect for its international human rights obligations and publicly stated commitment to general amnesty;
 3. Reiterates its call to immediately and unconditionally release Matiullah Wesa, Zholia Parsi, Neda Parwani, Murtaza Behboudi, Rasul Parsi and all those unjustly imprisoned and to perform a thorough investigation into Alia Azizi’s enforced disappearance and into 2022 attack on the Kaaj Higher Educational Center in the Hazara neighbourhood in Kabul;
 4. Reiterates its call on the de facto authorities to put an end to the deepening suppression of the rights of women and girls and to fully restore their fundamental freedoms and rights; calls on Member States to issue more humanitarian visas for persecuted Afghan women and girls;
 5. Reiterates its unwavering solidarity with and commitment to the people of Afghanistan, including their call for justice, accountability, and reparation for all human rights violations in Afghanistan; calls on the EU to support the ongoing investigations in this regard;

6. Calls on the EU to seek the expansion of the list of targeted measures against the Taliban leadership responsible for the continued deterioration of the human rights situation; demands that until international human rights standards are met there be no normalization of relations between the EU, its Member States and the de-facto authorities in Afghanistan;
7. Reiterates its deep concern about the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation in Afghanistan and the lack of funds to provide food for those suffering from severe hunger; calls upon the Commission to reinforce the humanitarian aid as well as funding for basic needs and livelihoods support;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the EU Special Envoy to Afghanistan and the Member States.