



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 Rules 144(5) and 132(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas since the takeover of power in Afghanistan by the Taliban on 15 August 2021 there has been a steady deterioration of human rights in the country contrary to the international obligations of Afghanistan;
- B. whereas women and girls in particular face a situation that may amount to gender-based persecution and growing restrictions on their fundamental rights since the Taliban takeover, especially concerning their education, freedom of movement and right to work leading to their elimination from almost all areas of public life;
- C. whereas the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) issued a report documenting multiple cases of human rights violations against former government officials and former armed forces members in Afghanistan for the period 15 August 2021 - 30 June 2023;
- D. whereas UNAMA has documented at least 800 human rights violations against former government officials and ANDSF members such as extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, arbitrary arrests and detentions, torture, ill-treatment and threats;
- E. whereas following their takeover of Afghanistan the *de facto* authorities announced a “general amnesty” for former officials of the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and former members of the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces (ANDSF), which they fail to effectively uphold despite their continuous public declarations of commitment to it;
1. Calls on Afghanistan’s *de facto* authorities to fully enforce their publically announced commitment to the general amnesty of former officials and former members of the armed and security forces; reminds that failing to do so is a serious breach of international human rights law and in violation of international commitments of Afghanistan;
 2. Underscores that the *de facto* authorities have the obligation to take appropriate steps to prevent human rights violations from happening and to investigate alleged violations and where appropriate to take action against those allegedly responsible;
 3. Deplores that the human rights violations of the former officials and former members of the armed forces with apparent impunity and lead to a climate of fear among those groups, leading them to go into hiding or fleeing the country; highlights that the United

Nations has reported credible allegations that the country's *de facto* authorities were responsible for 218 extrajudicial killings, 14 enforced disappearances, over 144 instances of torture and ill treatment, and 424 arbitrary arrests and detentions;

4. Demands from the *de facto* authorities to issue clear instructions to *de facto* officials that acts of violation of human rights of former officials are unlawful and that perpetrators will be held accountable through criminal investigation;
5. Calls on the *de facto* authorities to ensure that credible, transparent criminal investigations are conducted into alleged human rights violations against former government officials and ANDSF members;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the United Nations and the *de facto* authorities of Afghanistan.