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

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the UN Security Council resolutions 2210 (2015), 2344 (2017), 2513 (2020) and 2593 (2021),
  - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948,
  - having regard to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 1966,
  - having regard to Rule 132(2) and (4) of the Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas since the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, the general amnesty offered by the Taliban to former government officials has not been upheld, with widespread reports of extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests and detentions and torture and ill-treatment – carried out by the de facto authorities against former government officials and ANDSF members;
- B. whereas more than 300 interpreters and their families have been murdered by the Taliban for collaborating with Coalition forces with thousands more still in hiding;
- C. whereas international humanitarian law contains rules pertaining to the grant and scope of amnesties at the conclusion of hostilities in a non-international armed conflict which have been completely disregarded by the Taliban since their takeover of Afghanistan;
- D. whereas the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has documented at least 800 human rights violations against former government officials and ANDSF members between the Taliban takeover on 15 August 2021 and 30 June 2023 that demonstrate the targeting of former government officials from all branches of local and federal government, particularly targeting military and law enforcement personnel;
- E. whereas targeting of former government officials in Afghanistan has largely been conducted by the Taliban's de facto Ministry of Interior, General Directorate of Intelligence and Office of Prison Administration with impunity;
1. Deplores the fact that the situation of former government officials in Afghanistan has rapidly deteriorated since the Taliban takeover;
  2. Is deeply concerned about the humanitarian and human rights crisis that has been unfolding in Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover; stresses that the basic rights and freedoms the Afghan people have enjoyed over the past 20 years should be upheld;
  3. Calls on Afghanistan to immediately cease and desist any and all persecution of former government officials, to uphold the amnesty and unconditionally release all former

government officials being detained;

4. Condemns in the strongest terms terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and all terrorist acts and warns against Afghanistan returning to a safe haven for terrorist organisations; recalls in this regard the EU's Counter-Terrorism Action Plan on Afghanistan;
5. Encourages the EU and Member States to adopt targeted sanctions and restrictive measures against Taliban officials;
6. Expresses solidarity with the former government officials who supported Coalition efforts against the Taliban takeover of the country and worked to create a free, stable, peaceful and diverse society;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the European External Action Service, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Members of the Afghan National Assembly and the Taliban interim-government of Afghanistan.