



انجمن مستقل وکلای مدافع افغانستان در تبعید

په تبعید کې دمدافع وکیلانو خپلواکه ټولنه

Afghanistan Independent Bar Association in Exile

Statement of the Afghanistan Independent bar Association in Exile

Condemning the Arrest and Detention of Women in Herat Province on the Pretext of Non-Compliance with the Dress Code Imposed by the De Facto Authorities

Brussels, June 06, 2026

The Afghanistan Independent bar Association in Exile expresses its profound concern regarding reports of the arrest and detention of a number of women in the city of Herat by officials of the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice under the de facto authorities. The Association considers such actions a clear violation of human dignity, fundamental freedoms, and the basic rights of women.

According to the information made available, these women were arrested solely for failing to wear a specific form of attire prescribed by the Taliban authorities and were subsequently transferred to detention facilities. Such measures lack any legitimate legal or religious basis, contravene the fundamental principles of due process and fair trial, and are in clear conflict with both the core principles of Islamic Sharia and Afghanistan's international human rights obligations.

The rights to personal liberty, protection from arbitrary arrest and detention, preservation of human dignity, and equality before the law are among the fundamental rights recognized and protected under Islamic law as well as international human rights instruments, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The detention of women on the basis of their manner of dress, without due legal process and without ensuring their right to defense, constitutes arbitrary detention and gender-based discrimination.

The Afghanistan Independent bar Association in Exile emphasizes that the imposition of increasingly restrictive measures against women and the use of punitive mechanisms to enforce a particular interpretation of dress codes are not only incompatible with human rights principles and the standards of justice, but also contribute to the spread of fear, psychological insecurity, and social exclusion within society.

We call upon the United Nations, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, international human rights organizations, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and all concerned states and institutions to respond effectively to these developments, demand the immediate re-

The Afghanistan Independent Bar Association (AIBA) in exile seeks to preserve the identity of the AIBA and its members, while safeguarding the achievements made over the past 20 years. It is committed to providing legal services to lawyers and defending the rights of citizens, with a particular focus on protecting the rights of women.

Address: Rue Abbé Cuypers 3 - 1040 Etterbeek Brussels Belgium

Email: Info@aibaie.org

Website: www.aibaie.org



انجمن مستقل وکلای افغانستان در تبعید

په تبعید کی دمدافع وکیلانو خپلواکه ټولنه

Afghanistan Independent Bar Association in Exile

lease of the detained women, and urge the de facto authorities in Afghanistan to comply with the country's international obligations concerning respect for the fundamental rights and freedoms of women.

The Afghanistan Independent bar Association in Exile further calls for the immediate cessation of arbitrary arrests, an end to degrading and violent treatment against women, and the guarantee of their rights to dignity, security, and fundamental human freedoms.

Silence in the face of such actions would amount to the normalization of human rights violations and the erosion of the universal values of justice and human dignity.

For Media Inquiries, Contact:
Email: Info@aibaie.org

Afghanistan Independent Bar Association in Exile

The Afghanistan Independent Bar Association (AIBA) in exile seeks to preserve the identity of the AIBA and its members, while safeguarding the achievements made over the past 20 years. It is committed to providing legal services to lawyers and defending the rights of citizens, with a particular focus on protecting the rights of women.

Address: Rue Abbé Cuypers 3 - 1040 Etterbeek Brussels Belgium

Email: Info@aibaie.org

Website: www.aibaie.org