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| ABOUT RAWADARI

Rawadari is an Afghan human rights organisation that aims to deepen and grow the human rights culture of Afghanistan, ultimately reducing the suffering of all Afghans, especially women and girls.

Rawadari helps build an Afghan human rights movement, monitors human rights violations, and pursues justice and accountability for violations. Rawadari works with individuals and collectives inside and outside Afghanistan.

| WHAT WE DO

- Deepen and grow the Afghan human rights community through working with new constituencies and allies inside and outside Afghanistan
- Monitor and report on violations of human rights in Afghanistan using new tools and security protocols to provide reliable information
- Promote victim-centred justice and accountability for human rights violations in Afghanistan

I HOW WE WORK

- Provide regular and timely public information on human rights violations taking place in Afghanistan
- Deepen and grow support for human rights inside and outside Afghanistan by utilising a range of new and traditional mediums, including culture and arts
- Build and strengthen alliances to advance human rights in Afghanistan within the region and with other Muslim majority countries
- Advocate with international and regional actors to protect human rights in Afghanistan
- Engage with international human rights mechanisms to advance human rights in Afghanistan
- Demand the deployment of all mechanisms for judicial and non-judicial accountability to confront the entrenched culture of impunity for human rights violations committed in Afghanistan
- Contribute to global human rights discourse from the unique perspective of Afghanistan.

OUR REPORTS





DECEMBER 2022

REPRESSION, REGRESSIONS & REVERSALS

One Year of Taliban Rule & Human Rights in Afghanistan, 15 August 2021 – 15 August 2022

This report covers major human rights violations in Afghanistan in the period of August 15, 2021–August 15, 2022 in 29 provinces of Afghanistan. The first part of the report covers violations of the right to life, right to dignity, arbitrary arrests and detention, the situation regarding access to justice, the right to freedom of expression and media and other fundamental rights as well as the limitations imposed on the rights of women & girls. The second part of the report covers violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) including civilian casualties, torture and mistreatment, rape, intentional destruction of public and private property.

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/10122022196.htm/>



**REPRESSION,
REGRESSION &
REVERSAL:**
One Year of
Taliban Rule in
Afghanistan



15 August 2021 – 15 August 2022

JANUARY 2023

UNLAWFUL & TARGETED KILLINGS IN AFGHANISTAN

Kandahar, Nangarhar, Panjshir and Sar-e Pol August 2021-November 2022

This report covers unlawful killings & targeted killings in the provinces of Kandahar, Panjshir, Nangarhar and Sar-e pol in Afghanistan in the period of August 2021-November 2022. Rawadari has documented a total of 533 civilians killed in targeted or unlawful killings in this period. This series of targeted & unlawful killings followed Taliban's announcement of "general amnesty". Victims include former security forces, members of "National Resistance Front", civilians in conflict areas and in some cases Taliban critics.

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/040120231174.htm/>



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**UNLAWFUL &
TARGETED KILLINGS
IN AFGHANISTAN:**
KANDAHAR, NANGARHAR,
PANJSHIR AND SAR-E POL
AUGUST 2021-NOVEMBER 2022

JANUARY 2023

ARBITRARY AND ILLEGAL DETENTIONS IN TALIBAN- RULED AFGHANISTAN

15 August 2021 – 15 November 2022

This report is focused on cases of illegal and arbitrary detentions and enforced disappearances by Taliban in the period of 15 August 2021-15 November 2022 in 29 provinces of Afghanistan. Taliban have illegally and arbitrarily arrested and detained at least 1976 persons in 29 provinces of Afghanistan in this period, including 1836 men, 136 women and 4 children.

Those detained mainly include previous government's employees, women protestors, human rights defenders, civil society activists, journalists, religious scholars, tribal elders and civilians accused of being associated with the National Resistance Front (NRF).

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/230120231263.htm/>

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Report no. 3 | 23 January 2023

Arbitrary Detentions and Illegal Detentions in Taliban-Ruled Afghanistan

15 August 2021 – 15 November 2022

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JUNE 2023

I JUSTICE DENIED

An Examination of the Legal and Judicial System in Taliban-Controlled Afghanistan

This Special Report on access to justice in Afghanistan under the Taliban is based on 141 interviews from 26 provinces of Afghanistan. The report covers the organizational structure of Taliban courts, the collapse of the judicial and legal system and violations of the fair trial principles. Additionally, the report highlights the presence of illegal and secret prisons, includes testimonies on torture and documents institutionalized discrimination against women and girls and religious minorities.

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/040620231635.htm/>



**Justice Denied: An Examination
of the Legal and Judicial System in
Taliban-Controlled Afghanistan**

June 2023

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HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

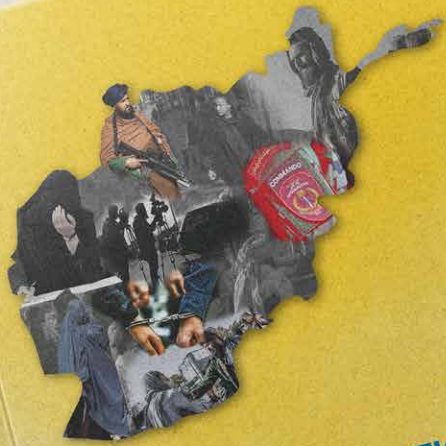
Mid-year Report 1 January to 30 June 2023

This report documents the continued repression of civil and political rights by the Taliban, including ongoing brutal crackdown of dissent in the first 6 months of 2023. There are new restrictions on women's rights further erasing women from the public in this period.

The report is based on face to face and phone interviews with 353 individuals, including 52 women in 28 provinces of Afghanistan. Access to women's voices, testimonies & perspectives has become more challenging as the Taliban have cut women off from all public spaces.

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/120820231648.htm/>



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THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF WOMEN

Since the re-establishment of Taliban rule in Afghanistan, systematic and targeted measures have been taken to exclude women from all social, economic, political, and cultural spheres. During this time, the Taliban have shown a complete disregard for their legal commitments to respect international human rights commitments¹⁴. Women and girls in Afghanistan have been deprived of their fundamental human rights and freedoms, including the right to education, the right to work and participate in public affairs, and the right to freedom of movement.

14. 'Afghanistan Has Acceded to nine-binding international human rights treaties, and none of them contain the right to work or to uphold the commitments outlined in these documents.'
OHCHR, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-treaties>

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SEPTEMBER 2023

REVERSAL AND REPRESSION

State of Women's Rights and Civic Space in Taliban-Controlled Afghanistan (2021-2023)

This report is a joint submission of Rawadari, Safety and Risk Mitigation Organization, HRD+ and Wazhma Frogh for the 46th session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). The submission covers the period 2021-2023, and focuses on the violations of rights of women and the state of freedom of expression and assembly in Afghanistan.

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/221020231698.htm/>

Joint Report

46TH SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)

Evaluating the human rights situation in
Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.
Covering the period 2021-2023



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FROGH**

NOVEMBER 2023

THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN AFGHANISTAN

Violations of Civil and Political Rights

This Special Report on Children's Rights in Afghanistan covers child marriages, sexual abuse, recruitment in security sector, mistreatment and torture and other violations impacting children. Rawadari interviewed 181 individuals including defence lawyers, victims, survivors, staff of healthcare and education centres, human rights defenders, journalists, in 25 provinces of Afghanistan for this report. The report covers incidents in the period of August 2021-October 2023.

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/181120231707.htm/>

Rawadari documented cases in the provinces of Kandahar and Helmand where girls aged 14 and 15 have been forced into marriage with men over the age of 50. In this regard, an official from the judicial and legal authorities in Kandahar province mentioned that the number of forced and early marriages of girls has significantly increased compared to previous years. Additionally, another source from Farah province stated that the sale of girls under the pretext of marriage is now more widespread as there is no legal prohibition and perpetrators are not punished. For example, in one year, three girls from a single family in this province were coerced into marriage.

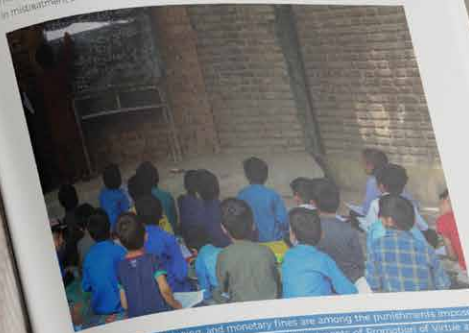


The Human Rights Situation of Children in Afghanistan: Violations of Civil and Political Rights

Domestic violence and sexual, forced and early marriages, deprivation of the right to education, mental health issues, and a sense of hopelessness about the future are among other factors contributing to the increase in child suicides.

VIOLENCE AND MISTREATMENT OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS

In the past two years, the Taliban have employed a considerable number of individuals, many graduates of religious madrassas, as school administrators, officials, and teachers. These individuals often lack proper educational methods and they are more likely to engage in mistreatment and violence against children.



Beating, begging, whipping, and monetary fines are among the punishments imposed on children by the district police station and departments of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice.

An official from the Department of Education in Kandahar Province told Reuters that violence against children in schools has increased, and the main reason for this is the employment of school principals, officers, and teachers by the Taliban, who use violence and mistreatment with students. These individuals are unaware of the psychological consequences of violence and mistreatment against children and believe that physically punishing students is necessary and useful for their learning. Additionally, a student

OUR PRESS RELEASE





10 DECEMBER 2022

RAWADARI BEGINS ITS WORK FOR AN EQUAL AND PEACEFUL AFGHANISTAN

As the world marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights today, people across Afghanistan face an unprecedented humanitarian disaster and an escalating human rights crisis.

Since the return of the Taliban to power, almost 16 months ago, Afghanistan has witnessed a complete reversal of women's fundamental rights. The fragile human rights gains in Afghanistan – scraped so painstakingly together over the previous 20 years – have been eviscerated. There has been a mass exodus of human rights activists from the country, their lives endangered by the Taliban.

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/10122022108.htm/>

8 MARCH 2023

PRESS RELEASE ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On the International Women's Day 2023, Rawadari honours the brave and tireless struggles of the Afghan women for equality and rights. Women of Afghanistan are fighting for a better future for all Afghans despite restrictions that have been described as "tantamount to gender apartheid", and despite lack of meaningful international support. Rawadari calls for local and international solidarity with the Afghan women in their struggle for equality and rights.

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/080320231341.htm/>

25 MARCH 2023

LATEST TALIBAN DECREE ON ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (AGO) FURTHER ERODES RULE OF LAW IN AFGHANISTAN

Habitullah Akhundzada, Taliban's "Supreme Leader", issued a verbal decree to change the Attorney General's Office to the "General Directorate for Monitoring and Follow-up of decrees and directives". With this decree, Taliban have reduced the AGO to an entity for follow-up of the orders of Taliban leadership, and they have curtailed AGO's authorities for fighting crime, ensuring justice and supporting the fundamental rights of citizens.

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/250320231387.htm/>

15 AUGUST 2023

EXCLUSION OF WOMEN FROM SOCIETY, PERSISTENT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND MEDIA RESTRICTIONS: CONSEQUENCES OF TALIBAN RULE ON AFGHANISTAN

Press release in only in Dari and Pashto

Read more:

<https://rawadari.org/150820231684.htm/>

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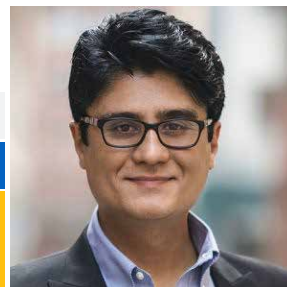
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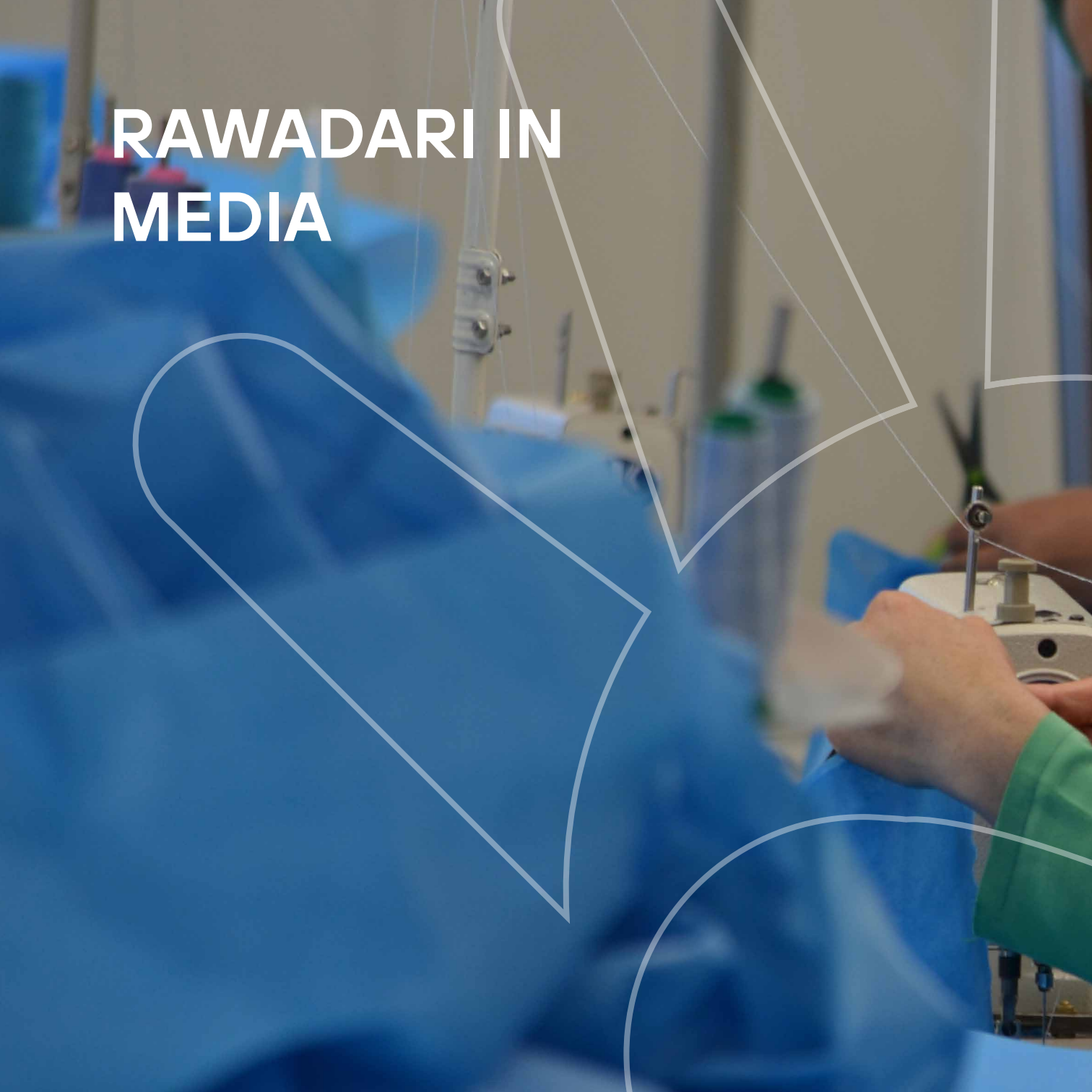


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14 AUGUST 2023

HOW THE WORLD CAN HELP AFGHAN WOMEN NOW

By Shaharзад Akbar, Rawadari's executive director and the former chairperson for the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, and Melanne Vermeer, the executive director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security and the former U.S. ambassador-at-large for global women's issues.



Read more:

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2023/08/14/afghanistan-womens-rights-violence-taliban-anniversary/>

26 SEPTEMBER 2023

'INCREDIBLE COURAGE' OF AFGHAN WOMEN

Shaharзад Akbar – Afghan Human Rights Campaigner
HARDtalk

Stephen Sackur speaks to exiled Afghan human rights campaigner Shaharзад Akbar. She is focussed on the fight to end what she calls the Taliban's 'gender apartheid'. Given the scale of poverty and repression in Afghanistan, what is the right international response?



Watch it:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0gg88k1>

29 SEPTEMBER 2023

INDEPENDENT THINKING: SHOULD WE TALK WITH THE TALIBAN?

On this episode: Two years have passed since Kabul fell to the Taliban, in a shocking end to over twenty years of western intervention. The Taliban are now the de-facto government but remain unrecognized. Having lost the war against the Taliban, should the West now begin talks with the group amid a crippling humanitarian crisis?

Joining Bronwen Maddox are Ambassador Roya Rahmani, Afghanistan's former ambassador to the United States under Ashraf Ghani, Shaharзад Akbar, a distinguished human rights activist and Tobias Ellwood MP.

Listen:



<https://chathamhouse.org/2023/09/independent-thinking-should-we-talk-taliban>





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