

## **Press Release**

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The 16-day International Campaign on Elimination of Violence Against Women is being celebrated around the world to challenge violence against women and girls and to commemorate the International Human Rights Day but the case in Afghanistan is the other way round, where Afghan women's rights are moving in the opposite direction.

This is a global campaign that runs every year from November 25 to December 10. Individuals, groups, organizations and governments are drawing the attention of society and the world to the sinister phenomenon of violence against women and girls. For the first time, November 25, 1960 was designated as "International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women" and the campaign was launched under the slogan "Unite to End Violence Against Women". In launching this campaign, a significant theme is defined every year so that the activities in the campaign can be designed and implemented around this demarcated theme.

Human Rights Watch and Media Organization is calling on the United Nations and International Women's Organizations to dedicate this year's campaign to Afghan women and girls to redress their lost rights. In Afghanistan, violence against women, coercion and threats to give in to unjust demands are, first and foremost, a disregard for the human dignity of women, which has always deprived women and girls of self-confidence and forced them into isolation. In addition to adversely affecting the mental and physical ability of women and girls, women and girls are deprived of all their rights, from the right to education to the right to work and other human and civil rights of women and girls. We also call on the Islamic Emirate to give women all their due legal rights in accordance with the holy religion of Islam as women make up half of society, and we cannot achieve progress without the widespread presence of women in society.

This is while in the current situation; Eliminating Violence Against Women in Afghanistan is changed to an Ideal Idea that Afghan Women and Girls do not currently have access to their primary rights.

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