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### **Afghan judges and prosecutors face major threats from criminals and terrorists**

The Association of Afghan Lawyers in EU hereby following previous references, once again raises its level of concern over the escalation of security threats to the point of targeted killings by Taliban groups and professional criminals.

Criminals such as drug traffickers, Al-Qaeda and ISIS terrorists and perpetrators of major corruption in the former government.

In order to ensure the physical security of these lawyers and their families, and to defend their right to life, the Association calls on the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Including the European Union and all refugee countries to the admission of these educated, experienced and professional advocates of rights and justice in Afghanistan.

The right to asylum and the safe transfer of them and their families to refugee countries shall be acted upon promptly and in accordance with their human rights as soon as possible.

In accordance with the content of the 1951 United Nations Convention, the 1953 European Convention for the Protection and Respect of Human Rights, we urge the humanitarian laws of States to take urgent action to prevent the most vulnerable group of legal professionals from becoming victims.

Afghanistan is in a huge legal vacuum after the fall of the government, and the domination of the Taliban.

The Taliban have released all prisoners after taking control of areas under the previous government, especially in Kabul and major cities. Including all criminals and professional killers, ISIL and al-Qaeda terrorists, drug lords and human trafficker.

All criminals who are aware of which prosecutor and by which judge they have been sentenced to long prison terms, or sentenced to death by filing a lawsuit. These criminal will be looking for these judges and prosecutors to track down, kidnap and kill them.

The Afghan Bar Association in Europe, in addition to the latest official reports widely published in media sources and approved by the United

Nations Human Rights Organization, has obtained documents and evidence of the names of judges and prosecutors, which in recent days were abducted from their homes and later brutally murdered.

The Association of Afghan Lawyers in Europe advocating for the legitimate rights of Afghans, sent a letter calling on the international community to address the human rights and safety of this vulnerable and oppressed human rights group.

The government, its parties and parliamentary factions, as well as the human rights organizations and partner refugees, are awaiting urgent action.

We plead you to handle this matter of request as an urgency and we look forward to hearing back from you as soon as possible.

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