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Urgent debate on the situation of the human rights of women and girls in Afghanistan

Thank you

The suspension of girls from education in the 21st century cannot be justified by any ideology or religion. Afghanistan is the only country that has banned secondary school for girls.

It is with serious concern that we observe the continued discrimination against women and girls ranging from forced hijab norms and barriers to employment to cases of killings or forced disappearances of women journalists, prosecutors, judges and members of civil society.

Violence against women and girls has increased in both the public and private sphere.

The number of women killings and that of women committing suicide has also risen.

The three-day-long grand assembly Loya Jirga, which began on 30 June in Kabul is taking place with an attendance of 3,000 men who will decide on the most important national issues, including the fate of women. The conspicuous absence of half of Afghan society in this assembly should not be acceptable, but unfortunately is a reality of contemporary Afghanistan.

ARC urges the international community to do more to support women and girls in Afghanistan and not close its eyes to the many lives lived in denial of rights and human dignity.

Thank you.