

## Editorial: The Rape of Afghanistan



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Yet again the long suffering people of Afghanistan are in the midst of moral, economic and structural collapse of society with a drought adding to the chaos and forecasting mass starvation. This has been caused by two factors –

1. The withdrawal of international groups, not just the US Military, but of many global agencies and charities who had been trying to keep the people alive and well. Many have now left or ceased operations due to Afghanistan becoming an unsafe environment to stay after the takeover by the Taliban and their immediate attacks on elements of society and total lack of training or ability to be a proper government. Currently their governmental policy and actions, have been to kill rivals and reli-

gious minorities, beat and kill innocent women and sell or “forcefully marry” young girls into a life of rape and abuse, too often aided and abetted by the girls’ and babies’ own fathers. What a betrayal – by the parent who was supposed to protect them. Young boys are also being raped and forced to be child soldiers.

Respect for women and children, is the FIRST sign of a civilised society and civilised men – and crimes committed against adults and children are opposed by religion including the religion the Taliban claim to represent.

**(Quran 6:151–153):**

**You shall not kill your children on a plea of want; we provide sustenance for you and for them.**

**You shall not take life, which God has made sacred, except by way of justice and law(\*). Thus does God command you, that you may learn wisdom.**

(\*) The phrase “except by way of justice and law” was added by men into the original scripture; it is not the word of God. Rather it is an insult to God and demonising of God’s name to justify killing and shows that ‘justice and law’ bodies can also go against the will of God in those societies that claim their right to abuse and kill.

2. Other than the Taliban's religious manifesto, which insults God in word and deed, we have seen nothing positive and no harbinger of a bright or even sustainable future for the Afghan people. Indeed those who may have stayed and helped rebuild the country have had to flee in fear for their lives and to try to give their children a decent future.

Be aware that most of this group of miscreants affecting the fate of Afghanistan are not real men, and not village idiots, they are the under belly of an evil and endless plague of humans; men who legitimise their local dictators and who have destroyed our planet and raped our children since humanity first crawled out of the mud. They have ensured we have stayed covered in mud and blood ever since.

The lack of any proper form of government, and particularly a government with the welfare of all Afghan people in mind has also opened the country up to hostile corrupt outside governments and influences, notably Russia and China who have announced to the world that they support this rule of a revengeful mob.

Both have a record of oppressing their own people and minorities and of supporting cruel and wicked dictatorships. China's dictatorship has its own history of genocide and we could ask Putin where his change of mind has come about since Russia's 9 year war against Afghanistan.

### What are the needs?

According to the UN, Afghanistan saw a high number of civilian casualties in the first 6 months of 2021, an increase of 47% compared to the same period last year. Since the beginning of 2021, some 550,000 people fled their homes, bringing the number of displaced people to at least 4.2 million. Attacks against medical and educational facilities remain high..

The COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 spring drought, persisting political insecurities, and increased violence have further deteriorated the humanitarian situation. Coronavirus import restrictions and widespread unemployment have worsened food insecurity, with close to 14.1 million people (35% of the population) critically food insecure.

Due to the severe drought and withdrawal of international troops, 18.5 million people could require humanitarian assistance. Severe weather conditions – drought, heavy snowfall, flash floods and avalanches – regularly affect thousands of people and their homes.

### Funding organisations

To have charities and international organisations stay in Afghanistan the Taliban who are ill equipped and not educated in administration or disaster relief are going to have to ensure a safe environment for local people and foreigners - otherwise their mission will quickly turn into one of genocide of their own people.

The European Union has pledged a one-billion-euro (\$1.15bn) aid package for Afghanistan, "to avert a major humanitarian and socioeconomic collapse" 12 Oct 2021

The EU supports health services, trying to ensure access to health care for people in areas where regular government services are disrupted. Health facilities continue to report record-high admission levels of conflict-related trauma cases. The EU also supports nutrition response, in view of the more than 3 million children under 5 suffering from malnutrition in Afghanistan.

The EU also funds education projects for children who were forced out of school due to gender, conflict or displacement. EU funding supports humanitarian flights, the provision of security information to non-governmental organisations and the coordination of humanitarian interventions.

In 2015 the Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard, committed to increasing Australia's aid to Afghanistan by \$85 million a year to \$250 million by 2015 in an agreement signed with Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai during a side meeting at the NATO summit.

BUT did and will all of that money, indeed any of that money, get to where it is needed and will any aid now given go into the Taliban "war chest" and further strengthen its unholy mission?

May heaven help the good people of Afghanistan. Currently there does not seem to be much hope for them here on earth.

**[[And as we go to press there is news that more Afghani girls are being sold into the global rape trade. The ONLY obligation on adults everywhere on this planet is to protect their children. But it seems when adults have to go without, children are expendable, especially the most vulnerable, and those who have always been preyed upon by the most evil in our society - girls. ]]**