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Global Jurist Association of Afghanistan



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Organizations Advocating for Human Rights and Asylum Seekers in Germany, German Skilled Migration Authority

Dear Sir/Madam,

The **Global Jurist Association of Afghanistan**, as a socio-professional organization committed to human rights and the legitimate interests of the Afghan minority in all countries worldwide, is closely following recent developments in Germany concerning the stance of certain political parties towards Afghans residing in the country.

The **Global Jurist Association of Afghanistan**, a socio-professional and voluntary legal institution, is officially registered in the Netherlands and holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The association expresses its concern regarding the position of the German government and certain political parties towards Afghans residing in Germany and seeking asylum. These parties have made the situation of Afghan asylum seekers a central theme in their election campaigns and are attempting to halt the asylum process and forcibly return some Afghans to an unsafe country under the brutal rule of the Taliban.

The **Global Jurist Association of Afghanistan** believes that:

Afghanistan has been in a state of war and crisis for 45 years, affecting generations and causing severe psychological trauma. From a psychological perspective, the current generation of Afghan children is the most traumatized ever and is in urgent need of psychological support and assistance. Unfortunately, crisis-stricken and unstable Afghanistan does not provide these opportunities.

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The association appreciates and deeply respects the longstanding friendly relations and immense support that the German government has provided to the Afghan people. However, concerning incidents where a small number of Afghans have committed criminal offenses—which is a direct consequence of psychological trauma and the ongoing 45-year crisis—we emphasize that the actions of a few should not lead to distrust towards the entire community or result in a general policy that strips Afghan asylum seekers of their rights.

The association acknowledges the harm caused by crimes and terrorist acts to victims. Nevertheless, media statements made by certain political parties should not endanger the position of the vast majority of Afghans in your country who have successfully integrated. This is a matter of great concern to us.

From a legal perspective, the association maintains that crime is an individual act—a principle also affirmed by law. However, every criminal has accomplices, instigators, facilitators, helpers, and others who provide them with the means to commit crimes. In recent cases, this may also be the situation, and a thorough investigation is needed, with particular attention to the possible presence of active terrorist groups in Germany. These groups can easily recruit young individuals who are psychologically the most vulnerable. The existence of such organized and dangerous terrorist networks poses a threat to everyone.

Therefore, as human rights defenders and advocates for the rights of Afghan asylum seekers, we urgently appeal to all political parties and civil society organizations committed to human and asylum rights to:

- Act in accordance with the **1951 UN Refugee Convention**, the **1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, and the **European Convention on Human Rights**.
- Ensure that the rights and status of Afghans in Germany are not jeopardized.
- Resume the asylum process for Afghans who, in the past three and a half years, were forced to flee their country under the brutal and inhumane rule of the Taliban, allowing them to exercise their right to asylum.

From our perspective, this is a moral obligation of the international community, the European Union, and the German government regarding the tragedy of Afghanistan and its people.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the Board Members,

Mir Abdulwahid Sadat

President of the Association