



Afghan women deputies warn of growing disenchantment among Afghan people

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A group of Afghan women parliamentarians and representatives of various ministries appealed Monday to the European Union and the international community for economic, educational and security support warning that the security situation is deteriorating and people are getting disenchanted.

"Security situation has deteriorated. It is making everybody worried. Most people have lost trust in the government because of corruption," Shukria Paikan Ahmadi, a deputy from Kunduz, told a press conference in the European Parliament in Brussels Monday afternoon.

She called on the EU and NATO to do "whatever they can to bring security and peace in Afghanistan."

Fatima Nazri, a deputy from Kabul, said poverty is the main cause of the Worsening situation in her Muslim country .

"People have started going back to Iran and Pakistan because of unemployment. The EU should help us with financial resources," she said.

Jamila Aman, who works in Afghanistan's foreign ministry, said women's education has been the real victim during the wars and conflicts since the last 30 years in the country..

"Quality of high education has been affected very badly. Women should be sent abroad for higher education," said Aman and urged EU assistance for education and schools in her country.

She also called on the Afghan government to send more female diplomats abroad, noting that only two Afghan ambassadors were women.

The three are a group of 13 Afghan women deputies and representatives of ministries and women's group on a weeklong visit to Brussels to meet Members of the European Parliament and also participate in a conference in NATO.

Their visit to Belgium has been organised by the US-based organization "The Initiative for Inclusive Security (IIS)." Swanee Hunt, founder of IIS, said her organisation advocates the full participation of women in peace processes.

The Afghan women's group met Monday the EP's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.

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