An angry mob beat 27-year-old Farkhanda to death on March 18 in Kabul, police said. The incident occurred in the capital's Shahr-e-Naw district when a group of civilians came across Farkhanda from the village of Shel in Baghlan province, where she lived with her family. The woman was dressed in a black niqab and was thought to be a member of the Taliban. The mob allegedly believed she was spying for the insurgent group.

The Taliban has been investigating this by the Attorney General Office (AGO). Farkhanda was the daughter of Abdul Ghaffar, a local police official, who was badly beaten by the mob. She had five children, the oldest of whom is 12 years old. The AGO said Farkhanda’s husband and three children are safe and that they are being taken care of. The bureau has ordered an investigation into the murder, and the authorities have called on the public to come forward with any information.

The attack is the latest in a series of targeted killings in Afghanistan, where women’s rights activists and members of civil society groups have been frequent targets. In recent months, at least 15 women have been murdered or injured in attacks linked to the Taliban.’