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No End to Violence against Women

The recent Brussels Summit was it reiterated by the UN Security Council (NGU) that there would be serious efforts for the rights and protection of women in Afghanistan. However, there are many who feel that the situation regarding the rights, role and status of wom-

en in Afghanistan is not good. It was not the first time that NGU made promises that it would con-

consider the condition of women in Afghanistan seriously. On its beginning, it had made many such announcements and demands during the Brussels Summit and demanded better efforts by Afghan government to change the scenario. International community also made it clear that the support and assistance to Afghanistan would largely depend on the endeavors that would be made by all Afghan governments to achieve its goals. This is the way the NGU made promises that it would consider the condition of women in Afghanistan seriously. On its beginning, it had made many such announcements and demands during the Brussels Summit and demanded better efforts by Afghan government to change the scenario. International community also made it clear that the support and assistance to Afghanistan would largely depend on the endeavors that would be made by all Afghan governments to achieve its goals.

Unfortunately, incidents pertaining to women have been handled by the authorities in a requestive manner. They were used to attract donors instead of focusing on real goals. Some efforts were made only to show the donors that there are actions being taken but it is also ensured that the issues are not solved permanently; thus enabling the effective use of the resources in a manner that women would be treated as second-class citizens. As a matter of fact, the magnitude of work that has been done regarding the rights of women is just half the magnitude of the issues that are being presented. Women are treated as second-class citizens and are not treated with the respect they deserve. This is the reason why women are not earning a reputable position within Afghan society. Even if there is a serious attention to their woes and now with rising incidents of violence against women, it is not only non-religious but at the same time atrocious because above all women are human beings. Unfortunately, this evident fact has not been considered by the society as a whole as women are an essential part of it.

As a matter of fact, the magnitude of work that has been done regarding the rights of women in Afghanistan is much less than the funds and resources that have been utilized. A cursory look at the condition of women in different parts of the country would reveal the normal ste-

p. However, the incidence of violence and atrocities against women has kept on multiplying. Every now and then, there is an incident that shows the nature and frequency of violation of women’s rights and their subjugation by the male members of the society and the social norms and values.

In a recent incident on Saturday, October 15, a man disguised his 25-year-

old wife in petticoat before setting her on fire in Anjel district of Herat province. According to officials the incident took place only because the man did not want to have the woman as a wife. Unfortunately, this evident fact has not been considered by the society as a whole as women are an essential part of it.

The referendum happened for one reason: in 2013, then-Prime Min-

ister David Cameron feared that he would be unable to secure suffi-

cient support for his plan to hold a referendum on whether the UK should remain in the European Union (also known as “Europe”) by 2017. Cameron was under pressure from Eurosceptic (anti-EU) MPs in his party to hold the referendum, and he believed that it would help to drive forward the broader process of economic and finan-

cial globalization.

As a result of the referendum, the UK will leave the EU on January 31, 2020, unless there is an agreement to extend the Brexit process. The UK will then enter a transition period until December 31, 2020, during which it will continue to follow EU rules and regulations. However, the UK and the EU will need to negotiate the terms of their future relationship, which could include trade agreements, immigration policies, and other issues.

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