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**Press Release**

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BRITISH EMBASSY KABUL MARKS INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

On 10 December the British Embassy in Kabul marked International Human Rights Day. The UN International Human Rights Day celebrates the anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights in 1948.

On 10 December 1948 Afghanistan, the UK and 46 other countries came together to set out the rights to which all human beings are entitled.

Since then the 10th of December has been an opportunity to reflect on the importance of human rights and the role they play in supporting prosperous and stable societies. This year we reflect, in particular, on the vital work of civil society and those who seek to defend the rights of others.

British Ambassador to Afghanistan Dominic Jermey said:

*Today we celebrate the efforts of courageous individuals who seek to protect and promote human rights in Afghanistan and around the world. Over the last fifteen years Afghanistan has seen dramatic improvement in its human rights situation but clearly many challenges remain. The British Embassy works closely with the Afghan Government and Civil Society to support human rights and the work of many brave people who work to protect the human rights of others.*

The British Embassy Kabul marked the day by hosting a reception for human rights defenders from across Afghanistan. It was an opportunity to celebrate the brave work they do, learn from their experiences and consider how better we might support them in the future.

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