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EU calls on the Afghan Government to eliminate violence against Women

Joint statement by European Union in Afghanistan on the International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women, 25 November 2015.

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Elimination of violence and discrimination against women and girls remains a pivotal objective of the European Union's Human Rights Policy.

On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the EU in Afghanistan expresses its concern over the continuing violations of women's rights in the country. The EU Special Representative in Afghanistan, the EU Delegation and the European Union Police Mission (EUPOL) remain strongly committed to eliminating violence against Afghan women and girls.

"Last month yet another young woman was stoned to death. This is totally unacceptable. The Afghan Government must make sure that the ones responsible for this kind of crime are held accountable. I strongly urge the Government to increase its efforts to stop all violence against women," says the EU Special Representative for Afghanistan, Franz-Michael Mellbin.

"It is vital that the Government takes the implementation of the Law on Elimination of Violence against Women seriously. The Afghan legal system must stand up to its obligations and address these problems, punish the perpetrators and bring justice to the victims," says Pia Stjernvall, EUPOL Head of Mission.

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