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In the Name of Woman, life, freedom!

When I was born, my mother, who was an illiterate and rural woman was not happy. After all, she wanted a son like all women of her time! In those days, as now, women and girls were homemakers, weak and considered among the most precious possessions of men in the family. I, however, did not remain a stay-at-home girl, I went to school, attended university and worked outside the home. Much more than my husband, who was the son of another woman, and his mother must have been happy and proud of his birth!!!

Twenty years of republican rule in Afghanistan was an amazing opportunity for women to prove that we are not the second sex that we can live, work and study without the support of men. When the Taliban seized power again in the middle of August 2021, the written straw books and the statements of the jurists of the 4th and 5th centuries of Hijri were no longer valid since they mentioned women as weak, incompetent and half a man, because many women had become doctors, engineers, judges, and ministers, and had excelled in these duties better than many men.

The Taliban, who are the most reactionary and backward Islamists in the world, made women stay at home, not because women are weak, but because they want women to be weak.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Imagine that you have studied in medical school for seven whole years and now you are denied the final exam to obtain a medical license, why?! Because you are a woman!

You have gone to school for 12 years and just in the year you are going to enter the university, the gate of the university is closed to you because you are a woman!

Imagine that you should not learn more than six classes, because the ignorant group is afraid of your becoming literate. Because your knowledge weakens the weak foundation of their thinking and because literate mothers will prevent their children from committing suicide!

We women in Afghanistan are discriminated from birth, maybe it's time for the world to intervene and not let any mother be ashamed of giving birth to her same sex, unless the pain of one member of the human society is the pain of all!