



## **The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission 's statement concerning the threat posed to critical and political opponents of the Taliban who reside outside Afghanistan**

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The critical and political opponents of the Taliban, who currently reside in various countries across the globe, have received threats of grave harm to their person. These threats were issued via Twitter by two significant Taliban figures, namely Qari Saeed Khosti, a former Taliban Ministry of Interior spokesperson, and General Mobeen, a media personality and Taliban social media influencer.

Both tweets claimed hundreds of volunteer supporters in Europe and America who need coordination. Qari Saeed Khosti further asserted that intelligence agencies of various countries routinely target their enemies abroad; why can't we?». General Mobeen directed his message to the supporters of the Taliban, asking whether the Ghazis living in Europe do you hear?»

Furthermore, both of them resorted to using violent language in their tweets, even advocating the use of knives to carry out murder against the opponents of the Taliban.

The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) considers this threat of the Taliban as serious and real and has urged all governments hosting Afghan to take necessary steps to identify potential threats. Additionally, the Commission has appealed to Afghan citizens living abroad to prioritize their safety and their families and to remain in contact with the relevant security and legal institutions if they feel threatened.

The AIHRC has also requested Twitter's administration to identify individuals and groups who employ social media platforms as tools for terrorism and issuing threats and to close such accounts. Finally, the AIHRC has urged the international community to consider whether engaging and formalizing interactions with such a terrifying and dangerous group is reasonable and feasible.

**The Leadership Board of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission**

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