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Many reports from credible and reliable sources indicate that Taliban groups have increased insults, arrests, torture, and continued killings of former government soldiers.

These reports confirm that the Taliban have been cruelly arresting and torturing the soldiers of the former government with complete cruelty. Then they kill them using very painful tools and methods.

One of the videos shows the Taliban torturing a disabled soldier so that the victim cries and asks for forgiveness. However, the criminal Taliban not only tortured the head and neck of the disabled soldier, who has a completely civilian status but also covered him with a plastic bag to block his breathing and finally killed him.

Other pictures show the Taliban killing the victim, dismembering his body, And they laugh at his dismembered body.

Also, many documents show how the Taliban tortured the victim with physical abuse and then shot them.

Unfortunately, our information and reports show that many former soldiers, mostly low-ranking soldiers and officers, are still in Afghanistan, living in hiding for fear of reprisals and torture. Those who were biometric during the mission and military period cannot go to the relevant offices and obtain birth certificates (National ID cards) or passports. If they have the above-mentioned documents, they can be identified at the country's airports and borders. This wandering group, mostly for this reason, is constantly hunted by Taliban soldiers.

Some of these soldiers, who have already gone to neighboring countries, have not been able to return to Afghanistan. They could not renew their visas after expiration and were forced to live illegally in these countries.

Several media reports indicate that regional governments use these soldiers as combat forces in regional wars.

Most of the time, these former soldiers' poor and helpless families fall into the trap of criminal groups and suffer a terrible fate, or their children and women are facing poverty and a very uncertain future.

With this statement, AIHRC brings the unheard and broken voice of this oppressed group to the ears of the world.

Some governments of the world have tried to transfer their allies from Afghanistan. They have mostly moved senior military personnel and project managers from Afghanistan, which must also be commended. But many low-ranking military personnel have remained in the country and are sacrificed daily.

The AIHRC believes that the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) are responsible for making a fair and acceptable decision regarding the soldiers and victims of the

biggest war in their history and saving them and their families from suffering and destruction.

The AIHRC calls on all those governments who fought in Afghanistan to fight terrorism and recently irresponsibly left their allies alone to be accountable for their decisions and the painful fate of their allies.

The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission believes that if the responsible governments and political institutions shirk their responsibilities today, they will be forced to answer to the world's enlightened citizens, judicial institutions, and international courts tomorrow!

The leadership of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission