

# DANGER



## Women workers at risk



In Afghanistan many everyday jobs can be dangerous for women. Being a teacher, MP, doctor, lawyer or policewoman is likely to put you and your family at risk.

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## OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS

Huge gains have been made for Afghan women in the last 13 years, but this progress, largely supported by the UK government, is fragile. Women brave enough to take on public roles live in daily fear of attack.

Teaching girls in some parts of Afghanistan is still both brave and dangerous. Girls' education was banned under Taliban rule, and militia groups continue to punish women who bring education to girls.

27 per cent of MPs in Afghanistan are women. But last year one woman MP was kidnapped by insurgents and another faced an attack in which she survived but her 8-year-old daughter died.

Women are being actively recruited into the police force but in Helmand alone four policewomen have been shot.

**Headteacher Parween** runs a girls' school in Laghman province. Her education has brought hope and opportunity to many girls. But she has been a target for militia groups. After repeated threats warning her to stop working, her son Hamayoon was abducted. After 14 months of searching, his body was washed down from the hills. She still gets calls threatening to kill her other children.

**Doctor D.** (name changed for security reasons) works as a gynaecologist bringing healthcare to women suffering from abuse, including rape and domestic violence. The Taliban has targeted her because of her work, killing her brother and badly wounding her 11-year-old son in a grenade attack.

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## TAKE ACTION

Please join our photo petition. Take a photo of yourself with a warning sign, hard hat or high-visibility jacket to highlight the hazards Afghan women face in day-to-day jobs.

The UK government has worked to encourage women to take up these public roles in Afghanistan. Now it must plan how to support them after military engagement finishes at the end of 2014.

We will present the photo petition to Foreign Secretary William Hague asking him to prioritise protecting the progress achieved for Afghan women's rights.

► Send your pictures by 31 October 2014 to [activism@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:activism@amnesty.org.uk)

