The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to a joint letter of Special Rapporteur on violence against women, Ms. Rashida Manjoo, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Mrs. Margaret Sekagya and Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution, Mr. Christof Heyns dated on 18 July 2012 has the honor to inform of the following:

1. Ms. Jamila had been married to Mr. Jumah Khan and they were living in the valley of Qawl Hir, District of Shenwari. A few months ago, Ms. Jamila had reportedly left her husband's house and was considered to be missing.

On 18 June 2012, one of the Taliban commanders of Qawl Hir, Mullah Izzat was killed by some unknown persons. Following the death him, Mullah Mirza Jan who is a resident of the 'Safi mountain' and also the current Taliban leader in the above mentioned district, named Abdul Qadir, also known as Qadir e Lang, resident of Chamar village in the above mentioned district, as the suspect murderer of Mullah Izzat.

On 22 June 2012, the Taliban carried an assault at the residence of Abdul Qadir and killed him. They found Ms. Jamila and in Abdul Qadir residence and convicted her of adultery and executed her to death.

On 25-26 June 2012, in connection with the killings of Ms. Jamila and Abdul Qadir, police arrested the following persons from different parts of Shenwari:

- Mullah Faiz Ullah.
- Akhtar Mohammad.
- Faiz Mohammad.
- Saif Ullah.
- Mohammad Wali.
The persons above are under interrogation by the authorities in the Parwan province. In the meantime, there is an ongoing search to bring Mullah Mirza Jan and his operatives in the custody of the authorities for alleged killings of Abdul Qadir and Ms. Jamila.

2. On 12 July 2012, Director of Women’s Affairs of Laghman, Ms. Hanifa Safi, accompanied by her husband Nazir and daughter Shabnam were traveling from the village of Omerzani to the provincial capital, Mehtar Lam. In the Mehtar Lam, their car was stopped by unidentified persons and an explosive device was attached to it which exploded and resulted in the death of Ms. Hanifa Safi and injury of her husband and daughter. The details of that incident are under investigation.


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