

## HRD+ Statement on the Sentencing of Abdulalim Khamosh to Death

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We, *Human Rights Defenders Plus (HRD+)*, express our deep concern and profound regret, and we strongly condemn the sentencing of **Abdulalim Khamosh**, a cultural educator and social activist, to death.

Abdulalim Khamosh, who worked in one of the most deprived regions of the country, now faces the imminent risk of execution—solely because of a professional and humane conversation he held with a local Taliban official. He has been convicted based on fabricated charges and without access to meaningful legal defence.

This ruling is not only a blatant violation of the **right to life** and the **principles of fair trial**, but also a clear sign of **abuse of power**, **silencing of independent voices**, and the continued policy of repression and revenge by the Taliban against informed and civil segments of society.

### Human Rights Defenders Plus (HRD+):

1. Calls for the **immediate and unconditional annulment** of the death sentence against Abdulalim Khamosh;
2. Urges all international bodies, including the **United Nations Human Rights Council**, **Amnesty International**, **Human Rights Watch**, and **UN Special Rapporteurs**, to take immediate action on this case and use all available mechanisms to prevent this flagrant injustice;
3. Emphasizes that the establishment of an **independent and impartial international monitoring mechanism** to follow the situation of civil and political prisoners in Afghanistan is more urgent than ever;
4. Appeals to civil society activists, media professionals, intellectuals, and artists in Afghanistan and around the world to **raise their voices** against this unjust ruling and not let silence become an accomplice to the crime.

**Stop the execution of Abdulalim Khamosh, do not sacrifice justice to vengeance**

With respect and commitment to human dignity

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