

Hazara protest - Afghanistan is not safe; stop forced deportation

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Media Release

Nation-wide protests over kidnapped Hazaras in Afghanistan and forced deportation.

On Saturday April 11, thousands of Hazaras in Australia will hold a nation-wide peaceful demonstration in Australia's main cities to call for the release of 31 kidnapped Hazaras in Afghanistan and voice their deep concerns over forced deportation of Hazaras to Afghanistan.

The aim of the demonstration is also to call on the Afghan government to break their silence and indifference over the kidnapping and urge the Australian government and the United Nations to assemble their utmost effort towards the immediate and safe release of the kidnapped Hazaras.

“As Australians, we demand the Australian government to pressurise the Afghan government to recover the tens of Hazaras kidnapped in 5 instances in the past two months,” Abdul Alizada, from Australian Hazara Federation, which organized the protests along with other organizations, said.

“And we also urge the Australian government to halt immediately the deportation of Hazara refugees back to Afghanistan because it's not safe.”

“The protestors also call on the world leaders, the United Nations

and human rights groups to make a formal request to the Afghan government to put efforts to stop the new trend of Hazara kidnapping tactic,” Besmellah Rezai, another organizers of the protest said.

Many of those taking part in this demonstration have been former refugees and understand how it is like living in a state of limbo.

“We urge the Department of Immigration to take into account the dangers Hazaras face in Afghanistan when processing their claims” another community representative said.

“As former refugees, we have made significant contribution to Australia, we know that others will do the same if they are allowed to stay here,” Alizada said.

In Sydney over 500 Hazaras are expected to gather to raise their concerns over the kidnapped Hazaras and forced deportation of Hazaras to Afghanistan,

The protest will be held in Sydney Square, George Street, Town Hall, starting at 12:00 pm.

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Peaceful Protest For the Kidnapped Hazaras

اطلاعیه تظاهرات برضد اختطاف هزاره ها در افغانستان

فدراسیون هزاره های استرالیا با همکاری و هماهنگی دیگر انجمن های مردمی تظاهرات سرتاسری را در اعتراض به اختطاف هزاره ها در افغانستان در روز ۱۱ اپریل تدارک دیده است.

از شما مردم نجیب و انسان دوست دعوت میشود تا دین انسانی و وجدانی خود را با اشتراک پر رنگ و در این گردهمایی اعتراضی ادا کنید.

Australian Hazara Federation along with other community organisations have organised peaceful protests around Australia. We request all of you and your family and friends to join together and raise the voices of the Kidnapped Hazaras in Afghanistan. Your presence will help put pressure on the Afghan government to take serious and appropriate actions in its duty to protect its citizens.

When?

11 April
@ 12:00 PM

Where?

Sydney Square, George Street Town
Hall - Above the Town Hall Station

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Being Hazara should no longer be a crime.

