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*Salaam/Peace be upon you:*

We are heartbroken about yet another attack on our young, innocent, and bright Afghans at a girls' school in Dasht-e-Barchi, a predominantly Hazara neighbourhood. At least 80 people, mostly young schoolgirls, have been killed and they are still counting.

Words cannot express the losses that the mothers, fathers, and families of these innocent victims are experiencing. Today and every day, our thoughts and prayers are with Afghanistan.

The perpetrators of this attack know no boundaries. This attack happened during the holy month of Ramadan. This attack targeted children who had just finished school. These are war crimes and the international community must come together to hold them accountable. **The Canadian government must play a role as an advocate for accountability.** The perpetrators of these attacks and those that enable this systematic repression are responsible for the ongoing cycle of violence in Afghanistan, which threatens the future of all those who have hope in our country's future.

We will honour the memory of those who are no longer with us by continuing to build a better tomorrow for the next generation.

In solidarity,

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