



Swedish Committee for Afghanistan

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Ministry of Economy
Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Kabul, AFGHANISTAN

Attention: Department of NGOs

Subject: **CIVILIANS KILLED BY DRONE BOMBARDMENT**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA) is taking this opportunity to render its compliments and felicitations to the Ministry of Economy stating that: The Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA) have served the people of Afghanistan in the sectors of health, education, disability, and rural development for the past 37 years in the country. Today SCA implements its programmes through five Regional Management Offices and two Liaison Offices in 14 provinces in the north, north-east, east, and southeast regions by almost 6,000 staff. It has also got a management office in Kabul and one in Stockholm, Sweden.

SCA hereby, would like to inform you about the following recent incidents which has taken life of innocent civilians once again:

- a) Miss. Hanifa one of the students of a SCA supported Community Based School (Ghonzagai CBS) in Ghonzagai village, Gomal district of Paktika province. She was travelling in a taxi together with all members of her family (mother, father, two sisters, two brothers and her stepmother) a day before Eid ul Fitr (June 3, 2019 / 13 Jawzaa 1398) from their home village (Alizai village) to Spina village to join their relatives for Eid celebration when their vehicle was targeted by Drone bombardment and as a result Hanifa with all her family members in the vehicle including the driver (all together eight individuals) were killed on spot. The incident occurred at 13.00 hours on June 3, 2019 / 13 Jawzaa 1398 in Hooskhil village. Hanifa was first grade student of Ghonzagai CBS, Ghonzagai village, Gomal district, Paktika province.
- b) Mr. Mohammad Hussain a teacher of Wachovia Community Based School supported by SCA in Wachovia village, Gomal district of Paktika province was killed on the first day of Eid ul Fitr (June 4, 2019 / 14 Jawzaa 1398). Late Mr. Mohammad Hussain was travelling by foot from his home village (Dawoodkhil) to Alizai village to visit his family's members/relatives for Eid greetings when he was killed by Drone bombardment. The incident occurred at 11.30 hours on June 4, 2017 / 14 Jawzaa 1398 in Alizai village. Late Mr. Mohammad Hussain has left behind five children (three daughters and two sons) and he had been working as a teacher with SCA from April 2013 till end of his life on June 4, 2019.

SCA strongly condemns the killing of the innocent civilians which is a clear breach from all the International Humanitarian Laws (IHL) and the laws of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (IRoA) and urges all the warring parties to respect the IHL and all the laws of the IRoA and avoid killing of innocent civilians. SCA would very much appreciate an investigation of the above mentioned incidents by the related ministries and looking forward to a kind feedback to its request. At the same time SCA is looking forward for all the needed measures to be taken by all the warring parties in order to better protect the life of the civilians in the country.

SCA once again appreciate all the endless and sincere support of the government of the IRoA to SCA for the last 37 years in order to implement its programs and projects to bring positive changes to the life of the women, girls, boys and men mainly in the rural areas of Afghanistan.

Sincerely yours,

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