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STATEMENT OF THE JUDGES' COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE MURDER OF TWO JUDGES IN AFGHANISTAN

On 17th January 2 female judges of the Afghanistan Supreme Court were murdered in Kabul. This was another attack in a series of continuing and murderous attacks on the system of justice in Afghanistan. But it was also a truly dreadful and dastardly attack on female members of an independent judiciary. This was an attack against not only the rule of law but also against Afghan women and their right to contribute to the system of justice in Afghanistan.

The members of the Northern Ireland Judiciary offer their most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the judges who were so cruelly murdered and also to their colleagues who seek to maintain the rule of law and the independence of their judiciary in difficult and trying circumstances.

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