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- » Almost 40 years of war
- » 2016: agreement signed between EU and Afghan government to deport refugees
- » “Afghanistan: second least peaceful country in the world”- Global Peace Index 2018

# Repatriation of Refugees



## Recommendations

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- » Providing and fairly distributing **humanitarian aids** to IDPs and Returnees.
- » Support already deported refugees with the **reintegration** processes and provide them with **security**.

# Education opportunities



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- » Nearly half of children (estimated 3.7 million) even can not complete the primary school
- » Different challenges makes it difficult/impossible for many to attend school.
  - Early age marriage
  - Insecurity
  - Lack of female teachers
  - ...
- » Lack of quality education

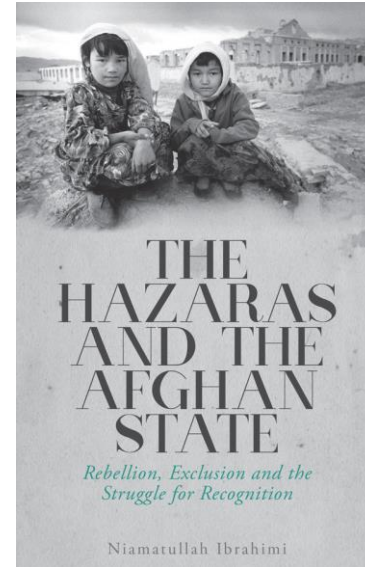
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- » “Continue strengthening access to education, in particular, to orphans, children with disabilities and children of missing parents” - South Sudan’s recommendation
- » Work with religious leaders and other groups at the national, provincial and community level to advocate for participating **regular** education, especially for girls.

# Rights and security of ethnic minorities (Hazaras)



- » Systematic discrimination, security threats, and marginalization towards Hazara ethnic group
- » Early November: the Taliban have launched an all-out assault on Jaghuri, Malistan and Khas Uruzgan
- » Civil activism concerned with minority issues has been oppressed
- » August: 48 students killed, 67 wounded in a tuition center
- » 57 Hazara civilians killed, dozens wounded in a voter registration center few days before



# Rights and security of ethnic minorities



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- » **Fair representation** of ethnic minorities in the government and giving them a voice in **decision making processes**.
- » Fair distribution of **opportunities**.
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