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Taliban release abducted female lawmaker in prisoner's exchange

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Taliban militants freed abducted female Afghan parliament member, Fareeba Ahmadi Kakar on Saturday, local government officials in eastern Ghazni province of Afghanistan said.

Deputy provincial council chief, Abdul Jameh Jameh confirming the report said the abducted female parliament member was freed in prisoners swap deal with the Taliban group.

Mr. Jameh further added that seven prisoners including four women and three men were released in exchange of the abducted female parliament member, Fareeba Ahmadi Kakar.

Taliban group following a statement also confirmed the freedom of Fareeba Ahmadi Kakar and said four innocent women along with their two children were released in exchange of the kidnapped parliament member.

Taliban in it's statement said, "Four innocent women and two children imprisoned by the Kabul administration on grounds of being the relatives of some Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate, a crime for which some were held for the past ten years in illegal underground prisons by Kabul's intelligence apparatus without any due trial or a known prison term while amongst them were also some with up to 20 year prison terms handed by the courts in Kabul."

The statement further added, “Hence the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate felt compelled to take action to help the persecuted and oppressed female relatives of its Mujahideen and a while back, detained a female member of parliament ‘Fareeba Ahmadi’ around Ghazni city and today, the Islamic Emirate handed her back over to her relatives with dignity in Ghazni province in form of a prisoner exchange after the four wronged women and their children were released by the Kabul regime.”

Taliban in it’s statement also added, “It must me mentioned that, quite opposite to the treatment by the Kabul administration, the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate treated the member of parliament in a very Islamic and humane way.”

“The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan wants to congratulate that entire Ummah and especially its own Mujahideen and the families of these persecuted prisoners on the occasion of this great triumph and process of restoring the honor of the Mujahideen and hopes that Allah Almighty will provide it with more such opportunities so it can release more oppressed prisoners,” the statement further added.