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**A CALL FOR IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING ACTION**

Dear IAW Members,

Please read the attached articles from *The Independent* newspaper concerning Afghani student, Sayed Pervez Kambaksh, who is under threat of the death sentence. The IAW strongly supports this campaign and urges you to take whatever action you can.

- Sign the petition
- Distribute the articles widely within your networks urging that they, too, publicise these articles, support the campaign and sign the petition
- Alert your national and local newspapers to the campaign and request that they mount a similar campaign
- Contact sister organisations and activist organisations to take action
- Contact political parties and your local politicians urging them to take up the cause to save the life of Sayed Pervez Kambaksh

While this type of immediate and widespread action on behalf of one individual person can have tremendous effect, it often has only a small ongoing effect on the perpetrators and condoners of such barbaric punishments. Therefore, may I strongly recommend that you continue to publicly condemn all archaic beliefs and customs that are allowed to flourish in many countries mainly at the expense of women and girls.

*Rosy Weiss, IAW President*

**SENTENCED TO DEATH: AFGHAN WHO DARED TO READ ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

Sign our e-petition at [www.independent.co.uk/petition](http://www.independent.co.uk/petition). Interesting? Click here to explore further. Print Article  Email Article ...

[www.independent.co.uk/.../asia/sentenced-to-death-afghan-who-dared-to-read-about-womens-rights-775972.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/.../asia/sentenced-to-death-afghan-who-dared-to-read-about-womens-rights-775972.html)

PRESS GAZETTE - INDEPENDENT LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO STOP AGHAN ...

It launched an e-petition at [www.independent.co.uk/petition](http://www.independent.co.uk/petition) after the Afghan Senate passed a motion yesterday confirming the death sentence. ...

[www.pressgazette.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=1&storycode=40139&c=1](http://www.pressgazette.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=1&storycode=40139&c=1) - 6 hours ago - [Similar pages](#)

**Note**

We are sending this FLASH as an attachment, saved in Word 97.  
Please be so kind to advise Pat Richardson if you know of any IAW members or affiliate/associate organisations with an e-mail address, so we can mail them this FLASH too.

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