



**Dear friends and fellow campaigners of RAWA,**

**we congratulate you and all the women and girls of Afghanistan on International Women's Day! March 8 is our day - the day of struggle for the women of the world. Not a Mother's Day, as the enemies of free women would like it to be, to bind us to children, cooking pots, church and break our fighting spirit.**

We assure you of our unwavering solidarity and respect for your decades of relentless struggle. We pledge to continue organizing the common struggle of world women to unite in uprooting the roots of patriarchal society, its injustice and oppression in every country.

We will also stand up in our country against any movement or government that wants to destroy our hard-won women's rights and throw us back to the most reactionary image of women. We will continue to fight for equal pay for equal work, for wages that you can still live on in old age, regardless of man or state. We are fighting for kindergarten places, appreciation in "women's professions", against femicide, sexualized violence against women and children, against the criminalization of abortion, for shelters and more qualified and better paid staff.

For weeks, we, women, girls and children have been demonstrating together with millions of people against right-wing developments and fascism, against the brutal plans to deport millions of people from Germany into an often deadly future. The demand to ban the "Alternative for Germany" (AFD) party is being hotly debated. This party is allowed to spread its deeply misogynistic, racist, fascist propaganda unhindered in the German Bundestag and on television under the guise of "democracy", calling for firing orders against refugees at the border and trivializing Hitler's fascism and the Holocaust as a "bird's-eye view of history". We know - this does not stop at words. Fascism means war. Educational work to unite in a militant opposition against the demagogic promises of the AFD that it is the party of the little people is our daily bread.

We demand the ban of all fascist parties and their propaganda!

"It is capitalism with its greed for profit that produces exploitation, poverty, oppression, environmental destruction, violence and fascism all over the world. It drives people to flee and then downright terrorizes those who have fled," says the call of our alliance for this year's 8 March.

We congratulate you on International Women's Day 2024 and make solidarity with your struggle the theme of our rally. The Taliban are very afraid of the power and political mobility of women. This is shown by their attempt to stifle the just movements with all fascist and brutal methods. But giving up is not an option for you, the world women of RAWA - and we love you for it.

For women's rights internationally, against fascism and imperialist war!  
Women connect worlds - women fight internationally!

Worldwomen`s greetings!  
your friends from Courage Essen e.V.

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