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UNAMA condemns reported beheading of civilians, reiterates call for civilians to be protected

Kabul, 27 August 2012 - The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) strongly condemns the gruesome murder of 17 Afghan civilians including two women who were reportedly beheaded in Kajaki district in the southern province of Helmand on Monday.

This criminal act is unjustifiable and totally disregards the sanctity of human life. UNAMA has repeatedly stated that the killing of civilians is a clear violation of international humanitarian and human rights laws and has called for the perpetrators of such reprehensible acts to be brought to justice.

The United Nations family in Afghanistan expresses deep sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims.

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