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Welcoming Afghan Scholars to Canada

Two resilient Afghan students have safely arrived in Canada and captured the spotlight in national media. Their remarkable journeys have been featured in CBC and Toronto Star.





CBC spotlight and Interviews

- [Raffy Boudjikanian](#), a renowned CBC reporter, welcomed the students upon their arrival at Vancouver International Airport. He shared their inspirational story and penned an article highlighting their perseverance: [CBC Article](#)





Toronto Star Coverage

- Following CBC's coverage, Toronto Star also recognized these brave students' pursuit of education in Canada: [Toronto Star Article](#).



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Ethan Cairns / For the Toronto Star

Torpikai, left, and Zarmina write and draw in their notebooks. Zarmina has been drawing her mother, a widow who sold crafts to help pay for the kids' schooling in Afghanistan

CBC Interviews with WLOT Scholars

In addition to the Afghan scholars, two other WLOT students—one from high school and another from the UBC geological engineering department—were interviewed by CBC News and CBC Radio, featuring Stephen Quinn:



[CBC Vancouver Video Interview](#)

[CBC YouTube Interview](#)

https://youtu.be/JfjrA6TtUmY?si=FlQghiAk2tbOl_oL

She left for Kazakhstan five days before the Taliban took over.





Habiba Nazari, 24, on a University of British Columbia field trip to Copper Mountain, B.C., in early July. Nazari left Afghanistan five days before the Taliban took over. (Habiba Nazari)

Promoting Afghan Women's Education Rights

CBC also highlighted the importance of Afghan women's right to education in an extensive article: [CBC Article](#).

Campaigning for Afghan Female Athletes

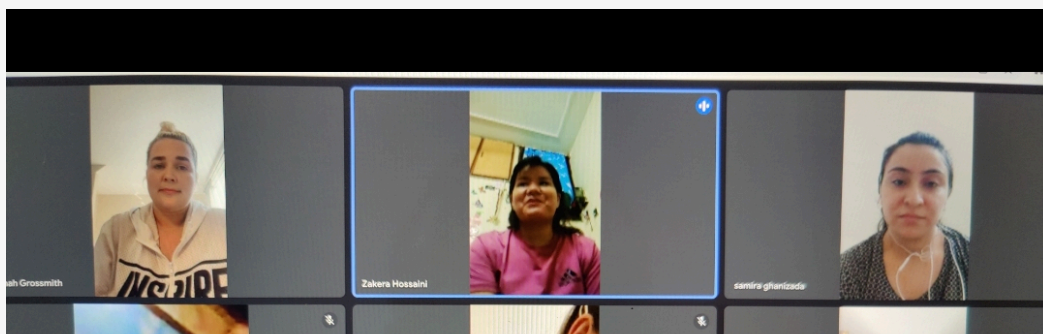
Amid the Taliban's ban on women's sports in Afghanistan, Friha Rezaye, the Founder and Executive Director of Women Leaders of Tomorrow, initiated a petition urging the International Olympic Committee to recognize and enable Afghan female athletes to compete for Afghanistan. The petition received

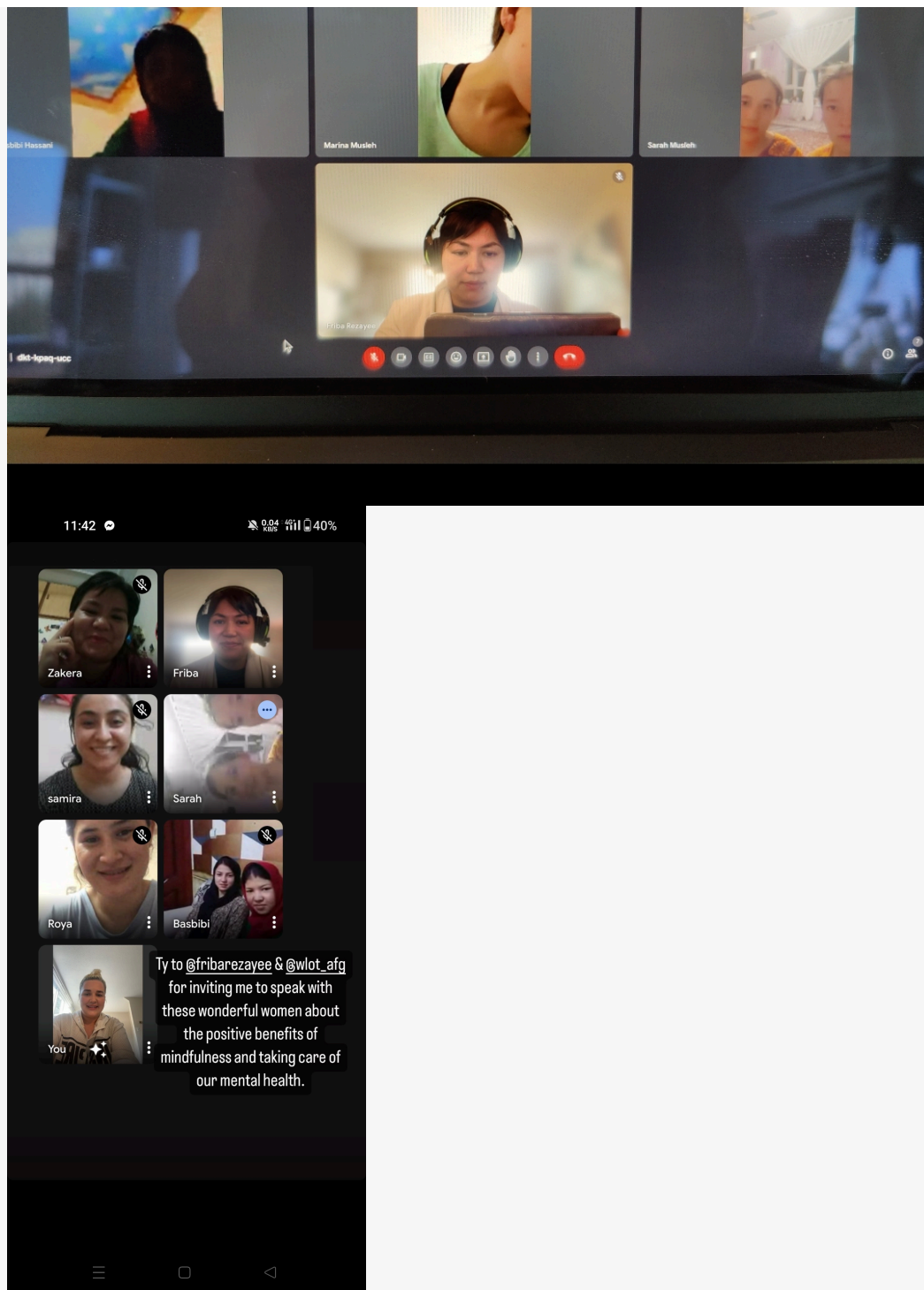
attention from The Washington Post: [Washington Post Article](#).



GOAL (Girls of Afghanistan Leads) Online Classes

In response to the closure of sports facilities for Afghan women and girls in Afghanistan, WLOT is continuing its sports program online. Currently, 13 girls are participating in fitness and Judo classes led by prominent Afghan female Judo athlete Zakera Hussaini. These classes are conducted in collaboration with Free to Run, a US-based nonprofit organization.





Afghanistan Learns Online (ALO) Program Expansion

WLOT is actively expanding the Afghanistan Learns Online program, offering courses in four subjects:

- English

- Dari (One of Afghanistan's official languages)
- Math
- Digital literacy

Stay tuned for more updates and inspiring stories from Women Leaders of Tomorrow! Our volunteers, Board members and Executive directors are working to achieve education and freedom for the Afghan women.

Thank you!

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