

UK 'urgently investigating' aid to Afghanistan after government bans girls over 12 singing in school

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Ahmad Sarmast, founder and director of the Afghanistan National Institute of Music, said: "Access to music and joining choirs is one of the basic human rights. No discrimination and prejudice can stop girls from joining choirs and having access to training for this high value art."

Mr Kawara later tried to clarify the reason for the ban. He said: "We received complaints from students, parents and education activists, elders and school associations that students must be busy with their studies. Students should prioritise their studies."

The education ministry then went further, saying it wanted to propose a ban on musical choirs, for boys or girls.