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1. Cause a storm

Phrase

- **Meaning:**

To cause an angry or excited reaction from a large number of people

- **Sentence:**

An Afghan academic who caused a storm

2. Tear up

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To tear a paper into small pieces

- **Sentence:**

An Afghan academic who caused a storm by quitting and tearing up his degree certificates on live television to protest the ban on women in universities

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3. Outburst

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A sudden release of strong emotion

- **Sentence:**

- Footage of his outburst on Tuesday on *TOLOnews* — a leading private television channel — went viral on social media, leading to criticism by some supporters of Afghanistan's Taliban authorities.

4. Patriarchal

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Relating to a system of society or government leading by men

- **Sentence:**

In the deeply conservative and patriarchal society, it is rare to see a man protest in support of women, but Mashal said he would stand up for women's rights.

5. Snatch

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To pull or take something away quickly

- **Sentence:**

“In a society where books and pens are snatched away from mothers and sisters,

6. Humiliation

Noun

- **Meaning:**

The feeling of being ashamed or losing respect

- **Sentence:**

it will only lead to crimes, poverty, and humiliation,” he said.

7. Impose

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To force something on someone

- **Sentence:**

- Authorities say the ban on women attending university was imposed because they were not observing a strict Islamic dress code.

8. Dismiss

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To decide something/someone is not important or worth considering

- **Sentence:**

- But Mashal, who also runs an educational institute for men and women, dismissed that justification.

9. Segregate

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To keep something apart from another

- **Sentence:**

They told us to implement the wearing of hijabs for women — we did that. They told us to segregate classes — we did that too,” he said,

10. So far

Phrase

- **Meaning:**

Up to this time

- **Sentence:**

- “The Taliban have so far not given any logical reason for the ban, which is affecting about 20 million girls.”

11. Look down on

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To consider something is less important and doesn't deserve

- **Sentence:**

- “So, why should we look down on women?” he added.

12. Barred

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Blocked from entrances

- **Sentence:**

Women have also been barred from going to parks, gyms and public baths.

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