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1. Despair

Noun

- **Meaning:**

The complete loss of hope

- **Sentence:**

The Taliban have banned women from universities in Afghanistan, sparking international condemnation and despair among young people in the country.

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2. Regression

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A return to less developed stage

- **Sentence:**

- The higher education minister announced the regression on Tuesday, saying it would take immediate effect.

3. Exclude

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To keep someone/something out

- **Sentence:**

- The ban further restricts women's education - girls have already been excluded from secondary schools since the Taliban returned last year.

4. Demonstration

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A group of people march or stand to show that they support or don't agree with something

- **Sentence:**

- The small demonstrations were quickly shut down by Taliban officials.

5. Anguish

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Severe physical or mental pain

- **Sentence:**

Female students have told the BBC of their anguish. "They destroyed the only bridge that could connect me with my future," one Kabul University student said.

6. Contradict

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To be different from another fact or statement

- **Sentence:**

- She had been studying Sharia Islamic law and argued the Taliban's order contradicted "the rights that Islam and Allah have given us".

7. Erasure

Noun

- **Meaning:**

An act of erasing

- **Sentence:**

- The UN's Special Rapporteur to Afghanistan said it was "a new low further violating the right to equal education and deepens the erasure of women from Afghan society."

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8. Legitimate

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Conforming to the law or to rules

- **Sentence:**

The Taliban cannot expect to be a legitimate member of the international community until they respect the rights of all in Afghanistan," said Secretary of State Antony Blinken in a statement.

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9. Thrive

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To develop or grow

- **Sentence:**

- "No country can thrive when half of its population is held back."

10. Setback

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Something that causes a delay from continuing

- **Sentence:**

- "I still think the easiest path to our goal - despite having a lot of setbacks when it comes to women's education and other things - is through Kabul and through the interim government," said Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

11. Discriminatory

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Treating a person or group differently from others

- **Sentence:**

- Prior to Tuesday's announcement, universities had already been operating under discriminatory rules for women since the Taliban takeover in 2021.

12. Extinguish

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To cause to cease burning

- **Sentence:**

That provided a glimmer of hope, which has now been extinguished.

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