



Kabul, 11 December 2018 – Orange is the colour for a world with zero tolerance for violence against women and girls. On 10 December 2018, the United Nations (UN) in Afghanistan, after marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November, lit the Queen’s Palace in Babur Garden in orange from 17:00 to 20:00 to help create a national dialogue and unite with the world in the fight against gender-based violence.

“Orange is the colour that we use in the UN across the world to call attention to the scourge of violence against women, and from 25 November to 10 December every year we 'Orange the World'. Here in Kabul on 10 December in the evening, we are illuminating the Queen’s Palace in Babur Garden in orange, to recognize the role of women in society and to promote the ending of violence against women.” said Toby Lanzer, UN Resident Coordinator in Afghanistan.

During the 16 days of the campaign, the Afghan government, supported by the UN, has

intensified its advocacy and awareness-raising activities to address violence against women and girls in Afghanistan.

Every year 25 November is marked internationally, and represents the start of the global campaign of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. This year's theme was "Orange the World #HearMeToo" and was focused on supporting survivors and amplifying the voices of advocates to end violence against women and girls.

Watch a [video message](#) from Mr Toby Lanzer, UN Resident Coordinator in Afghanistan, and view [video clips and photos](#) of the event.

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