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Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) has shown its grave concerns over the security of journalists working in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan after a sudden change in the political scenario in couple days.

PFUJ President G.M. Jamali and Secretary General Rana Muhammad Azeem have urged the Government of Pakistan to take up this issue with Afghanistan and make some arrangements for the safe rescue of the journalists and their families. The PFUJ leadership said that journalists from other countries including Pakistan have been performing their duties in Kabul and other cities of Afghanistan. However, due to the rapidly deteriorating situation there, they have been besieged and the situation in Afghanistan after fall of the Ghani government is dangerous for the media workers and their families.

“The government should take immediate steps to rescue all working journalists and their families, by air or by road, trapped there in Afghanistan,” they added.

They continued that Pakistani embassy in Kabul could play an important role in this regard. The PFUJ leadership has also urged the Taliban leadership to ensure the safety of all domestic and foreign journalists working in Afghanistan, including women. They hoped that their safety will be ensured and no restrictions will be imposed on them.