

We will protect our schools and other public properties with our lives

Education loving people of Kulgar village of Sayed Karam district in Paktia province felt the need for a girl's school and proposed it to the National Solidarity Programme (NSP) of MRRD as one of their top priority.

Exactly, a year and half ago the school was constructed by NSP and around 300 female pupil who used to attend classes in tents and in open air had the opportunity to have a proper and concrete class rooms equipped with desks and chairs.

Pupils were very happy with their new school building, but the enemies of education couldn't tolerate their happiness and on the 18 of Saratan around midnight set fire to the school. The raging fire alerted the villagers and they came out of their homes with buckets full of water to put off the fire. By the time they arrived at the scene of the blazed building, some windows, some doors and some of the classrooms with their desks and chairs were turned into ashes.

According to the head of the local CDC, villagers of Kulgar began asking themselves as to who may have committed this criminal act. Soon they found 4 culprits and the elders of the village unanimously decided to force them to pay 600,000 Afs to repair the building and they were handed over to the police.

“We were very happy when they built the school for us, but the night when some criminal people set fire to it, all the girls were unhappy – cursing the culprits. Thanks to the effort and courage of our parents to find the culprits and to force them to repair our school”, said Guldana, a third grade pupil of the school.

“School is a public property where the children of our village receive education. In my opinion people who are burning schools are proving their animosity with people and education”, said Aslam Khan, from the village of Kulgar.

People of Kulgar village are united, they make decisions collectively and they are prepared to defend their schools, clinics and other public facilities with their lives.