Title: "A New Start, But No Future: Abdul Qadus Returns to Afghanistan with His Family and No Support"

Abdul Qadus, 41, recently crossed back into Afghanistan through the Spin Boldak border with his wife and eight children. After living in Pakistan for his entire life, he was arrested by authorities in Pashin Bazaar and jailed for one day. Upon his release, he was told to leave the country immediately.



Caption: Abdul Qadus and his family return to Afghanistan with no savings and limited access to education.

“I lived in Pakistan for 41 years. All my children were born there,” he said. “But now we’ve returned with nothing.”

Originally from Panjwayi district in Kandahar province, Abdul Qadus now plans to settle in Bolani district, Helmand province, where his wife’s parents live. His father-in-law has offered him two rooms in his home and promised some temporary financial support.

In Pakistan, Abdul Qadus supported his family by selling fruits and vegetables on a street cart in Pashin. **“Life wasn’t easy, but at least we had a free place to live. A childhood friend gave us a home without rent,”** he recalled.

He hopes to resume the same work in Helmand, using his cart to earn a living. However, his biggest concern is not work — it’s his children’s future.

“There are no proper education facilities for boys or girls in Bolani,” he said. “Without education, how can I secure a future for my children?”

Private schools exist in some parts of Afghanistan, but the fees are far beyond his means. **“I can't afford even the registration fee,”** he added.

At the border, the family received a small emergency cash grant from the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), which helped them buy some food. But the money won’t cover rent or transportation costs.

Despite the hardship, Abdul Qadus clings to hope. He dreams of moving to Kandahar city, where there are better educational opportunities for his children. For now, he’s doing all he can to rebuild his life, one step at a time.

“We have so many dreams,” he said. “But without education, they will remain just dreams.”