CHAPTER III

TALIBAN

1.1 Historical Background

The name of Taliban is from Arabic word "tholibaan" it means "students". Taliban is an Islamic fundamentalist political movement in Afghanistan. While, Taliban laws are laws that arranged by Taliban regime (www.wikipedia.org/Taliban). The Taliban formed in 1994 leaded by Mullah Mohammed Omar. Omar named his regime the Taliban (the students) and the country found him self governing with name the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (www. asia.knoji.com). In 1994 the Taliban, under the leadership of Mullah Mohammed Omar, begans its territorial conquest with the seizure of the Afghan subsequent takeover of the city in Kandahar. The Taliban ruled Afghanistan from 1996 until 2001. They came to power during Afghanistan's long civil war. The Taliban emerged as resistance movement aiming to eject the Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

The Taliban are one of the Mujahideen, the groups that formed during the war against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. After withdrawal of Soviet forces, the Mujahideen set up a new government. However, the various factions were unable to cooperate and fell each other, instead of victimization of women happened often. The appearance of Taliban begins to fighting of rival Mujahideen authorization that arbitrarily. Taliban then went on to take the city of Kandahar, and ended with their capture of Kabul in September 1996. When Taliban took Kabul, they suddenly arranged some rules that make many changes in Kabul.

(www.infoplease.com/taliban). The Taliban immediately introduced Shari'a law as well as a few more rules and regultion of them own. The rules that have discriminate about human right of men and women.

Under the Taliban regime, women are not allowed to hold jobs or receive education. They can only appear in public if they are accompanied by male relatives and clothed in burga (full-length coverings that drape the entire body including their face), women cannot laugh, talk out loud in public or make noise when they walk. If they wear makeup or show their ankles they are subject to being whipped (Hadibroto 88).

These are the Taliban laws:

a. Laws for men

- All citizens must pray five times a day. If it is prayer time and you are caught doing something other, you will be beaten
- All men will grow beards. The correct length is at least one clenched fist beneath the chin. If you do not abide by this, you will be beaten
- All boys will wear turbans. Boys in grade one through six will wear black turbans, higher grades will wear white
- All boys will wear Islamic clothes. Shirt collars will be buttoned
- Singing is forbidden
- Dancing is forbidden
- Playing cards, playing chess, gambling, and kite flying are forbidden
- Writing books, watching films, and painting pictures are forbidden
- If you keep parakeets, you will be beaten. Your birds will be killed

- If you steal, your hand will be cut off at the wrist. If you steal again, your foot will be cut off
- If you are not Muslim, do not worship where you can be seen by Muslims. If you do, you will be beaten and imprisoned. If you are caught trying to convert a Muslim to your faith, you will be executed. Instead the men, there are some laws that must be obeyed by women in

b. Laws for women

Afghanistan.

- You will stay inside your homes at all times. It is not proper for women to wander aimlessly about the streets. If you go outside, you must be accompanied by a mahram (a male relative). If you are caught alone on the street, you will be beaten and sent home.
- You will not, under any circumstance, show your face. You will cover with burqa when outside. If you do not, you will be severely beaten
- Cosmetics are forbidden
- Jewelry is forbidden
- You will not wear charming clothes

If women are oing outside with charming clothes to show themslves, they will be cursed by the Islamic laws and should nver epect to go to heaven.

You will not speak unless spoken to

- You will not make eye contact with men
- You will not laugh in public.. if you do, you will lose a finger
- Girls are forbidden to attending school. All schools for girls will close immediately
- Women are forbidden to work
- If you are found guilty of adultery, you will be stoned to death (Hosseini 278).

Islam as a rescuing religion has determined specific dignity for women, Islam has valuable instructionss for women. Women should not create such opportunity to attract the attention of people.