The story
'A crime against humanity'.

That's how a UN expert has described the Taliban's ban on female education in Afghanistan.

This week, universities have reopened but female students are not allowed back.

No access to education is one of many restrictions women are facing under the Taliban.

Key words and phrases

**barred**
prevented
- Saul was barred from the shop because he stole a bar of chocolate.
- We will bar anyone who abuses our staff.

**trickle back**
gradually return
- The children trickled back into the classroom after their lunch break.
- The election results are trickling in but the full result won't be known until the morning.

**playing with**
not treating something seriously
- He was disappointed that his boss was playing with his career.
- I don't like it when she plays with my feelings.