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Kabul gang-rape convicts sentenced to death by Kabul court

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The perpetrators involved behind the gang-rape rape of four women in capital Kabul, were sentenced to death by a court in Kabul on Sunday.

The verdict was issued by a primary court and this was the first court hearing into the case after the Attorney General Office and Kabul police completed their formalities on Saturday.

The convicts were found guilty of armed robbery, kidnap and rape of women and were sentenced to death. However, the primary court judge said today's verdict was not final and the convicts have the right to file an appeal.

The women were initially abducted while they were returning from a wedding ceremony and were repeatedly raped besides their belongings were robbed by the gang.

Police arrested four of the perpetrators from capital Kabul while three others were arrested from eastern Ghazni province late Monday after they managed to flee Kabul city.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has assured the perpetrators will be executed and insisted that he is personally following the trial of the case.

President Karzai has also said he will not delay the signing of death penalty of the convicts once the chief justice issues a verdict.

