

## **DAILY TRACKER**

### **Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law**

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1. The Taliban's Ministry of Higher Education has stated that courses considered to be in violation of Islam's Sharia law would be removed from university curricula in Afghanistan. "Every topic that is against Islamic norms will be abolished," stated Shaikh Abdul Baqi Haqqani, interim Minister of Higher Education, as cited by the TOLO news agency.

Source: <https://sputniknews.com/20210913/taliban-to-remove-subjects-contradicting-sharia-law-from-university-curriculum-1089027733.html>

2. Taliban stoned a man to death in their extremist interpretation of the sharia law, Taliban used harsh punishments against innocent people. Their ruthless attitude towards Afghans can easily be seen by their acts. The Taliban promised to change but their acts depicted the same old Taliban.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/BHL/status/1438171632934297603>

3. As reported by ANI, Mohammad Yousuf Mohammad Yousuf, who heads the central zone of Afghanistan said that the Taliban will punish as per the Islamic rules. "Whatever Islam guides us; we will punish accordingly. Islam has its rules for major sins. For example, killing someone has different rules. If you, do it intentionally, if you know the person and intentionally kill the person, you will be killed back. If not intentional, then there might be another punishment like paying a certain amount of money. If there is a theft, the hand will be cut off. If there is illegal intercourse, the violators will be stoned."

Source: <https://www.india.com/news/world/stoning-for-illegal-intercourse-taliban-bring-back-ministry-of-virtue-and-vice-to-implement-strict-sharia-laws-4957147/>

### **Human Rights under Taliban**

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1. When the Taliban enforced a rigorous new clothing code for female students, many Afghans were taken aback, leading women to tweet photos of themselves wearing bright traditional clothes with hashtags like #DoNotTouchMyClothes and #AfghanistanCulture

Source: <https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/un-chief-afghan-womens-rights/31459435.html>

2. Female soccer players from Afghanistan's junior team landed in Pakistan, where they will seek political refuge due to concerns about their safety under the new Taliban administration in Kabul.

Source: <https://twitter.com/Xadeejournalist/status/1437826697848664067?s=08>

3. Terrorists Taleban's violence against women is going on in Afghanistan, recent footage from Mazar-e-Sharif. Taliban's harsh and violent attitude towards Afghan women is in itself proof that Taliban are terrorists and that they have not changed their behaviour and their acts remain the same.

Source: <https://twitter.com/IhteshamAfghan/status/1437671270645174275?s=08>

4. Thousands of women demonstrate in Maimana, the provincial capital of Faryab in support of the Taliban government. They sloganeered that they supported the Islamic State, that they are tired of democracy, that democracy is dead, Long live the Islamic Emirate that women have the right to become doctors and teachers.

Source: <https://twitter.com/PakDirection/status/1437974074274324484?s=08>

5. The brutal and cruel behaviour against Afghan women is becoming a feature of new Afghanistan under the Taliban rule. Here in the video, a woman is being beaten up, tortured in public. Women are the worst sufferers of the oppressive regime.

Source: <https://twitter.com/Boomdotnews/status/1437948606577733635?s=08>

6. After the Taliban ordered as many as three thousand residents of Kandahar's Old Qul-e Urdu, three days to vacate their homes, people flocked to the streets. They demanded that the Taliban must stop forceful evacuation of people. They were asked to vacate their houses because the Taliban suspected them as being former government officials.

Source: <https://twitter.com/MalaliBashir/status/1438116424828981249?s=08>

7. Dawood Tapan, a journalist with P. Azadi radio, was arrested by the Taliban three days ago in southern Gardiz city. His family has been hunting for him since then since no one knows where he is.

Source: <https://twitter.com/ObaidullhHamidi/status/1438051679136518147?s=08>

8. Many Afghan women are terrified right now. Even more so are those who worked for the foreigners who have left the country. Taliban are going from door to door, trying to find those who once worked for the "enemies". In Kandahar, the Taliban have asked people to leave their home because those people were government employees in the US led government.

Source: <https://news.sky.com/story/afghanistan-women-in-fear-as-taliban-go-door-to-door-in-search-of-those-who-worked-for-enemies-12408049>

9. The Taliban terrorists are conducting search operations in Kabul and other places in order to apprehend Afghan army and police officers who fought against them. The search operations are aimed at apprehending officials who were unable to escape the country after losing the war against the Taliban and are hiding in the homes of friends and family. To identify these authorities, they bring biometric fingerprint equipment to the residents' homes and ask them to place their thumb impressions.

Source: <https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/world-news-taliban-using-biometric-system-to-identify-army-police-personnel-who-fought-against-them/394412>

10. Former government employees, soldiers, and police officers have been beaten and tortured by the Taliban in southern Afghanistan. Taliban members are also evicting persons with links to the former government from their houses, which are then given to Taliban fighters.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/FrudBezhan/status/1438087290782429192>

## **Current Situation**

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1. President Biden defended his decision to withdraw US troops from Afghanistan but at the same time acknowledged that the terrorist group AL Qaeda may attempt to reconstruct itself following the Taliban takeover.

Source: [https://www.theepochtimes.com/biden-says-al-qaeda-could-come-back-defends-troop-withdrawal\\_3993956.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_campaign=digitalsub](https://www.theepochtimes.com/biden-says-al-qaeda-could-come-back-defends-troop-withdrawal_3993956.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=digitalsub)

2. Former Afghan President Hamid Karzai expressed optimism that the Taliban-led administration will eventually become inclusive and draw strength from internal legitimacy, which he believes is crucial for international acceptance. After last week's announcement of an all-male cabinet made up of Taliban senior officials and dominated by Pashtuns, Karzai stated in an exclusive interview with RFE/Radio RL's Azadi that he continues to push Taliban leaders to diversify their government.

Source: <https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/karzai-afghanistan-taliban/31460153.html>

3. Taliban forces are tightening their hold on the insurgent Panjshir area through murders and food control. Taliban forces have laid a brutal siege on Afghanistan's rebellious Panjshir region, with inhabitants being denied food and victims being executed.

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/09/10/taliban-crackdown-protests-united-nations/>

4. Foreign Minister of the new Afghanistan government, Maulvi Amir Khan Mottaki in a press conference said that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has no interest in intervening in the internal affairs of any nation, and it has also urged other countries not to do so in Afghanistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/Boomdotnews/status/1437996530397376512?s=08>

5. The Taliban discovered 48 containers full of different types of weapons in Panjshir province and it is estimated that the Taliban haven't searched even 20% of Panjshir.

Source: <https://twitter.com/SpoilOfWar/status/1438004141767344128?s=08>

6. The UN's human rights chief Michelle Bachelet slammed the Taliban's performance in Afghanistan since gaining power, claiming that claimed promises did not reflect reality on the ground, such as women's rights.

Source: <https://www.news18.com/news/world/united-nations-says-taliban-is-breaking-its-promises-on-giving-afghan-women-rights-4198403.html>

7. Iran resumed flights to Afghanistan on Wednesday that is 15<sup>th</sup> September, after foreign flights to Kabul Airport in the capital were halted following the Taliban's takeover of the country in mid-August.

Source: [https://theasiatoday.org/news/south-asia/iran-resumes-flights-to-afghanistan/?utm\\_source=ReviveOldPost&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=ReviveOldPost](https://theasiatoday.org/news/south-asia/iran-resumes-flights-to-afghanistan/?utm_source=ReviveOldPost&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=ReviveOldPost)

8. Saudi Arabia was one of the few countries in the international world to officially acknowledge the Taliban regime's legitimacy during the period when the Taliban first gained control of Afghanistan. Although the Taliban quickly lost its power under the impact of the anti-terror wars initiated by George W. During The Bush administration, the Saudis were pressured to criticize the Taliban. In recent rounds of Afghanistan peace negotiations, the Taliban have distanced themselves from Saudi Arabia. Following the Taliban's takeover of Kabul on August 19, a top Taliban official said unequivocally that the Taliban does not embrace Wahhabism and that Wahhabism has no place in Afghanistan. Although this declaration implies that the Taliban would no longer support Al-religious Qaeda's claims, it also suggests that the Taliban has reached the breaking point with Riyadh.

Source: <http://www.anbound.my/Section/ArticalView.php?Rnumber=18620&SectionID=12>

9. Wang Yu, the Chinese Ambassador to Afghanistan, met with Amir Khan Muttaqi, the acting Foreign Minister of the Afghan Interim Government, in Kabul. Wang stated that China is prepared to give vaccinations and humanitarian aid, as well as assist Afghanistan in its battle against terrorism.

Source: <https://twitter.com/Furkan38276857/status/1438120710531059718?s=08>

10. A serious conflict amongst Taliban commanders erupted just days after they established a new administration in Afghanistan. The dispute came to light after a Taliban co-founder, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, disappeared from view for several days. One Taliban source told BBC Pashto that Mr Baradar and Khalil Ur-Rahman Haqqani - the minister for refugees and a prominent figure within the militant Haqqani network - had exchanged strong words, as their followers brawled with each other nearby.

Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-58560923.amp>

11. According to Josep Borrell, the EU's foreign policy head, the EU has no option but to interact with the Taliban administration in Afghanistan and will retain a diplomatic presence in Kabul. "The embassies of the member states have been closed and they are not going to reopen but we still have a delegation that can be seen – just not an embassy,

as we are not a state,” Borrell said. “[It] can be used if the security conditions are met in order to discuss with the government in a closer way than through video conferences or through messages.”

Source: [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/14/eu-has-no-choice-but-to-engage-with-taliban-says-foreign-policy-chief?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/14/eu-has-no-choice-but-to-engage-with-taliban-says-foreign-policy-chief?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

12. After four decades of conflict and the deaths of tens of thousands of people, Afghanistan's economy is in shambles, despite hundreds of billions of dollars in development investment over the last two decades. Drought and famine are forcing tens of thousands of people to flee to cities, and the World Food Programme believes that food may run out by the end of the month, putting up to 14 million people on the verge of starvation.

Source: <https://en.prothomalo.com/international/asia/one-month-after-seizing-power-economic-crisis-stalks-taliban>

13. Along with parliamentarians from the opposition Pakistan People’s Party and the Muttahida Majlis-i-Amal, the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa expressed complete support for recognising the Taliban administration in Afghanistan on Tuesday (MMA).

Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1646423>

14. The European Parliament, a real partner of Afghanistan, commended the late commander Massoud's struggles and principles, as well as Ahmad Massoud's ascent as his successor 20 years later. They've invited Ahmad Massoud, like his father, to speak in parliament.

Source: <https://twitter.com/alnazary/status/1437905661480751104>

15. The Chinese envoy to Kabul met with acting Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup> September) and supported the Taliban’s demand that the US unfreeze Afghanistan's assets, saying that the US has no legal grounds to do so. According to reports from Washington, the US has blocked roughly USD 9.5 billion in central bank assets and halted cash supplies to Kabul in an effort to prevent the Taliban administration from obtaining the funds.

Source: <https://indianexpress.com/article/world/afghanistan-taliban-kabul-highlights-sept-15-2021-7509620/>

16. Amid continuous fighting between local resistance forces and the Taliban in Panjshir province of Afghanistan, a report emerged that stated that at least 20 civilians have been killed in the region. Additionally, communications have been cut in the valley.

Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/afghanistan-news-live-updates-panjshir-resistance-taliban-kabul-kandahar-humanitarian-aid-usa-1852891-2021-09-15>

17. The only path ahead for peace and stability in Afghanistan, according to Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, is to engage with the Taliban and "incentivize" them on subjects like women's rights and inclusive governance. He discussed how Pakistan has suffered from a "bad" relationship with the US, which has been devastating for the

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country, and how he is now taking a more realistic approach in dealing with Afghanistan's new authorities.

Source: [Pakistan's Imran Khan says world should give Taliban 'time' on human rights but fears 'chaos' without aid - CNN](#)