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Topic 1: Taliban's extremist interpretation of sharia law

Topic 2: Human Rights under Taliban

Disabled Afghans in special jeopardy, warns exiled campaigner (*Disabled Afghan*, women)

Key points:

- There are millions of people with disabilities there without any support, without food, without clothes, without education, without any basic human rights. We must raise their voices.
- the important issue for me now is people are dying, they're starving and trying to leave. (The Guardian,6 September 2021)(Link)

Taliban 'shoot dead pregnant police officer in front of her kids & mutilate her face' in vile door-to-door execution (*Women, Taliban, execution*)

Key points:

- Banu, a former police officer, was reportedly six months pregnant and also had an infant son.
- Taliban forces have reportedly been going down door-to-door hunting for former members of the Afghan security forces or allies of the West.
- there have been numerous reports of "death squads" hunting for their enemies of the Taliban. (The Scottish Sun, 16:05, 5 Sep 2021) (Link)

As China woos the Taliban, Uyghurs in Afghanistan fear for their lives (*Uyghurs*, *Taliban*, *China*)

Key points:

• Over the past few years, the Chinese government has escalated its security and religious crackdown in Xinjiang. Up to 2 million Uyghurs and other Muslim

minorities are believed to have passed through a sprawling network of detention centers across the region, according to the US State Department. Former detainees allege they were subjected to intense political indoctrination, forced labor, torture, and even sexual abuse. China vehemently denies allegations of human rights abuses, insisting the camps are voluntary "vocational training centers" designed to stamp out religious extremism and terrorism.

- Tuhan said she fears what will happen to her and her family if they're forced to return.
- "All these past years, life was difficult ... But what is happening now is the worst," she said, referring to the Taliban takeover. "It is just a matter of time before (the Taliban) find out that we are Uyghurs. Our lives are in danger." (CNN World,5 September 2021) (Link)

Topic 3: Current Situation

Taliban claim victory in Panjshir, but resistance forces say they still control strategic position in the valley (*Panjshir, NRF, Taliban*)

Key points:

- The Taliban have claimed victory in Afghanistan's Panjshir province, with a spokesman saying the region had been "completely conquered" following two weeks of fierce fighting with a resistance group.
- However, the National Resistance Front in Afghanistan (NRF), an anti-Taliban group which has been battling the militants' offensive in the Panjshir Valley, denied the claim, with spokesman Ali Nazary telling CNN: "The resistance is still all over the valley. (CNN,6 September 2021) (Link)

Afghan Opposition Leader Floats 'Peaceful' Talks With Taliban Amid Reports Of Heavy Fighting In Holdout Regions (*Panjshir,NRF,Taliban*)

Key points:

• Afghan opposition leader Ahmad Massoud, the leader of the National Resistance Front of Afghanistan (NRF), on Sunday urged the Taliban to halt its assault on the last regions of the country not yet under its control and enter into "peaceful" talks amid reports of heavy fighting.

(Forbes,5 September 2021) (Link)