

## DAILY TRACKER

### Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

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1. Abdul Rahman Moawin, a civil society activist, was killed in an attack by unknown gunmen in the city of Jalalabad today, sources said.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/TOLONews/status/1447838778282872832>

2. Despite international requests that all Afghan children return to school, Afghanistan's foreign minister appealed to the world for good ties but avoided making strong pledges on girls' education. Nearly two months after the old Western-backed government fell apart and insurgent troops surged into Kabul, the Taliban administration has tried to strengthen ties with foreign nations in order to avoid a catastrophic economic disaster. "The international community needs to start cooperating with us," said interim Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi. "This would allow us to eliminate insecurity while also allowing us to interact positively with the rest of the world."

Source: [https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/schools-afghanistan-taliban-1.6207633?\\_vfz=medium%3Dsharebar](https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/schools-afghanistan-taliban-1.6207633?_vfz=medium%3Dsharebar)

3. While most Afghan females stay at home while their brothers attend high school, courses in certain northern districts have been accessible to all pupils, underscoring regional disparities that have emerged just two months after the Taliban took power. In much of the nation, secondary schools for females are still closed, but in Mazar-i-Sharif, near the Uzbek border, local authorities have chosen a different approach. The chairman of the culture and information directorate in the northern province of Balkh, Zabihullah Noorani, stated that courses for both boys and girls were continuing in several schools.

Source: [https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/northern-afghanistan-girls-schools-working-despite-ban-elsewhere-2021-10-12/?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/northern-afghanistan-girls-schools-working-despite-ban-elsewhere-2021-10-12/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

### Human Rights under Taliban

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1. The overcrowding of patients and the lack of care for doctors and officials to the residents of Balkh districts has become a serious challenge for them.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/sw989fm/status/1447896336800620554>

2. A prominent civil society activist was gunned down in Afghanistan's restive eastern Nangarhar province bordering Pakistan on Tuesday amid an ongoing targeted assassination spree. Eye-witnesses told Anadolu Agency the incident took place during the morning rush hour in the provincial capital, Jalalabad city. Shad Noor, the brother of the deceased activist Abdul Rahmad Mawin, has also confirmed the incident.

Source: [https://theasiatoday.org/news/south-asia/prominent-rights-activist-gunned-down-in-afghanistan/?utm\\_source=ReviveOldPost&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=ReviveOldPost](https://theasiatoday.org/news/south-asia/prominent-rights-activist-gunned-down-in-afghanistan/?utm_source=ReviveOldPost&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=ReviveOldPost)

3. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres appealed to the international community on Monday, saying that the Afghan people should not "suffer collective punishment" as a result of the Taliban's conduct. Regardless of concerns such as Taliban regime recognition, the country's frozen assets, and ensuring the government maintains its word on many matters, he said it was critical to pump funds into the economy to keep the country from collapsing. "We need to find ways, while respecting international law and basic norms, to infuse money into the system so that the economy does not collapse and the people do not suffer," he added.

Source: <https://yespunjab.com/guterres-appeals-for-afghan-aid-saying-no-collective-punishment-for-people/>

4. Mawlawi Noor Agha Naqshbandi, a religious scholar in Kandahar, was stabbed and seriously injured by unknown individuals this afternoon, as per this report by Asvaka News.

Source:

[https://twitter.com/Natsecjeff/status/1447993020209586183?t=7CjgMIZkB7\\_3mYeV3BGqJQ&s=19](https://twitter.com/Natsecjeff/status/1447993020209586183?t=7CjgMIZkB7_3mYeV3BGqJQ&s=19)

5. NRF attacked a check point of Taliban in Shaba village of panjshir killed 15 Talibans fighters and looted weapons

Source:

[https://twitter.com/The5HbK/status/1447998333390241795?t=D-X25WNbcwiZ\\_mQ-iKS69A&s=19](https://twitter.com/The5HbK/status/1447998333390241795?t=D-X25WNbcwiZ_mQ-iKS69A&s=19)

## Current Situation

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1. Following the US loss in the 20-year war against Afghanistan, where hundreds of thousands of people were murdered and millions more displaced, a US State Department official hailed the negotiations with the Taliban in Qatar as "candid and professional." Since the departure of American forces from Afghanistan in late August, US officials from the Biden administration met with Taliban commanders for the first time on Sunday. "The conversations were frank and professional," State Department spokeswoman Ned Price said in a statement on Sunday, "with the US delegation repeating that the Taliban would be evaluated on its deeds, not just its words."

Source:

<https://parstoday.com/en/news/world-i154926-us-describes-talks-with-taliban-as-'candid-and-professional'>

2. The Taliban, like many other authoritarian governments, do not want people to have access to the Internet. But the media is constantly changing and access is changing. The Taliban cannot prevent the news from reaching Afghanistan.  
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/tarjomanafg/status/1447895603560816644>
3. Afghanistan UN, world leaders plea for humanitarian aid for collapsed Afghanistan economy ~ Secretary Gen Antonio Guterres says "inject liquidity".  
Source: <https://apnews.com/article/afghanistan-taliban-islamic-state-group-united-states-middle-east-fbfab79028913b255cd94af3fdcff366>
4. According to a statement, the money adds 250 million euros to a 300-million-euro sum already declared by the EU for urgent humanitarian needs, with the rest going to Afghanistan's neighbouring countries that are taking in Afghans escaping Taliban control. Von der Leyen made the commitment at a virtual G20 meeting in Italy focused on the humanitarian and security situation in Afghanistan.  
Source: [https://www.france24.com/en/asia-pacific/20211012-eu-pledges-%E2%82%AC1-billion-afghan-aid-package-to-avert-humanitarian-collapspe?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://www.france24.com/en/asia-pacific/20211012-eu-pledges-%E2%82%AC1-billion-afghan-aid-package-to-avert-humanitarian-collapspe?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)
5. Following the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan, twelve art trade groups have joined forces in a coordinated attempt to prevent Afghanistan's cultural heritage from being trafficking in the Western market. Organizations from the United States and Europe have vowed to be particularly attentive in order to prevent unintentionally supporting illicit archaeological activities and looting, as well as duplicating the cultural damage that occurred 20 years ago when the gang gained control of the nation.  
Source: [https://news.artnet.com/art-world/afghanistan-cultural-heritage-2019436?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://news.artnet.com/art-world/afghanistan-cultural-heritage-2019436?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)
6. Turkey's foreign minister suggested on Tuesday that he will travel to Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, with a group of friendly country peers. "We keep a close eye on the situation in Afghanistan. In the near future, we aim to travel to Kabul with a group of other foreign ministers," Mevlut Cavusoglu said during a joint press conference with his Indonesian colleague Retno Marsudi.  
Source: [https://www.yenisafak.com/en/world/turkish-fm-hints-kabul-visit-with-counterparts-from-friendly-countries-3582076?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://www.yenisafak.com/en/world/turkish-fm-hints-kabul-visit-with-counterparts-from-friendly-countries-3582076?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)
7. Former President Donald Trump has repeatedly criticized the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and pointed towards the cost of equipment left behind in the hands of the Taliban. In an interview with Fox News' Sean Hannity on October 7, Trump criticized President Joe Biden's handling of the American withdrawal from Afghanistan. At one point, Trump said: "We left \$85 billion worth of equipment in the hands of the Taliban."  
Source: [https://www.newsweek.com/fact-check-donald-trump-85-billion-left-taliban-afghanistan-1636885?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://www.newsweek.com/fact-check-donald-trump-85-billion-left-taliban-afghanistan-1636885?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

8. According to Russian Special Presidential Envoy for Afghanistan and Director of the Foreign Ministry's Second Asian Department Zamir Kabulov, Washington's plan to build military facilities on Afghan territory in order to exercise coercive influence over Russia and neighbouring nations has failed. "The Anglo-Saxon intend to establish huge military bases on the territory of this nation in order to exercise a strong influence, including on Russia," he added.  
Source: [https://tass.com/world/1348385?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://tass.com/world/1348385?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)
9. The UK Government's programmes for resettling Afghan refugees, which would see an estimated 28,000 people travel to the UK over the next five years, were updated to Council Executive members. The Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy and the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme will be used to accomplish this. Funding in place to assist municipalities in meeting the expenses of housing and support for a short time, comparable to the Syrian Refugee Resettlement programme. The council has extensive experience assisting the Syrian Refugee Resettlement scheme, and negotiations with COSLA, Register Social Landlords partners, and other parties are underway in order to find suitable housing.  
Source: [https://www.linlithgowgazette.co.uk/news/people/preparations-for-afghan-refugees-underway-3415916?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://www.linlithgowgazette.co.uk/news/people/preparations-for-afghan-refugees-underway-3415916?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)
10. Afghan foreign Affairs Aamir Khan Mottaki: We want to have close and positive relations with the governments and nations of the Muslim countries of the world.  
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/IDTV13/status/1447893696226082819>
11. A plane carrying Iranian aid packages (food and medicine) for the families of the martyrs and injured in the Seyedabad Kunduz mosque incident arrived in that province today. A suicide bomber struck Friday in the northern city of Kunduz, killing at least 46 people and wounding more than 143 others. The ISIS group claimed responsibility.  
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/BakhtarNA/status/1447886130238664710>
12. Iran's Foreign Ministry Director-General for West-Asia Seyyed Rasoul Mousavi announced that a meeting of foreign ministers of Afghanistan's neighbouring countries will be held in Tehran soon  
Source: <https://en.isna.ir/news/1400072014057/Tehran-to-host-meeting-of-FMs-of-Afghanistan-s-neighboring-countries>
13. Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday emphasised the need of international engagement with the new Kabul administration, and urged the international community to desist from forcing the Taliban-led government out of Afghanistan. PM Imran Khan warned that the world's behaviour will throw the country back a couple of decades in an interview with the London-based online news source 'Middle East Eye.' "Events in Afghanistan are still unfolding, and individuals like us have no idea where it will end up," he added. Afghanistan, according to the prime minister, is a commercial

corridor that connects Pakistan to Central Asian nations. "As a result, it is a highly significant country," he explained.

Source: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/899507-afghanistan-to-go-back-decades-back-if-world-abandons-taliban-led-govt-warns-pm-imran>

14. Following the Taliban's return to power, leaders of the Group of 20 major economies convened an emergency meeting on Tuesday to debate how to respond to a worsening humanitarian catastrophe in Afghanistan.

Source: <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2021/10/b689b35038c7-g-20-holds-emergency-summit-on-afghanistan-amid-humanitarian-crisis.html>

15. Following the Islamist militants' takeover on Aug. 15, Afghanistan's economy has nearly collapsed, and there are concerns about the erosion of human rights, particularly for women and minorities, as well as fears that the nation could revert to a hub of terrorism.

Source: <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2021/10/b689b35038c7-g-20-holds-emergency-summit-on-afghanistan-amid-humanitarian-crisis.html>

16. The European Union will present the Afghan Support Package that envisions providing 1 billion Euros (\$1.1 billion) in humanitarian aid to Afghanistan & its neighbors on Tuesday at the G20 meeting, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/Independent/status/1447885467899371527>

17. The Taliban expressed pleasure with the Doha, Qatar, talks, claiming that the exchanges "went well," with Washington releasing humanitarian supplies to Afghanistan after agreeing not to condition it on official recognition of the Taliban. The US made it plain that the negotiations were not a prelude to recognition of the Islamic terrorist organisation, which stormed to power on Aug. 15 when the US-backed government fell apart. Even as internal bloodshed continues to wrack the nation, State Department spokesman Ned Price described the talks as "frank and professional," with the US side emphasising that the Taliban will be evaluated on their deeds, not just their words.

Source: [https://www.breitbart.com/asia/2021/10/11/taliban-boasts-biden-administration-will-deliver-aid-to-afghanistan/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR00GIEv4rMGdyp2L0Ixiy3t\\_fH4uBM9z39JxJvBDxhAxyWeJwK3v15gSmQ](https://www.breitbart.com/asia/2021/10/11/taliban-boasts-biden-administration-will-deliver-aid-to-afghanistan/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR00GIEv4rMGdyp2L0Ixiy3t_fH4uBM9z39JxJvBDxhAxyWeJwK3v15gSmQ)

18. Chancellor Angela Merkel said Germany is not yet ready to recognise the Taliban as Afghanistan's government because it has not reached the inclusion criteria expected of it, but she repeated Berlin's commitment of 600 million euros in aid. Merkel stated during a video meeting of leaders from the G20 group of big countries and other international authorities that leaders also wanted full access to humanitarian supplies by UN organisations. "We insist that all UN agencies have access to the humanitarian help they desire to offer," Merkel said during a Berlin press conference.

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Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/worldbiz/europe/germany-not-yet-prepared-recognise-taliban-merkel-314989>

19. On the margins of a special meeting of the Group of 20 major economies on Tuesday to discuss Afghanistan, Amnesty International Secretary General Agnès Callamard spoke to FRANCE 24 about the potential humanitarian tragedy after the Taliban's return to power.

Source: [https://www.france24.com/en/video/20211012-taliban-are-dismantling-human-rights-in-afghanistan-amnesty-international-tells-france-24?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://www.france24.com/en/video/20211012-taliban-are-dismantling-human-rights-in-afghanistan-amnesty-international-tells-france-24?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

20. Qatar's ambassador to Afghanistan said on Tuesday that countries should engage the country's new Taliban leadership, warning that isolation might lead to a wide-ranging security concern, as it did when al-Qaida used Afghanistan as a base to plot the 9/11 attacks. Qatar's special envoy for counterterrorism and conflict resolution, Mutlaq bin Majeed al-Qahtani, said he's had discussions with Taliban leaders on urgent topics such as the role of women in society, girls' access to education, and the significance of an inclusive government.

Source: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-10084439/Qatar-diplomat-emphasizes-engagement-Taliban-forum.html>

21. The newest World Economic Outlook from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was just released (OCT 2021). Due to a lack of certainty on what the future holds for these two countries, forecasts for Lebanon and Afghanistan have been excluded.

Source: <https://twitter.com/RandGhayad/status/1447993319888461825?t=FOk-zhsbBvX1lBTjRPbarA&s=19>

22. The Taliban's conquest of Afghanistan, according to the FBI, is inciting Americans to commit acts of violence. The FBI's associate director of the International Operations Division, Charles Spencer, said his officers have seen an increase in social media and internet talk from persons who haven't travelled to the Middle East but have been motivated by the Taliban.

Source: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/fbi-says-taliban-takeover-afghanistan-163000411.html>