

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. The bomber struck shortly after noon in front of a Shi'ite shrine in the first district of Kandahar City, killing and wounding scores of Shi'ites. Such attacks are aimed at initiating sectarian and sectarian wars and disrupting peace in Afghanistan.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/KhostyG/status/1448988142485258242>
2. Teachers, students and activists across Afghanistan told Amnesty International that in many areas the attendance of students, especially girls, in primary schools has dropped significantly.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/Etilaatroz/status/1448617379035074560>
3. Talib terrorist discourages journalists from using the Farsi/Dari (Persian) term for university, "Danishgah." Instead, he instructs the reporter to use the Pashto term "Pohanton."
<https://mobile.twitter.com/AfgFactChecks/status/1448673197956665344>

Human Rights under Taliban

1. At least 32 people were killed and 53 injured in an explosion on October 15 at a Shi'ite Mosque in the southern Afghan city of [#Kandahar](#) that was packed with worshippers attending weekly Friday Prayers, a hospital official said.
Source: <https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/explosion-shiite-mosque-kandahar/31511137.html>
2. A new video of Hameed Khurasani, the Taliban's Panjshir security head, has appeared on the internet. He may be seen in the video addressing the rebel remnants sheltering in the foothills with Taliban terrorists.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/Natsecjeff/status/1448618751042203654>
3. Today heavily armed officials claiming to be from Spl Unit of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan forcibly entered Gurdwara Dashmesh Pita at Karte Parwan, Kabul. They intimidated the community at gurdwara & abused sanctity of holy place: Puneet Singh Chandhok, Pres, Indian World Forum.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/ANI/status/1448976685030723587>
4. Battle-hardened extremists from Iraq and Syria are "actively" infiltrating Afghanistan, according to Russian President Vladimir Putin. "The situation in Afghanistan is difficult," Putin said during a video conference with ex-Soviet security leaders. "Militants with military expertise from Iraq and Syria are being deliberately attracted there," he added. "Terrorists may try to destabilise the situation in neighbouring states," he said, adding that they may even undertake "direct expansion."
Source: https://ariananews.af/district-police-chief-killed-in-kunar-roadside-bombing/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

5. Heavily armed men claiming to be from the Special Unit of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, as the Taliban government calls itself, entered the Karte Parwan Gurdwara in Kabul on Friday and intimidated Afghan Sikh community members present, according to Puneet Singh Chandhok, President, Indian World Forum.
Source: <https://www.indiablooms.com/news-details/N/76179/armed-men-enter-kabul-gurdwara-again-intimidate-afghan-sikh-community-members.html>
6. Millions of people don't have food to eat in Afghanistan, right now. 97% of Afghans will live below poverty line by mid-2022.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/HabibKhanT/status/1448331745661751302>
7. Poverty and unemployment have caused Parwan University professor Dr. Khalilullah Tohidyar to work as a construction employee for 350 Afghans a day which is 3.88 USD.
Source: https://mobile.twitter.com/Internl_Leaks/status/1448986047786807303
8. Asma, a 14-year-old student in Kabul, told Amnesty "Will I be able to go to school or not? I want to be an astronaut, or an engineer or architect . This is my dream. Education is not a crime. We will not give up."
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/BBCYaldaHakim/status/1448668968491917314>
9. Taliban in Pul-I-Khumri, capital of Baghlan province, are forcing former ANDSF members to leave their houses and hand over their keys to Taliban and Al-Qaeda members.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/AfgFactChecks/status/1448704282446991361>

Current Situation

1. Due to the Taliban's "inappropriate behaviour" and "security concerns," Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has halted flight operations to Afghanistan indefinitely. The decision to halt flights to Kabul was made after the Afghan Civil Aviation Authority (ACCA) urged airlines to maintain ticket pricing at current levels until August 15, 2021, or their operations would be stopped. However, a PIA official stated that flights to Kabul had been halted owing to the Taliban's "inappropriate behaviour." "Due to improper Taliban actions and difficult conditions for international airlines in Kabul, the air service for Kabul has been halted indefinitely."
Source: <https://mashriqtv.pk/en/2021/10/14/pia-suspends-flights-from-kabul-due-to-security-issues/>
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Source: https://ariananews.af/putin-says-iraq-syria-militants-entering-afghanistan/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

3. Teenage girls are allowed back to school in some parts of Afghanistan, an indication of how Taliban policies are being influenced by cultural differences within the country.
Source: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/taliban-allow-teenage-afghan-girls-back-in-some-provincial-schools-but-not-in-kabul-11634058143?mod=e2twp>
4. The Afghan Civil Aviation Authority has issued a warning to Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and Afghan carrier Kam Air to reduce ticket rates for flights from Kabul to Islamabad to what they were before the current administration took office. In the case of non-compliance, flights of these two airlines would be halted on this route, according to the Civil Aviation Authority's statement, which was issued on Thursday. Afghans should register a complaint with the office if they notice any infractions, according to the statement. Following the new government's takeover, ticket costs are claimed to have risen to as high as \$2,000 for a one-way ticket, up from an estimated average of \$200 to \$300.
Source: https://ariananews.af/afghan-civil-aviation-authority-warns-pia-and-kam-air-to-drop-ticket-prices/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter
5. Maulvi Amir Khan Mottaki left for Turkey Uses Chemicals with a high-level delegation He will meet with senior Turkish officials, including his Turkish counterpart.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/IDTV13/status/1448616557924413442>
6. According to a State Department email addressed to US citizens in Afghanistan on Monday and seen by CNN, most evacuation planes scheduled to leave this week have been cancelled. Given how fast the situation has been developing, the email did not specify why the flights had been cancelled, but it did advise readers to "be ready to fly on short notice."
Source: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/10/13/politics/afghanistan-evacuation-flights-canceled/index.html>
7. The Taliban will come in Moscow next week for Russia-led negotiations on Afghanistan's future, according to the Russian foreign ministry. The discussions are scheduled to take place on October 20, according to the news outlet Tass, and will be held under the so-called Moscow framework, which was created in 2017 and includes Russia, Afghanistan, India, Iran, China, and Pakistan. Prior to the widely panned withdrawal of the US forces, Taliban officials conducted well publicised discussions with China, which last month recognised the organisation as a legitimate administration.
Source: <https://www.newsweek.com/taliban-russia-visit-talks-afghanistan-future-china-india-pakistan-iran-1638910>

8. During a video conference meeting with the CIS leaders' summit on Friday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said there is no rush to recognise the Taliban as the legitimate authority in Afghanistan. "Hundreds of fighters loyal to the ISIS group were massing in northern Afghanistan with plans to move between CIS countries disguised as refugees", he added.
Source: <https://english.almayadeen.net/news/politics/putin:-russia-will-not-hurry-to-recognize-the-taliban>
9. Taliban, say they have sent more suicide bombers to northern provinces of occupied Afghanistan, in addition to two units which they last month sent to Kunduz and Badakhshan.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/AfgFactChecks/status/1448749865115295745>
10. Worshippers were massacred inside the BiBi Fatima mosque in Kandahar's PD1. The Shia population in Afghanistan continues to pay a high price and is highly vulnerable.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/bsarwary/status/1448957538821607424>
11. Sectarian violence is on the rise in Afghanistan. Despite assurances of a new era of security and safety from the Taliban, the Shia community in Afghanistan is being targeted. The Taliban have failed to provide security for Shiites.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/WazirAtta10/status/1449017190783586322>
12. Under the "Pak-Afghan Corporation Forum," Pakistani officials handed out 114 tonnes of humanitarian supplies, including food items, to Afghan authorities at the Angar-e-Ada border. Previously, the Pak-Afghan Corporation Forum weighed 1,000 tonnes. Humanitarian assistance has been delivered to the Afghan people.
Source: https://mobile.twitter.com/verona_wazir/status/1449016811547156486
13. Taliban say their deputy prime minister Abdul Salam Hanafi will lead a high-level delegation at next week's multilateral meeting in Russia being organised under the Moscow format.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/Defense785/status/1449016213309464577>
14. Three suicide bombs in Kandahar Shia mosque: one blast at the mosque's main gate, another at the ablution hall, and a third at the main hall where prayers were being conducted, more than 100 killed, dozens injured, more feared.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/ShabbirTuri/status/1449015441695801347>
15. As Moscow prepares to hold international talks on Afghanistan next week, Russian President Vladimir Putin claimed on Friday that hundreds of fighters loyal to the Islamic State extremist organisation were massing in northern Afghanistan. The US, China, and Pakistan would join discussions on the Taliban takeover on Tuesday, according to the Kremlin's ambassador to Afghanistan. A day later, the Taliban and other regional actors would meet with Russian officials to discuss how to mobilise international aid to avert a humanitarian disaster.

Source: <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2021/10/15/is-fighters-massing-in-afghanistan-says-putin-ahead-of-talks-a75309>

16. Suhail Shaheen, the United Nations envoy nominated by the “Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan” (IEA) has once again urged the world body to recognise him as the representative of the Taliban-ruled country, saying the former Kabul government “exists no more”.

Source: <https://www.india.com/news/world/islamic-emirate-of-afghanistan-appointed-envoy-seeks-un-recognition-despite-repeated-rejections-5005475/>

17. The United Nations’ refugee agency, UNHCR, recently warned that by the end of 2021, the humanitarian crisis could displace half a million more Afghans as it called on countries to keep their borders open.

Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/10/15/eu-fearful-of-refugee-crisis-delays-response-on-afghan-asylum-2>

18. Afghanistan's acting deputy minister for information and culture, Zabihullah Mujahid, says he is determined to eliminate ISIS and will wipe it out.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/KhyberNews247/status/1449022567621271553>

19. The U.S. State Department reported in 2020 that even before the Taliban took power in August, LGBTQ people in Afghanistan faced “discrimination, assault and rape” and “homosexuality was widely seen as taboo and indecent.” Laws against lesbian, gay and transgender people made their existence illegal and punishable by up to two years in jail. Those laws were not always enforced, but they did leave LGBTQ people at risk of extortion and abuse by authorities, as reported by the U.K. government.

Source: https://www.washingtonblade.com/2021/10/14/lgbtq-people-are-being-hunted-down-in-afghanistan/?_cf_chl_managed_tk__=pmd_fo13G0vLBz1wBDwGpBMmyyyqUJDydJb1oczG9c1FQIs-1634309033-0-gqNtZGzNA2WjcnBszRO9

20. The first of three scheduled relief planes landed in Uzbekistan on Friday, bringing shelter materials for tens of thousands of displaced people in Mazar-i-Sharif, northern Afghanistan, according to the United Nations refugee agency. "The first flight landed in Termez," UNHCR spokeswoman Babar Baloch said in a message from Kabul to Reuters, referring to the Uzbek border town. According to him, the flight brought 32 tonnes of relief goods from UNHCR's storage in Dubai, primarily shelter items, cooking sets, and plastic tarpaulins, or one-third of the cargo scheduled for the mission. He said that they will be handed to 18,000 households, or 126,000 people in total.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/un-says-shelter-supplies-land-uzbek-border-northern-afghans-2021-10-15/>