

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. 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>
2. Afghanistan's girls are experiencing the most severe human rights violations in recent memory. After years of effort to study amid poverty and conflict, people's lives have been cut short. The Taliban's vice and virtue ministry has given no indication of when their rights would be restored.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/yogital/status/1449882478181769218>

Human Rights under Taliban

1. More than 80% of #Afghanistan's 2,300 health institutions are curtailing operations or are on the verge of closing owing to a lack of medical personnel and medications. Shortages were created by a shortage of money as a result of the cessation of international aid.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/ACAPSproject/status/1450132436415881218>
2. Concerns are growing over the United States' refusal to release the bulk of the \$9.5 billion in reserves deposited abroad by the Afghan central bank. The world should make an effort to enable the Taliban government to access these funds and help stave off an economic collapse in Afghanistan, state leaders said. They were joined by diplomats and scholars in advocating for the Taliban's access to these funds. Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Thursday: "Afghanistan's economy should not collapse. That is why countries which have frozen Afghanistan's assets abroad should be more flexible so that salaries can be paid."
Source:
<http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202110/18/WS616ccee3a310cdd39bc6f7eb.html>
3. 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>
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=dvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

5. In Afghanistan Burqa posh girls have launched a strange protesting movement in the shape of singing against the Taliban, resisting & criticizing the Taliban's atrocities against women by singing.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/LiaqatAliWaziri/status/1450127548646662145>

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. Malala Yousafzai, a teenager who was shot by the Pakistani Taliban, has asked Afghanistan's new leadership to allow females to return to school. It's been one month since the Taliban, who took control in August, barred girls from returning to secondary school while allowing boys to return.

Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1652774>

8. Foreign ministers from many Muslim-majority countries are planning a journey to Kabul, ostensibly to persuade the Taliban that denying women and girls access to education is a breach of Islam. Western officials support the proposal, knowing that appeals to universal ideals from them will be received with less opposition by the Taliban than if they came from leaders of predominantly Islamic nations.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/oct/13/muslim-foreign-ministers-make-women-rights-plea-taliban-afghanistan>

9. The writing on the wall is visible to Kabul residents. One freshly painted sign reads, "Don't trust enemy propaganda." The message replaced a mural of US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad shaking hands with Taliban leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, commemorating the signing of the 2020 agreement to withdraw American troops from Afghanistan — one of dozens of vibrant public artworks that have been erased since the Taliban took power in August.

Source: <https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/afghan-artists-destroy-work/index.html>

10. A former member of the Senate, was assassinated in Ghor Sources say that Deputy Ahmad, a former member of the Senate and a former member of the Ghor Provincial Council, was assassinated in the Dawlatyar district of the province. Local Taliban confirm his death.

Source: https://mobile.twitter.com/awara_e_watan/status/1448645978815283201

Current Situation

1. The Taliban have decided to support a WHO-led polio immunisation programme that will begin next month across the country. UNICEF stated in a statement that the new campaign is a huge step forward in the fight to eliminate polio.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/UN/status/1450129796860571652>

2. Maulvi Abdul Salam Hanafi, Deputy Prime Minister of the Islamic Emirate, headed a team to Uzbekistan.
Source: https://mobile.twitter.com/Qais_badri22/status/1450138131001487366
3. 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/>
4. Resistance forces from the Town of Behsud are expanding. The resistance continues, the protest against the Taliban continues with full force. NRF is still fighting against the oppressive Taliban terrorists.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/Israel8827/status/1449948392956772352>
5. 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>
6. The man dubbed "Kabul's Last Jew" may soon be on his way to Israel after agreeing in a Zoom chat to grant his estranged wife a religious divorce - a requirement for entrance into the Holy Land. Zebulon Simentov, who left Afghanistan last month following the Taliban takeover, arrived in Turkey on Sunday, according to his rescuers, for a last stop before flying to Israel, maybe as soon as this week.
Source: https://religionnews.com/2021/10/18/rescuers-last-jew-of-kabul-making-his-way-to-israel/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter
7. 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

8. On Monday, a post-Soviet security bloc led by Russia began its largest military drills in years along the Tajik-Afghan border, amid cross-border tensions ahead of negotiations between Afghanistan's new Taliban leaders and major regional powers.
Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/russia-led-bloc-holds-large-scale-drills-near-tajik-afghan-border-2021-10-18/>
9. After a two-month hiatus, Yusuf Kargar returned to Afghanistan. The secretary general of the Afghanistan Football Organization left Afghanistan two days ago, leaving the football federation in a leadership vacuum.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/saberperzad/status/1450131247125180416>
10. The country's foreign ministry has announced that Tehran will host a conference of Afghanistan's neighbours plus Russia next week, with all six foreign ministers in attendance. During a news briefing on Monday, Iran's foreign ministry spokesperson Saeed Khatibzadeh said that, in addition to Iran and Russia, China, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan, all of which have land borders with Afghanistan, will attend the meeting.
Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/10/18/tehran-to-host-multilateral-conference-on-afghanistan>
11. On Sunday, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken discussed Afghanistan with Qatari Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, according to the US State Department. The State Department's summary of the call provided no information other than Blinken's acknowledgement of Qatar's support to transit U.S. citizens and Afghans at risk.
Source: <https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/world/us-secretary-of-state-antony-blinken-discusses-afghanistan-with-qatar-7591611.html>
12. Somaya held her husband Ali's hand as their aircraft to Islamabad was ready to take off, laid her head back, and closed her eyes. For weeks, she had been feeling tense. It was finally happening: they were departing from Afghanistan, their birthplace. For a variety of reasons, the couple had been attempting to leave since the Taliban took over in mid-August. Somaya is a civil engineer who has worked on UN development initiatives and Ali is a journalist. They are concerned about how the Taliban will treat anyone who holds those positions. Both are members of the Hazara minority, which is predominantly Shiite and fearful of Sunni terrorists.
Source: <https://apnews.com/article/afghanistan-lifestyle-business-taliban-travel-4ff173ea8345d105ec5f49cc2d159f03>
13. According to the Iranian Embassy, illegal drug manufacturing in Afghanistan has had a long-term impact on Iran. Following the world's largest heroin arrest on September 15 at the Mundra port in Gujarat, Indian and Iranian officials held a video meeting on Wednesday. "[We] talked and investigated methods and means of mutual collaboration in combating drug trafficking, which led in some beneficial consequences." For many decades, narcotics production and organised drug trafficking from Afghanistan have

represented a serious danger to Iran, our region, and the globe," stated the Iranian Embassy following the conference.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/iranian-indian-officials-discuss-narcotics-from-afghanistan/article36992904.ece>

14. China is willing to spend billions of dollars in Afghanistan if the Taliban ensure the safety of its employees and property. This is according to Zabihullah Mujahid, the Taliban's acting Deputy Minister of Information and Culture, who also stated that his administration is ready to deliver. Mujahid responded to questions about the Taliban's negotiations with the US and others, Afghanistan's faltering economy, women's rights, and the threat to Afghanistan's security after multiple high-profile attacks by the Islamic State in Afghanistan in a television interview with VOA's Ayesha Tanzeem in Kabul.

Source: <https://www.voanews.com/a/taliban-china-is-ready-to-invest-billions-in-afghanistan-/6270213.html>

15. As winter approaches and access to distant, snow-bound places is cut off, UN organisations warn that the window for providing humanitarian assistance to millions of vulnerable Afghans is fast closing. Temperatures have dropped below zero Celsius at night, according to relief authorities, and snow has been known to fall in Afghanistan in October. Babar Baloch, a spokesman for the United Nations Refugee Agency, spoke on Zoom from Kabul, saying that far too many people had yet to be addressed.

Source: <https://www.voanews.com/a/time-running-out-for-afghans-to-receive-aid-as-winter-sets-in-/6267653.html>

16. New efforts are underway to align different countries of the world with a common vision to study and monitor developments in Afghanistan. Joint declarations on the National Resistance Front will be issued soon. We will remember the countries that raise the voice of freedom for our people today.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/MirzadaAhmad/status/1448340390386544646>

17. Resistance Front have reportedly liberated Khost Wa Fring district of Baghlan Province. This strategic area borders both Andarab district and Panjshir Province

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/SMMAfPak/status/1448637967615004675>

18. Tehran will soon host the second foreign-minister-level meeting of Afghanistan's neighbors and has sought an enlargement of the format to include Russia. The format will now comprise Iran, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, China and Russia.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/NZAMBAYvon/status/1448589206855589888>

19. Dozens of thousands of desperate Afghans waiting for days now in Iran-AFG border in Nimroz, to cross the border & flee the country because of Taliban.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/natiqmalikzada/status/1447664322176372737>