

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. Fourteen girls secretly gather in a building in Kabul every day to continue their studies. "If the Taliban find out about our 'secret school,' they will punish us. But despite this risk, we will not quit," one of them told DW.
Source: <https://www.dw.com/en/afghan-girls-set-up-secret-school-amid-taliban-restrictions/a-59588208>
2. As the security scenario in Afghanistan continues to deteriorate, Sikhs -- a community that was already in a dire situation before the collapse of the government -- practically have to make a choice between options of "converting to Sunni Islam or run away" from Afghanistan, said a report.
Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/afghanistans-sikhs-to-make-choice-between-converting-to-islam-or-leaving-country-report/articleshow/87204174.cms?from=mdr>
3. Fawzia Koofi, ex-Afghan Parliament member speaks out about the "heartbreaking" reality for Afghan women since the Taliban takeover, holding the U.S. accountable for its withdrawal. "As a superpower, the United States has a major responsibility and should be held accountable," Koofi said in an interview with the Associated Press. "This is not an Afghanistan I fought for. The Afghanistan that I was hoping for was [that] women should not suffer as much as I suffered during my childhood, during the time that I was a teenager, when [the] Taliban took over," Koofi told the AP.
Source: https://www.newsweek.com/female-ex-afghan-parliament-member-says-us-should-accountable-taliban-takeover-1641674?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

Human Rights under Taliban

1. The United Nations predicts that 97 percent of Afghanistan will fall below the poverty line. The organization has repeatedly called for immediate relief for the needy in Afghanistan, otherwise a humanitarian catastrophe will ensue.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/DaRadioAzadi/status/1451562937643044864>
2. Afghanistan has been pushed deeper into an already dire food crisis, exacerbated by COVID19, extreme weather events and high food prices.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/careintuk/status/1451570776985964547>
3. This is the typical justice system of Taliban in Afghanistan They Shoot a empty handed man on the road in day light in blame of police official in previous period.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/HusanyaarKhan/status/1451570457522675718>

4. Taliban officials in several provinces across Afghanistan have forcibly displaced residents partly to distribute land to their own supporters, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said in a report released on Friday.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/PaykMedia/status/1451569646423867393>
5. Mahjabin Hakimi was a successful player and rising star in the Kabul Municipality club. She is understood to have been killed in early October, but her coach said no one outside her family, which was said to have been threatened into silence, knew exact the details or circumstances. It is understood images of Mahjabin were posted online following her death.
Source: <https://metro.co.uk/2021/10/21/taliban-beheads-member-of-womens-youth-volleyball-team-15466131/>
6. MCC Foundation hope to use cricket to help Afghan refugees settle in this country. The Taliban are back in control after 20 years, threatening the future of cricket across Afghanistan.. Many thousands have fled the country, including to the UK, where the MCC want to harness their love of cricket to help families build a better life.
Source: https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/sportsnews/article-10118387/MCC-Foundation-want-harness-Afghan-refugees-love-cricket-help-families-build-better-life.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490
7. Dozens of women and civil society activists protested on Thursday in Kabul over economic problems and the closed schools for girls, local media reported. The protest took place near the Ministry of Foreign amidst a growing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, Khaama Press reported. The protest prompted the Taliban to intervene and assault the journalists covering the rally, an eyewitness told Sputnik.
Source: <https://www.afghanistannews.net/news/271541873/women-and-civil-society-activists-protest-in-kabul>

Current Situation

1. Despite fears that the nation would face a terrible famine, India plans to send food and medical aid to Afghanistan this winter. India is thinking of sending 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat and medical supplies to Afghanistan. This, however, is subject to Pakistan's approval. Previously, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for "immediate and unfettered" humanitarian assistance for Afghan citizens. Modi remarked during the G20 Afghanistan meeting that the Afghan people have a deep link with India and that every Indian knows the anguish of the Afghan people suffering from famine and malnutrition.
Source: https://ariananews.af/india-plans-to-send-food-to-afghanistan/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter
2. The State Department informed congressional staff Thursday that it is in touch with 363 US citizens in Afghanistan, 176 of whom want to leave, two sources familiar with

the call told CNN. The figures presented on that call underscore the ongoing challenge faced by the Biden administration as Americans continue to come forward to seek help in leaving Afghanistan in the wake of the Taliban takeover and the chaotic US withdrawal.

Source: https://edition.cnn.com/2021/10/22/politics/us-citizens-afghanistan-withdrawal-biden-admin/index.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

3. The Taliban are beating, abusing & insulting foreign Journalists in Afghanistan. This is absolute human rights crisis in the country.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/HizbkKhan/status/1451203366164463622>

4. Taliban fighters assaulted at least three journalists covering a women's protest opposing the group and demanding "work, bread, and education" in Kabul, the capital, according to multiple news reports and Bülent Kılıç, a photographer with the French news agency Agence France-Presse, who was among those attacked and spoke to CPJ in a phone interview. Taliban fighters hit the other two journalists as they scattered, according to those reports. CPJ was unable to immediately identify those journalists or the extent of their injuries.

Source: <https://cpj.org/2021/10/taliban-fighters-assault-at-least-3-journalists-covering-womens-protest-in-afghanistan/>

5. At least 15 former Afghan govt security force members and staff who have taken refuge in Quetta city, capital of Pakistan's Baluchistan have been detained on Thursday night and relocated to an unknown location, sources confirmed.

Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/MrDawodZai/status/1451569922438467585>

6. Tashkent and Moscow have no plans to seal new security deals in the wake of the Afghanistan crisis, as the current legislation is sufficient, Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Kamilov said in an interview with Russian media outlets on Friday. Kamilov said that "this issue is not on the agenda now, nor is it being discussed." "We have already concluded a sufficient number of security agreements and treaties. They are effective, but we will be quite flexible. Once the need arises, we will consider the issue and will work together, searching the forms of cooperation," he said when asked by TASS.

Source: https://tass.com/world/1353125?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

7. Pakistan is determined to help Afghanistan avoid a collapse of its economy and has agreed measures to ease some border restrictions and facilitate trade. The easing of restrictions include on-arrival visas for Afghan business travellers, Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said after talks in Kabul with the country's Taliban leaders.

Source: https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/asia/2021/10/22/pakistan-to-ease-afghan-border-controls-after-talks-with-taliban/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

8. The Taliban have forcibly displaced people from their areas in several provinces and distributed their lands to their supporters.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/safiparsa1/status/1451568840538828801>
9. Due to logistical problems, the US will not participate in international meetings on Afghanistan organised by Russia this week, but is open to participating in the future, according to the State Department on Monday. Meetings with officials from the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA), China, and Pakistan will take place in Moscow on Wednesday, according to Russian President Vladimir Putin's special representative. "We will not participate in the Moscow negotiations." The Troika-plus conference was constructive and effective. We want to participate in that forum in the future, but we won't be able to this week," State Department spokesman Ned Price said.
Source: https://ariananews.af/us-will-not-join-russias-afghanistan-talks-this-week/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter
10. A group of Afghan women urged the United Nations to block the Taliban from gaining a seat at the world body, calling for better representation for their country during a visit to the organisation's New York headquarters on Thursday. "It's very simple," former Afghan politician and peace negotiator Fawzia Koofi told reporters outside the UN Security Council in New York. "The UN needs to give that seat to somebody who respects the rights of everyone in Afghanistan."
Source: https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-10118667/At-United-Nations-Afghan-women-appeal-dont-let-Taliban-in.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490
11. The teachers at an Afghan midwifery college in a Taliban stronghold have dodged bullets through their office windows and seen their last training centre blown up. But they kept working for the sake of the mothers and babies in their rural community. Now, with the Islamist hardliners in control of Afghanistan, the instructors are calling on the new government to allow them to continue their work in peace.
Source: https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-10119075/Afghan-midwives-vow-help-mothers-babies-Taliban-rule.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490
12. Two months after the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan, one of the country's once-prominent female leaders - a former parliament member, candidate for president and a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize - is visiting the United Nations, not as a representative of her government but as a woman in exile. In an interview with The Associated Press, Fawzia Koofi called for humanitarian aid sent to Afghanistan to be contingent on the participation of women in its distribution, as well as free and safe travel for Afghans into and out of the country.
Source: https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-10119311/From-exile-former-female-Afghan-leader-keeps-fighting.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490

13. A father-of-two who received a terrifying death sentence on headed notepaper from the Taliban has won the right to stay in the UK. Omid Sarwary, 29, received a series of phone calls from men working for senior Taliban commander Molvi Abdus Samad in 2017 while working for British security company Olive Group at an airport in Herat, Afghanistan. The security officer and translator refused when the men on the phone urged him to help them access the airport and reported the calls to his managers at the firm where he had worked since 2013 and changed his number.
Source: https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10120177/Afghan-dad-sent-Taliban-death-sentence-work-British-security-firm-wins-right-stay-UK.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490&ito=1490
14. Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Thursday arrived in Kabul, his first visit to Afghanistan's capital since the Taliban's takeover of the country in mid-August. Qureshi during his stay in Kabul would hold talks with senior Taliban officials, the TOLO news reported. The two sides are likely to go over bilateral issues, crossing-points management and aid to Afghanistan.
Source: <https://www.afghanistannews.net/news/271542370/pakistani-fm-arrives-in-afghanistan-to-hold-talks-with-taliban>
15. The Iranian Foreign Minister called on the United Nations to take serious measures to prevent and counter terrorist attacks in Afghanistan.
Source: <https://twitter.com/tarjomanafg/status/1450424023398092802>
16. Senior Civil Representative NATO Stefano Pontecorvo Wednesday called on Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa at General Headquarters (GHQ) and appreciated Pakistan's role in Afghan situation, including successful evacuation operations and efforts for regional stability.
Source: https://dailytimes.com.pk/831770/nato-lauds-pakistans-role-on-afghanistan/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter
17. According to diplomatic cables, the British ambassador in Afghanistan frequently told the Foreign Office that the Taliban would score a quick victory, despite official claims that it came as a surprise.
Source: <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/dominic-raab-ignored-ambassadors-dire-warnings-on-afghanistan-lktrvf0n9>
18. The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan is a major issue, and the people of the nation require assistance from all around the globe, according to Abdulla Shahid, President of the 76th United Nations General Assembly, in an interview with TASS on Wednesday.
Source: https://tass.com/society/1352139?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter
19. The fourth Taliban CIA base, the Taliban, is still using the Ariana Hotel Serena Hotel for the same purpose. The mastermind controller of suicide attacks has been appointed police chief in Kabul and he proudly tells his staff about the bombings he carried out.
Source: <https://mobile.twitter.com/QaisarRehan2/status/1451021501692628993>

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20. Afghanistan's economy is expected to shrink by up to 30% this year, fueling a refugee crisis that would affect neighbouring nations, Turkey, and Europe, according to the International Monetary Fund on Tuesday.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/afghanistans-economic-collapse-could-prompt-refugee-crisis-imf-2021-10-19/>

21. In an effort to eradicate polio and improve children's health in Afghanistan, the Taliban administration has decided to begin a door-to-door immunisation programme next month, with women serving as frontline workers. The declaration by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund is a significant step forward in a nation known as the "world's polio capital," where vaccinators have confronted the dual difficulties of a lack of access to patients and deadly conflict. According to authorities, the five-day national distribution of the polio vaccine, which is administered orally and in several doses, will begin Nov. 8.

Source: https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/19/world/asia/taliban-polio-vaccines-afghanistan.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter