

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. Most secondary schools for girls remain shuttered three months after the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, with only boys and male teachers being permitted back into classrooms. Sadat, 16, is one of a number of Afghan female students who are risking their lives to further their education.

Source: <https://www.thenational.scot/news/19746623.girls-afghanistan-risking-education/?ref=twtrrec>

2. When the Taliban ruled Afghanistan in the 1990s, it was recognised for having some of the strictest restrictions on women in the world. The group's policy of repressing women has not changed. Women are still barred from workplaces and schools, despite some Taliban officials claiming that things will change. Every week, it seems like a new set of restrictions is announced.

Source: <https://hlhr.org/amidst-taliban-repression-afghan-women-urge-international-community-to-take-action/>

3. Day 69 of the Taliban's ban on Afghan girls returning to secondary school. After the winter break, the Taliban said they want to let all girls in every province to return to school. That'll be in 117 days.

Source: <https://twitter.com/BBCYaldaHakim/status/1463800629546131459>

Human Rights under Taliban

1. Unidentified armed men killed an elderly man in western Afghanistan's Nimroz province. Ahmad was shot by two bullets and he died on the spot.

Source: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/tribal-elder-shot-died-in-afghanistan20211127205303/>

2. Since the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, the country has been witnessing severe financial crisis with the unemployment rate getting higher in the country. People of Afghanistan are incapable of fulfilling their basic needs.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/unemployment-hit-afghans-badly-as-citizens-struggle-to-meet-basic-needs/articleshow/87952866.cms>

3. Law students and lawyers in Afghanistan are filing reports with JURIST on the situation there after the Taliban takeover. Here, a Staff Correspondent for JURIST in Kabul reports on recent developments in the country, including the killing of two young men who worked as bodyguards for former members of the Afghan parliament.

Source: <https://www.jurist.org/news/2021/11/afghanistan-dispatches-taliban-killings-belie-announced-amnesty-policy/>

4. On Sunday, Turkmenistan President Arif Alvi stated that stability in Afghanistan is critical for regional connectivity among members of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO). The president made these comments while speaking at the ECO's 15th Summit of Heads of States in Turkmenistan.

Source: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2331484/peace-in-afghanistan-key-to-regional-connectivity-alvi>

5. Sharbat Gula, the green-eyed "Afghan Girl" whose 1985 photo in National Geographic became a symbol of Afghanistan's wars, has been given safe haven by Italy after fleeing the Taliban, Prime Minister Mario Draghi's office has said.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/green-eyed-afghan-girl-on-national-geographic-cover-gets-safe-haven-in-italy-101637896796736.html>

6. The United Nations said on Tuesday that its flash appeal for more than \$600 million to support the humanitarian response in Afghanistan until the end of the year was now fully funded.

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/un-raises-600-mn-for-afghanistan-aid/article37653009.ece>

7. Universities such as Khatam Al-Nabieen University in Kabul remain closed more than three months after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.

Source: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-03515-1>

Current Situation

1. Afghanistan's economy has crashed since the Taliban occupied Afghanistan. The country is facing the worst humanitarian crisis ever.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/afghanistans-economy-crashed-since-taliban-takeover-plunging-country-into-worlds-worst-humanitarian-crises-report/articleshow/87964835.cms>

2. In weekend conversations with EU officials, the Taliban requested assistance in keeping Afghanistan's airports operational, as well as expressing "deep concern" about the country's humanitarian condition, according to an EU statement released late Sunday. Both parties dispatched senior officials to Doha, Qatar's capital, for the meetings, which came just days before the US and Taliban begin two weeks of talks in Doha on Monday.

Source: <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/afghanistan-taliban-takeover-taliban-seeks-european-unions-help-to-run-afghanistans-airports-2628581>

3. The leaders of several Asian countries called for boosting their economic ties and pledged to provide assistance to Afghanistan during a summit in Turkmenistan on Sunday. The countries, which are part of the 10-member Economic Cooperation Organization that includes Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and six ex-Soviet nations, called for removing trade barriers and developing new transport corridors across the region. They also voiced concerns about the situation in Afghanistan, which has been taken over by the Taliban, and promised to help stabilize the country.
Source: <https://www.voanews.com/a/asian-leaders-at-economic-summit-vow-to-help-afghanistan/6331545.html>
4. Since capturing power in Afghanistan, the Taliban, a fundamentalist Islamist party, has faced numerous challenges and protests, not just from within Afghanistan, but also from international shores. Taliban social media circulated widely a warned about any rogue elements.
Source: <https://pragnews.com/infiltrators-trying-to-enter-afghanistan-warns-taliban/>
5. Pakistan urged the international world on Thursday to generously support Afghanistan, which is experiencing a "humanitarian crisis." At the weekly briefing, Foreign Office Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar Ahmed said that Pakistan would continue to assist Afghan citizens as part of international efforts. The international world has recognised the magnitude of the humanitarian catastrophe in Afghanistan, as the UN and many countries have stepped up to provide the necessary help to the Afghan people, he said.
Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/pak-urges-international-community-to-provide-assistance-to-afghanistan-121112501496_1.html
6. The United States' longest conflict may potentially result in a humanitarian crisis that lasts even longer. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 3.5 million Afghans have abandoned their homes but remain within the country's borders. This figure has increased by at least 550,000 since the beginning of the year. Furthermore, 2.6 million Afghans have already crossed into neighbouring countries, making it the world's third-largest refugee crisis behind Syria and Venezuela.
Source: <https://news.trust.org/item/20211123091523-xgthf/>
7. Fears of a third World War have been sparked around the world after Taliban fighters gained control of Afghanistan's capital. Already, the entire world is fighting a common enemy: the coronavirus. However, with hundreds of thousands of people fleeing Kabul, many fear that World War III is on the horizon.
Source: <https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1224361/world-war-3-map-where-could-world-war-3-start-in-2020-ww3-latest-news>
8. Patricia Gossman, HRW's associate Asia director, raised worry over the Taliban regime's enforcement of severe new standards in Afghanistan. Human Rights Watch's

associate Asia director raised alarm over the Taliban regime's implementation of rigorous new standards in Afghanistan. "Despite the Taliban's vows to allow media outlets that respect Islamic values' to operate, journalists in Afghanistan live in constant terror of a knock on the door or a summons from the authorities."

Source: <https://pittsburghquarterly.com/articles/the-long-war-had-definite-pluses/>

9. Malala Yousafzai believes the evacuation of Afghan women's rights advocates to Greece gives 'hope and safety.'
'We had no choice but to flee.' The Taliban were on the lookout for us. Malala Yousafzai, a female Afghan lawyer, claims that the rescue of women's rights activists and others from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan has brought "hope and protection" to the country's most vulnerable citizens.

Source: <https://www.independent.co.uk/asia/south-asia/afghanistan-greece-evacuation-malala-yousefzai-b1962368.html>

10. "The Taliban's new media regulations and threats against journalists reflect broader efforts to silence all criticism of Taliban rule," Gossman said, pointing out that the militants' latest order now dictates the dress of female journalists on television and prohibits soap operas and entertainment programmes featuring female actions. The loss of any place for protest, as well as the tightening of limitations on women in the media and the arts, is terrible."

Source: <https://www.republicworld.com/world-news/rest-of-the-world-news/hrw-says-talibans-new-media-regulations-reflect-broader-efforts-to-silence-all-criticism.html>

11. Pakistan has agreed to provide life-saving drugs to Afghanistan. The country is facing worst humanitarian crisis under Taliban. The United Nations said in September that Afghanistan's health system is on the brink of collapse.

Source: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/pakistan-agrees-to-provide-life-saving-drugs-to-afghanistan20211128090657/>

12. A power outage in Ghor, Afghanistan's centre province, has made living even more tough. The state electricity provider Breshna has been unable to maintain diesel power generators running in the provincial capital since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in mid-August.

Source: <https://twitter.com/GandharaRFE/status/1463189914602856453>

13. A top British official said here on Wednesday that the UK and Pakistan will work together on issues of mutual interest, such as giving humanitarian relief to the people of Afghanistan and preventing the war-torn country from becoming a haven for terrorism. Nigel Casey, the UK Prime Minister's Special Representative for

Afghanistan and Pakistan, said the UK was determined to doing everything it could to guarantee Afghanistan's stability following the withdrawal of US forces in August.

Source: <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/afghanistan-taliban-takeover-uk-to-cooperate-with-pakistan-for-counter-terrorism-in-afghanistan-official-2623071>

14. The Taliban urged the US and other countries to recognise their government in Afghanistan, and said that the failure to do so would lead to problems not only for the country but for the world.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/taliban-leadership-afghanistan-government-ministers-and-officials-induction-101637658596062.html>

15. The humanitarian corridor from Tajikistan to Afghanistan functions now. First humanitarian aid was sent today to Badakhshan of Afghanistan by the WFP.

Source: https://twitter.com/Anahita_SD/status/1465198914957680640

16. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the summit has warned of the possibility of a wave of Afghan refugees fleeing their country as a possible consequence of what could happen if countries do not step up and assist Afghanistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/PaykMedia/status/1465196799103148032>

17. Turkey, Turkmenistan, Iran and Pakistan leaders vowed to help Afghanistan during a summit on Sunday, stressing the need for outside support as the new Taliban govt grapples with poverty, food insecurity and an economic crisis, news agencies reported.

Source: <https://twitter.com/PaykMedia/status/1465196706203537409>