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Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law-

1. According to Human Rights Watch, 2021 will be the most difficult year for Afghan women. Their rights have been curtailed by the Taliban. Photos that violate Islamic regulations will be collected or removed from billboards based on the government's decision. The group forbade the display of photographs of women on storefronts in Kabul. Photos that violate Islamic regulations will be collected or removed from billboards based on the government's decision.

SOURCE: <https://www.indiatimes.com/news/world/imran-khan-on-afghan-culture-education-557546.html>

2. According to a UN report, the militant group has also been recruiting child soldiers and suppressing women's rights in Afghanistan since taking power in August. According to the UN Human Rights Council, more than 100 former Afghan national security forces and others have been killed since the takeover. According to Nada Al-Nashif, the UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, at least 50 suspected members of the Islamic State-Khorasan Province, an ideological foe of the Taliban, were also executed by hanging and beheading.

SOURCE: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10340811/Married-British-worker-missing-Afghanistan-arrested-gunpoint-Taliban.html>

Promotion of radicalism in Pakistan; HR violations of minorities in Pakistan; Steps taken in the world against Pakistan's radicalism.

1. Pakistan is resorting to deception as fewer and fewer countries supply it with weapons. The Pakistan Navy has subcontracted ASFAT, a Turkish government-owned defence manufacturing firm, to deliver 8 A244/S light-weight anti-submarine torpedos. The LY-70 intercepts rockets, cruise and ballistic missiles, precision-guided bombs, and unmanned aerial vehicles. It is a medium and short-range system that is portable.

SOURCE: <https://www.timesnownews.com/international/article/with-fewer-countries-supplying-weapons-to-pakistan-it-is-resorting-to-subterfuge/843110>

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2. Children in Pakistan's redlight district discover a guardian angel. Children of sex workers in Lahore who are denied admission to government schools attend social activist Zerka Tahir's Learning Hub. When army dictator General Zia-ul-Haq seized power in Pakistan in the 1980s, his government launched a nationwide crackdown on those involved in the performing arts. Strict Shariah punishment, such as flogging, was imposed to discourage people from working in such professions as part of the state-run campaign to Islamize the nation in order to prolong military rule.

SOURCE: <https://www.trtworld.com/magazine/children-of-pakistan-s-redlight-area-find-a-guardian-angel-52936>

3. The problem of minorities in Pakistan is becoming more acute by the day, as Pakistani society fails to recognise the importance of security for minorities, and the government is unwilling to step forward in this regard. In this regard, the Pakistani Christian community has been among the most severely affected. The small Pakistani Christian community abroad is powerless to address the issue, and their activities are limited to holding protests abroad in order to draw the attention of the local government in their place of residence and the Pakistani government to the issue.

SOURCE: <https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=907530>

4. Arzoo Raja, a 14-year-old Christian girl kidnapped, forced to convert to Islam, and married her kidnapper, 44-year-old Muslim Azhar Ali, has been reunited with her family. The court ruled that Arzoo cannot meet with her alleged husband, who is facing a trial under the Child Marriage Restraint Act 2013 for violating child marriage laws.

SOURCE:

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/71368->

[ASIA PAKISTAN Christian girl kidnapped and converted reunites with her family](#)

5. Danish Kaneria, a former Pakistan cricketer, has condemned the worsening plight of religious minorities in Pakistan, saying the government must put a stop to such incidents immediately. According to Kaneria, such incidents bring a bad name to Pakistan. Kaneria shared a video of vandals vandalising a Hindu deity statue on the social media platforms Koo and Twitter on Wednesday. The incident allegedly occurred on December 20 in Karachi's Ranchore Line neighbourhood.

SOURCE: <https://www.news18.com/cricketnext/news/proud-hindu-danish-kaneria-appalled-at-persecution-of-minorities-in-pakistan-4586618.html>

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6. A Karachi-based bakery that is trending number one on Twitter in Pakistan is currently facing harsh criticism from netizens and celebrities for their bigotry and discriminatory mindset. This social media outpouring is in response to their alleged refusal to write "Merry Christmas" on cakes at their locations. Anoushey Ashra, a Pakistani actor and VJ, also chastised them for "treating them (minorities) in the same way that Muslims are treated in the West," according to the report.

SOURCE: <https://sambadenglish.com/you-treat-minorities-the-way-muslims-are-treated-in-the-west-pakistani-celebrity-on-bakery-row/>

7. Pakistan's growing religious extremism manifests itself in a variety of ways, some more heinous than others. The country consistently ranks near the bottom of rankings issued by organisations such as Human Rights Watch, which monitor a country's performance in minority rights and religious freedom, among other things. In the last 20 years, they have been subjected to acts of terrorism perpetrated by religious extremists. Recent attacks include a December 2017 attack on a Quetta church that killed nine people and injured 57. In March 2016, a suicide attack on Christians celebrating Easter at a Lahore playground killed 70 people and injured over 340 more. In March 2015, two bomb blasts at churches in Lahore killed 14 people and injured more than 70 others. In 2013, a suicide bomber detonated a bomb at a church in Peshawar, killing 80 people. In 2009, a mob in Gojra set fire to nearly 40 houses and a church.

SOURCE: <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/fragility-of-faith-in-pakistan/>

8. Senator Raza Rabbani, a senior PPP member, claimed that radicals had ripped the State's writ away, warning that lynching-like cases in Sialkot would continue unless the root cause of the problem was addressed. "Extremist groups were formed in the country, and they ran their own public courts." The former Senate majority leader also expressed concern about reports that the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) was regrouping in Afghanistan, "which could potentially fuel terrorism in Pakistan."

SOURCE: <https://dailytimes.com.pk/858975/fundamentalists-have-ripped-states-writ-says-rabbani/>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. The year 2021 has seen a resurgence of international terrorist activities, with a few countries using counterterrorism as a political tool, levelling baseless accusations against legitimate counterterrorism and deradicalization measures implemented by the international community. According to a senior Chinese diplomat, the international community should strengthen its solidarity and work together to combat terrorism.

SOURCE: <http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/20211223/0853a39e45274168b32e433bf6dd3d26/c.html>

2. The Russell Tribunal was a concept proposed by British philosopher Bertrand Russell (1872-1970) to bring about grassroots justice with the primary goal of raising awareness and stirring global opinion against war crimes and other flagrant violations of international law. The situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) has reached the level of genocide, with victims completely defenceless. The genocide and human rights violations committed by the IIOJK are highlighted at a global forum.

SOURCE: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2335324/russell-tribunal-global-forum-highlights-iiojk-genocide-rights-abuses>

3. Bangladesh and the Maldives have agreed to address and counter the threats posed by organised crime, piracy, narcotics trafficking, and human trafficking through multilateral and regional fora, including the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), in order to achieve security, stability, and peace in the Indian Ocean region.

SOURCE: <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/diplomacy/news/joint-cooperation-between-bangladesh-maldives-security-indian-ocean-2924406>

4. The United States' coercive 'Uyghur bill' irritates more companies, including Intel, and enrages 1.4 billion Chinese. The signing of the so-called Uyghur forced labour prevention act by the United States, the latest move aimed at attacking China by inflating "human rights issues" in the Xinjiang region, has landed more companies in hot water and inflamed the rage of 1.4 billion Chinese people. According to experts, the difficulties in enforcing the law and the enormous costs incurred by American companies as a result of the law's enactment will lead to an increase in the number of voices opposing the US' arbitrary move. On Thursday, US President Joe Biden signed the "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act," which prohibits the sale of products made in China's Xinjiang, citing "oppression" of Uyghur and other minority populations.

SOURCE: <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202112/1243302.shtml>

5. On Christmas Day, a Sydney man accused of planning a terrorist attack will appear in court. On Friday morning, police arrested a 34-year-old man in Caringbah. He was posting a significant amount of material relating to bombings, beheadings, explosives manufacturing, and other material.

SOURCE: <https://7news.com.au/news/nsw-police/nsw-joint-counter-terrorism-team-arrest-sutherland-man-over-alleged-islamic-state-material--c-5071418>

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6. The CRPF has played an important role in combating Naxal terrorism: Nityanand Rai, the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, who was the chief guest at the passing out parade of the CRPF's latest batch on Thursday at Kadarapur in Gurugram, said that nearly one-third of the entire force has been deployed in Naxal-infested parts of the state.

SOURCE: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/gurugram-news/crpf-has-played-key-role-in-curbing-naxal-terrorism-nityanand-rai-101640339959571.html>

7. Muhammad Ali, a high-profile Canadian member of the so-called Islamic State, was apprehended while attempting to return to Canada, according to Global News. Ali was interviewed by Global News at a makeshift prison run by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces. In the document, Bill Bentley, a member of the RCMP's Toronto Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, wrote, "Ali used his social media to promote ISIS propaganda and recruit for ISIS."

SOURCE: <https://globalnews.ca/news/8449795/canadian-isis-sniper-anti-terrorism-laws-rcmp/>

8. Soon after the 9/11 attacks, Singapore's Internal Security Department (ISD) foiled terrorist group Jemaah Islamiyah's (JI) plans to carry out terror attacks in Singapore. Terrorist acts are becoming more sophisticated. Terrorist acts will become more sophisticated in the future. Terrorists are constantly learning and trying to stay one step ahead of law enforcement. In the same way that they have adapted to cyberspace, we have seen them use drones for surveillance and attacks. Terrorist organisations have also begun to use cryptocurrency, demonstrating their sophistication.

SOURCE: <https://mothership.sg/2021/12/expert-terrorism-radicalised/>

9. Jammu and Kashmir: An unidentified terrorist was killed in an encounter in Anantnag, and an operation is underway. On Friday, terrorists and security forces clashed in the Mumanhal locality of the Arwani area of Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag. A Pakistani Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist was killed in a shootout with security forces in the city's Harwan district. Following specific information about the presence of terrorists in the area, security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Harwan.

SOURCE: <https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/india/jammu-and-kashmir-anantnag-encounter-updates-between-terrorists-security-forces-terrorists-killed-arrested-750953>

10. Two terrorist associates were apprehended in Budgam, J&K. Two hand grenades, two AK-47 magazines, 30 AK-47 rounds, and LeT incriminating material were found. According to preliminary investigations, both of the arrested terror associates have been in contact

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with LeT commanders and have provided logistics, shelter, and transportation of arms and ammunition in Mochwa, Chattergam, Sathsoo, Nowgam, Chadoora, and other districts.

SOURCE: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/dec/24/two-terrorist-associates-arrested-in-jks-budgam-2399299.html>

11. This is the second such incident in Balochistan in less than a month. According to an official statement, two Pakistani soldiers were killed on December 24 when terrorists attacked a checkpoint in the country's restive Balochistan province. The incident occurred in the province's Kech district when terrorists attacked a checkpoint and killed two soldiers, according to the Inter-Services Public Relations, the military's media affairs wing. To find the terrorists, the security forces have launched a search operation in the area. "Security forces are determined to defeat such hostile acts aimed at disrupting Balochistan's peace, stability, and progress."

SOURCE: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/terrorists-attack-check-post-in-pakistan-two-soldiers-killed-official/article38026609.ece>

12. Uganda charged 15 people on Thursday with terrorism and aiding terrorism in connection with bombings in the country's capital and elsewhere in October and November that killed at least six people. On November 16, a suicide bomber blew himself up at the entrance to a police station in Kampala's central business district. Three minutes later, two suicide bombers detonated explosive devices along a road leading to parliament.

SOURCE: <https://www.voanews.com/a/uganda-charges-15-with-terrorism-in-is-linked-bombings/6367596.html>

13. Pakistani terror groups continue to target Kashmir, according to data. According to data, there is ongoing infiltration across the Line of Control in both Kashmir and Jammu, with the main groups operating being Lashkar and Jaish. The government has put in place a strong security and intelligence grid, as well as proactive anti-terrorist operations. As a result, the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir has significantly improved since August 2019."

SOURCE: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/pakistani-terror-groups-continue-to-target-kashmir-data-reveals-how-101640347640456.html>

14. Since the fall of the Ashraf Ghani government next door, the threat posed by violent extremist outfits to the region has only grown more complex. The latest US State Department report on terrorism provides clues as to what may come next if Pakistan and Afghanistan do

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not act quickly to counter it. There are many legitimate reasons to criticise that country's actions in the "war on terror," but the resurgence of militancy should be a shared concern that drives Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the US to develop a joint strategy to combat it.

SOURCE: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1665514/report-on-terrorism>

15. According to the Knesset television channel, New Hope MK Zvi Hauser said on Tuesday that growing the spice saffron in the Golan Heights will stop Iran's financing and support for terrorism. Iran produces 90% of the world's saffron. Iran finances or operates several non-state actor groups in the Middle East, including Hezbollah, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Yemen's Houthi, and Iraqi militias. Many of these groups are widely regarded as terrorist organisations.

SOURCE: <https://www.jpost.com/food-recipes/article-689672>

16. The federal government has issued a warning against terrorists using microorganisms to cause bioterrorism, mayhem, and havoc in the country. Terrorists, he claims, can use microorganisms to cause sickness and death in the country. He described a microorganism such as anthrax, a bacteria that, when obtained by terrorists, can harm human health, among other microorganisms. Bacteria can be engineered or collected, and any other harmful microorganisms can be collected if terrorists know where they are stored, used, and exposed to the environment.

SOURCE: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/12/insecurity-fg-warns-against-use-of-micro-organisms-by-terrorists/>