

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. Afghan women took to the streets today in Kabul to protest against new restrictions on women. Women have been the most suffered under the Taliban where they are not allowed basic human rights.
Source: https://twitter.com/Seeta_Qasemi/status/1480913118138093575
2. Following the women's protests against the restrictions imposed by the Taliban, this time the protesting women wrote their slogans and demands on the wall.
Source: <https://twitter.com/subhekabul/status/1480189037642190850>
3. The Taliban's return to power in Afghanistan is a nightmare for Afghan women. They have imposed many repressive rules on women including banning education, work, and long travel.
Source: https://twitter.com/WomenOn_IT/status/1480902398927425543
4. In Kabul, the Taliban's religious police have put up signs ordering women to wear the Islamic headscarf. The ads depict a woman in an all-encompassing burqa and another in a black chador, which is typical in Iran. "A Muslim lady must observe the hijab according to Sharia law," says the text on the posters. The posters were placed in Kabul by the Taliban-led government's Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice to advise and encourage women to cover themselves in public.
Source: <https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/taliban-orders-women-wear-hijab/31647808.html>
5. Taliban spokespeople have promised to preserve women's rights to employment and study since reclaiming control of Afghanistan, but within an ill-defined Islamic framework. However, the government's recent acts strongly suggest that the Islamic fundamentalist group is reverting to old habits when it comes to wielding power to persecute women and girls.
Source: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/afghan-women-under-taliban-rule/>

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

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Source: <https://nation.com.pk/11-Jan-2022/bride-trafficking>

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2. Food taxation is expected to exacerbate #malnutrition among low- and middle-income people, particularly women and children, at a cost to the economy far greater than the few billions the government expects to raise.
Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1668658>
3. A woman who had been petitioning to inherit her father's pension for the previous five years died while her case was being heard in a Lahore court, exposing the incompetence of the legal system.
Source: <https://twitter.com/nayadaurpk/status/1480605529927991304>
4. Fascism is a term often associated with Muslims, in Pakistan more so, as it gives way to deep-rooted hatred for religious and ethnic minorities for e.g., Ahmadiyya muslims are terrorised for practising their version of Islam. Minorities are not safe in a country like Pakistan.
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Source: <https://twitter.com/ShowbizAndNewz/status/1480185710988734467>
6. According to Christian Today, a Christian man in Pakistan has been sentenced to death almost a decade after being convicted of blasphemy. The claims against the individual, according to his lawyers, are bogus and another example of how Pakistan's renowned blasphemy laws are being exploited.
Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2022/01/07/christian-pakistan-receives-death-sentence-decade-old-blasphemy-accusation/>
7. In the first half of 2021, over 6,754 women from #minority communities in Pakistan were abducted in the country's Punjab province. There were 1890 women raped, 3721 tortured, and 752 children raped out of this total. The practise continues to spread unabatedly.
Source: <https://twitter.com/ElizehWasHere/status/1480507969766895617>
8. A young man served as the bodyguard of a former Balkh House of Representatives member. He was kidnapped and tortured to death by the Taliban from his residence on Marmal Street. His eyes were pulled and his body was butchered with a knife, as shown in the photo.
Source: <https://twitter.com/Mukhtarwafayee/status/1480119613602123779>
9. Christian leaders in Pakistan are sceptical that the country's first-ever digital census would accurately tally the country's Christian minority, according to the Union of Catholic Asian News (UCAN). Previous censuses, according to these leaders, undercounted Christians, denying Christians due representation in the country's

political and social systems. "It is not right if the government demands us to share the information," Bishop Samson Shukardin told UCAN of sharing parish records with local governments for the digital census. It must inspire trust in us in order to protect the data. There must be a procedure in place. All of this raises a lot of questions for us."

Source: https://www.persecution.org/2022/01/11/christian-leaders-pakistan-express-doubts-first-ever-digital-census/?utm_campaign=coschedule&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=persecution_news

10. Christians descended from lower-caste Hindus in Pakistan are still marginalised, with unclean work and limited chances. Of Pakistan, a surge in Christian sanitary cleaners demonstrates the existence of religious discrimination.

Source: https://twitter.com/voice_minority/status/1479683785029562370

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. The Lambeth and Southwark Safer Transport Team patrolled Elephant & Castle and Borough today, utilising QR code scans to provide Counter Terrorism information to businesses and others. Terrorism is defeated through communities.

Source: <https://twitter.com/MPSRTPC/status/1480946953777209345>

2. Following the 2019 terrorist attack at Fishmongers' Hall, in which two volunteers were killed in counter-terrorism operations, the educational Learning Together project for inmates and University of Cambridge students will be terminated.

Source: <https://counterterrorbusiness.com/news/11012022/learning-together-programme-disbanded-following-attack>

3. Three terrorists were apprehended by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in Khuzdar on Tuesday, and firearms and explosives were recovered from their hands.

Source: https://twitter.com/Gandhara_news/status/1480931320171843587

4. An extremist who attempted to cross the Syrian border from Turkey to join a terrorist training camp for months has been sentenced to 12 years in prison in the United Kingdom. Mamun Rashid, a 28-year-old East Londoner, was apprehended by Turkish officials in February 2019 within walking distance of the Syrian border in the north. He'd spent six months planning his crossing of the border after flying from London to Istanbul with the goal of becoming a martyr. Rashid was deported to the United Kingdom, where he pled guilty to planning terrorist actions and was sentenced to prison on Thursday.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/terrorist-jailed-for-twelve-years-after-amateurish-trip-to-fight-in-syria/>

5. A local official announced on Monday that Iraqi authorities have deported 111 Iraqi families related to the Islamic State group from a Kurdish-run camp in northern Syria. They arrived on Saturday and were taken to Al-Jadaa camp in Nineveh province, south of Mosul, according to the official who did not want to be identified. At least 339 IS-affiliated families have been relocated from Al-Hol camp in northeast Syria to Al-Jadaa, which houses around 7,500 internally displaced persons, since May 2021. According to Iraqi authorities, they include relatives of jihadists, some of them are from other parts of Iraq, including the provinces of Salaheddine and Ramadi.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/iraqi-authorities-take-back-111-islamic-state-linked-families-from-syria/>

6. The government is expected to release plans for new counter-terrorism legislation known as "Martyn's Law" on Monday. Venues would be required by law to offer precise security preparations in the event of a terrorist attack, according to the recommendations. Owners of venues and places, both private and public, are now under no obligation to act on free advice from experienced counter-terrorism advisers regarding terrorist dangers and how to lessen the risk.

Source: https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/martyns-law-counter-terrorism-legislation-22693195?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sharebar

7. According to a statement released by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense, the Sulaimaniyah Intelligence and Security Directorate, which is affiliated with the Iraqi Ministry of Defense's General Directorate of Intelligence and Security, was able to apprehend four members of the ISIL terrorist group in Sulaimaniyah. These ISIL militants were caught in an operation coordinated with the Sulaymaniyah Intelligence Office and prosecuted under Article 4 of the Anti-Terrorism Law. The Iraqi Ministry of Defense stressed that legal action has been taken against these terrorists, and that the mission to apprehend the wanted individuals will continue, according to the statement.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/four-islamic-state-terrorists-detained-in-iraqs-sulaymaniyah/>