

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. The Taliban has planned to behead mannequins used in apparel stores in Herat region of war-torn Afghanistan, citing a violation of Sharia law. Despite the fact that the country is already beset by problems, the Taliban has been on a killing spree.

SOURCE: <https://www.wionews.com/south-asia/calling-breach-of-sharia-law-taliban-to-behead-mannequins-in-afghanistan-441735>

2. After the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, occurrences of males threatening women have become the "new normal." The Taliban want to tighten the regulations for women under Sharia laws implementation. Former Afghan women troops are feeling the effects of the new regime's changes.

SOURCE: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/under-taliban-regime-former-afghan-women-soldiers-fear-their-lives/articleshow/88633753.cms>

3. In 15 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces, there are no working women journalists. In the northern region of Jowzjan, for example, there were 19 media agencies employing 112 women. According to the report, none of the remaining 12 media agencies employs a woman. A list of "journalism guidelines" has been released by the Taliban. They include a requirement that all parties subscribe to the Taliban's interpretation of Islamic law.

SOURCE: <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/report-2-in-5-afghan-media-agencies-close-under-taliban/6366271.html>

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

4. Police claim that Hurriyat leaders defrauded MBBS and engineering students in Kashmir. The State Investigation Agency (SIA) has filed a charge sheet detailing multiple incidents in which parents were carried across the border with legal travel credentials but were afterwards forced to pay extra money for their children's admission to universities and institutions in the country.
SOURCE: <https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/india-news-kashmir-hurriyat-leaders-duped-mbbs-engineering-aspirants-says-police/407878>
5. Unknown assailants assassinated a Hindu trader in Pakistan's Balochistan province. Ramesh Lal (Ramesh Lal) Nand Lal is just another example of Pakistani attacks on minorities and sites of worship. Attacks have increased, and Pakistan has been criticised by the international community.
SOURCE: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/hindu-trader-killed-by-unknown-persons-in-pakistans-balochistan-province20220102161106/>
6. Pakistan's food security has long been under jeopardy. The Covid-19 pandemic is generating a severe humanitarian disaster in Pakistan, as the country's population faces hunger and food shortages.
SOURCE: <https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2022/01/02/ramification-of-food-insecurity-in-pakistan-policy-recommendations-and-way-forward/>
7. The BAT (Pakistan Army's Border Action Team) made an effort in Keran area yesterday. Troops on the LoC acted quickly to thwart the plot and kill the terrorist, who was a Pakistani national "Ambushes were set up, and the infiltrator was taken out. One AK gun, ammunition, and seven grenades were discovered with the body. Surveillance of the area is currently ongoing."
SOURCE: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/army-asks-pak-to-take-back-body-of-terrorist-killed-on-kashmir-border-2684394>
8. A protest by Baluch and Pashtun peoples against Pakistani military. The oppressive Pakistani forces are being driven back. Nobody wants soldiers on Pashtun and Baluch territory. The dignity of groups are not respected.
SOURCE: <https://twitter.com/pashtunpoet/status/1449408142106927116?s=24>

9. According to HN Global Press, Sindh TV reported on a case of 55 Hindu minority being held as "bonded slave labour" in Pakistan. Slavery is a violation of Article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; religious freedom is a part of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 18).

SOURCE: <https://twitter.com/realhumanrights/status/1477583278743949313?s=24>

10. In Pakistan, the average number of militant attacks increased by 36%. In 2020, there were 16 attacks, while in 2021, there were 25, which was the greatest number since 2017. Balochistan province likewise had the most number of deaths (170) out of 103 attacks. This region likewise had the highest number of injured, accounting for more than half of the total (331).

SOURCE: <https://www.wionews.com/south-asia/militancy-soared-in-pakistan-after-taliban-offensive-in-afghanistan-report-441764>

11. "By 2027, there would be no Hindus or idols left in India." A Pakistani stand-up comedian/Islamic cleric erupts in rage, accusing Hindus of genocide.

SOURCE: <https://twitter.com/ByRakeshSimha/status/1477529708325584896>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

12. In 2022, the Prime Minister's Office will set aside around \$3 million for the unit. On Sunday, Israel's government accepted Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's plan to designate Israel's Special Police Force, known as Yamam, as the country's counter-terrorism unit. "Ladies and gentlemen, the Police Counter-Terrorism Unit has been renamed the Israel National Counter-Terrorism Unit as of today. Many lives have been saved by the unit's members and leaders over the years in a variety of operations, not all of which may be mentioned. I assure you that we are in capable hands" During his weekly cabinet meeting, Bennett declared.

SOURCE: <https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/diplomacy-defense/1641135081-israel-s-cabinet-approves-designation-of-national-counter-terrorism-unit>

13. Democracies must safeguard not only their own security but also their citizens' civil liberties. And, while the Anglo-American intelligence cooperation is still going strong, the Pakistani-American partnership has sunk. How the United States, the United Kingdom, and Pakistan Worked Together To Prevent Another 9/11 When historians look back on the tumultuous legacy of the worldwide war on terror, Operation OVERT will be cited as an example.

SOURCE: <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/01/02/liquid-bomber-plot-counterterrorism-international-cooperation-526246>

14. The US-led Coalition announced on Sunday that Iraqi forces captured a number of Islamic State (ISIS) suspects near the Kurdish capital, as the terror group's rise threatens the security of Iraq and the Kurdistan Region. The Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Directorate (CTD) captured three ISIS affiliates in Erbil on Saturday night, according to a tweet from the Coalition's Special Operations Joint Task Force-Levant. The particular location of the arrests was not disclosed.

SOURCE: <https://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/iraq/020120221>

15. After a day of work in an Iraqi government job, Azhar provides legal assistance to women who have been victims of domestic abuse, a subject she understands well given her own experience with a violent husband. Azhar, 56, fought for over a decade in court to divorce the man who would beat her up after she was forced into marriage by family pressure. She recalled one attack and showed images of purple bruises on her arms and legs, saying, "I thought I was going to die."

SOURCE: <https://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/iraq/02012022>

16. Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi declared on Wednesday that the worldwide coalition fighting the Islamic State (ISIS) in Iraq has officially ended its combat mission, and that their new job would be to advise and support local security forces. "Following the transfer of personnel and material beyond Iraq, the Coalition's combat role has been completed. According to the outcome of the Strategic Dialogue, their duty going forward

would be to advise and support our security forces," Kadhimi stated in a tweet, referring to a series of discussions between Iraqi and US officials over the previous two years.

SOURCE: <https://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/iraq/29122021>

17. According to security officials, a Daesh terror suspect was apprehended in an operation in northern Turkey's Samsun on Saturday. According to officials who requested anonymity because to constraints on speaking to the media, a raid was carried out in the Ilkadm area of Samsun province to apprehend a suspect who was discovered to be among the terrorist group's "execution team members."

SOURCE: <https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/war-on-terror/member-of-daeshs-execution-team-arrested-in-turkeys-samsun>

18. The Punjab Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) conducted comprehensive IBOs across the province, arresting nine people and questioning 124 others. They were members of the now-defunct al-Qaeda group. They were passing out anti-Semitic literature and using stickers to promote the defunct al-Qaida organisation.

SOURCE: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/921851-ctd-arrests-nine-suspects-of-ttp-other-banned-outfits>

19. The impending humanitarian calamity in Afghanistan is our unfinished business. I oversaw the National Security Council team that worked on counterterrorism, hostage rescue, and coordinating counterterrorism policy in Afghanistan at the White House. Amid Operation Provide Comfort, I served in Turkey and Iraq during a horrific humanitarian crisis over three decades ago. These lessons underlie the following suggestions for averting a humanitarian disaster and regaining control of Afghanistan's most pressing crisis.

SOURCE: <https://thehill.com/opinion/international/587808-afghanistans-imminent-humanitarian-crisis-is-our-unfinished-business>

20. OME Financial transactions involving the Philippines have been scrutinised more closely, despite the fact that no countermeasures were necessary when the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) placed the country on its "grey list." The government responded by urging financial institutions to take only proportionate measures,

noting that the Philippines is not a "high risk" jurisdiction for financial crimes, but rather a "jurisdiction under heightened supervision" by the Paris-based "dirty money" watchdog.

SOURCE: <https://www.bworldonline.com/phl-financial-transactions-subjected-to-more-scrutiny-since-gray-list-inclusion-says-govt/>

21. Terrorist finances will continue to be pursued. The blow to Hamas and the terrorist organization's ability to transfer funds outside of established channels via digital currency is a significant weapon in the emerging security system. I applaud everyone involved, especially the National Headquarters on Terrorist Economic Counter-Terrorism, on their hard work and inventiveness." In a collaborative operation including IDF Intelligence, the Defense Ministry's National Headquarters on Terrorist Economic Counter-Terrorism, the Israel Police's Lahav 443 Major Crimes Unit's cybercrimes section, and the State Attorney's Office's Cyber Unit, the terror-financing network was discovered.

SOURCE: <https://hamodia.com/2022/01/02/israel-seizes-nis-2-6m-in-cryptocurrency-from-hamas/>

22. TERRORISM IS AN IDENTITY PROBLEM WITH MANY CAUSES, ranging from economic and cultural aspects to psychological and political ones. Contrary to popular belief, feel that economic considerations have a minor impact in a person's decision to join a terrorist organisation. Instead, psychological factors dominate their decision-making; and there is a significant disconnect between what caused an increase in Indonesia's terrorism index in 2018 and what the Indonesian government planned for its soft counterterrorism measures – it ignores psychological analysis, which was the factor influencing terrorists' participation.

SOURCE: <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/focus/2022/01/02/indonesias-failure-to-deradicalise-where-to-put-our-regret>

23. The counter-terrorism unit of the Israel Police will be renamed and will receive a \$3 million overhaul. According to Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, the Israel National Counter-Terrorism Unit's mission is to be "the best counter-terrorism unit in the world." In collaboration with other security and intelligence organisations, the elite Police Counter-Terrorism Unit combats both terrorism and complicated criminal activity.

SOURCE: <https://www.jns.org/israel-police-counter-terrorism-unit-to-be-renamed-receive-3-million-upgrade/>

24. The National Security Adviser (NSA), Major General Babagana Monguno, has identified three groups funding terrorist organisations in Nigeria and the Sahel region, ostensibly in an effort to reduce general instability in the country. The groups are Jama'at Nasr al-Islam WalMuslimin, the Islamic and Muslim Support Group, and the Islamic State in Greater Sahara, according to the NSA.

SOURCE: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/identifying-sponsors-of-terrorism/>

25. Ransomware attacks increased by 250 percent in the first half of 2021 alone, according to a recent Venafi survey. An enterprise will be struck by ransomware every 11 seconds by the end of 2021, according to estimates. Following the attack on the Colonial Pipeline earlier this year, over two-thirds of security decision makers (60 percent) declared that ransomware should be treated at the same level as terrorism, reflecting the US Department of Justice's judgement. While most organisations have several security procedures in place to identify and mitigate the effects of a ransomware attack, many of these safeguards are not optimal for modern network infrastructure. Security in digitally transformed networks necessitates a new strategy, such as the usage of "built-in" security.

SOURCE: <https://venturebeat.com/2022/01/01/report-60-of-u-s-infosec-professionals-believe-ransomware-is-as-serious-as-terrorism/>