

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. During a raid in Kabul's capital, Afghan intelligence operatives recovered 3,000 litres of alcohol. Three drug dealers were also apprehended, according to the authorities. Even under the former government, the sale and consumption of alcohol were prohibited. Since taking control on August 15, the Taliban government has increased the frequency of such operations. Alcohol is regarded as haram, or forbidden.

SOURCE: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/videos/world-news/afghan-spy-agents-seized-3-000-litres-of-alcohol-during-kabul-raid-three-held-101641177367353.html>

2. As the Taliban continues to wage war on women's freedoms, invoking Sharia Law, mannequins at clothing stores have been ordered to be killed because they are "idols."

SOURCE: <https://www.wionews.com/videos/afghanistan-taliban-orders-beheading-of-female-mannequins-citing-sharia-law-441861>

3. Young artists aspired to help Afghanistan transform and revitalise itself by telling women's stories. Our future will be shattered if foreign countries recognise the Taliban as a legitimate administration." "There is hope, the future is not so dismal," they say, if people refuse to recognise the Taliban as a legitimate administration and press the Taliban to recognise human rights, women's rights, artists' rights, and democratic values.

SOURCE: <https://faroutmagazine.co.uk/sahraa-karimi-afghan-director-escaped-taliban/>

4. The Taliban has announced the shutdown of all women's general baths in northern Afghanistan. Religious scholars and provincial officers came to a unified decision. Women are only allowed to shower in private baths while wearing the Islamic hijab.

SOURCE: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/taliban-announces-closure-of-all-general-baths-of-women-in-northern-afghanistan20220103145016/>

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5. The Indian Army discovered a Pakistani national identity card and vaccination certificates identifying the dead terrorist as Mohd Shabir Malik, both provided by the Pakistani government. A photo of the infiltrator in army uniform carrying the name tag of Shabbir is also among the things. "This definitely proves Pakistan's continued sponsorship of cross-border terrorism.

SOURCE: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/killed-pak-terrorist-take-body-indian-army-messages-pak-on-hotline-after-kupwara-ops-101641130882729.html>

6. Under Imran Khan's leadership, Pakistan had devolved into a land of "cowards, thugs, and the rich." Imran Khan, according to Reham Khan, is a military stooge who came to power by compromising on philosophy and pursuing moderate policies.

SOURCE: <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/reham-khan-fired-at-held-at-gunpoint-pakistan-pm-imran-khan-1895234-2022-01-03>

7. Terrorists from the proscribed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Al-Qaeda, and the Islamic State have been apprehended in Pakistan's Punjab province. A large cache of weaponry to be used for terrorism has also been seized in Punjab, according to the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD).

SOURCE: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2022/jan/03/10-terrorists-arrested-in-pakistans-punjab-province-2402628.html>

8. The nation is now paying a terrible price for its transgressions, having provided fuel to the cult of terrorism. Imran Khan, the country's current prime minister, was once a poster boy for the militant warlords who ruled over his birthplace and political constituency of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the Haqqani Network (HQN) and the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) (TTP).

SOURCE: <http://brighterkashmir.com/ceasefire-with-tpp-will-have-precarious-repercussions>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

9. Early Monday, the US-led coalition fighting the Islamic State in Iraq shot down two armed drones that were targeting the group's base at Baghdad airport.

SOURCE: https://twitter.com/deane_draper/status/1477945179705278464

10. The effort, which was spearheaded by Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Public Security Minister Omer Bar-Lev, aims to strengthen the unit's combat capabilities, increase manpower, and improve operational proficiency, with a focus on weaponry and training infrastructure.

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

11. In Balochistan, the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) carried out 198 anti-terrorism operations in 2021, resulting in the arrest of 183 terrorists. According to a report submitted by the Balochistan police spokesperson with CTD, these anti-terrorism operations were carried out on a tip in various parts of the province.

SOURCE: <https://dunyanews.tv/en/Crime/635301-CTD-Balochistan-198-anti-terrorism-raids-arrested-183-terrorists>

12. Between the 10th and 13th of January 2022, there will be a 'Maharana Pratap Annual Security Dialogue.' The conference's theme is "21st-century transitional terrorism and global counterterrorism responses."

SOURCE: <https://goachronicle.com/maharana-pratap-annual-security-dialogue/>

13. Balochistan's Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) claims to have disrupted a subversive plot in Dera Murad Jamali by apprehending three accused militants.

SOURCE: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1667264>

14. A Winnipeg professor is working on a toolkit to assist instructors across the province in recognising the early stages of extremism in their kids so that it may be handled before thoughts and musings turn violent. Kawser Ahmed, an adjunct professor at the Institution of Winnipeg who researches extremism, hate, and radicalization, will receive \$400,000 from Public Safety Canada and the university over the next two years to develop the tool kit.

SOURCE: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-extremism-teachers-students-1.6276936>

15. With decision-making authority entrusted to professionals in education, social work, and mental health, the focus should be on creating democratic resilience in the mainstream, not merely lowering the risk of violence from the periphery. States and towns should get major money for this type of activity from Washington, demonstrating that such initiatives are not an afterthought to security measures.

SOURCE: <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2022-01-03/how-extremism-went-mainstream>

16. For years, Islamist terrorists assaulted the radio station because it broadcast music, hired women, and upheld liberal principles, which were a threat to Syria's zealous gunmen. Attacks on the station have now ceased, and its tormentor — Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, a militant group once connected with al-Qaeda — is attempting to persuade Syrians and the rest of the world that it is no longer as radical as it once was. The group, also known as HTS, sprang to prominence a decade ago as the most formidable Islamist rebel formation attempting to destabilise President Bashar al-regime. Assad's The group came to symbolise the dark forces that arose during Syria's civil war: a jihadist movement that recruited radical militants from all over the world and aimed to establish a caliphate.

SOURCE: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/01/02/syria-idlib-hts-qaeda-militants/>

17. Leaders of Pakistan's many faiths and theological schools of thought have urged international human rights organisations to take immediate action to stop atrocities committed against minorities in India by radical Hindu outfits with governmental support. The religious leaders also requested that the United Nations, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and international human rights organisations intervene immediately to stop the persecution and extermination of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, and other minorities in India.

SOURCE: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/922072-religious-leaders-slam-persecution-of-indian-minorities>

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18. On Monday, a group of international Hindu pilgrims visiting Teri Temple in Karak, Pakistan, paid a visit to Pakistan's Chief Justice, Justice Gulzar Ahmed, at the Supreme Court of Pakistan in Islamabad. The Chief Justice greeted the delegation and stated that Pakistan is a country of religious tolerance, with every individual having the right to profess, practise, and spread his or her religion. He claimed that as custodians of people's fundamental rights, Pakistan's courts have always been aware of minorities' rights and have always defended them as stipulated in the country's constitution.

SOURCE: <https://www.radio.gov.pk/03-01-2022/delegation-of-international-hindu-pilgrims-calls-on-cjp-in-islamabad>

19. Clark urges Nigerians that they must resolve to live together in love and unity while fighting terrorists as a common adversary. Says According to Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu is a loss to all South Africans, both black and white, because every Nigerian, regardless of religion or ethnicity, should love thy neighbour as equal citizens with equal rights, free of envy and hatred.

SOURCE: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2022/01/2022-we-must-resolve-to-live-together-in-love-unity-fight-terrorists-as-a-common-enemy-clark-tells-nigerians/>

20. The secretary general of Iran's High Council for Human Rights has criticised international bodies' silence and inaction over the killing of police officers in the country's fight against terrorists, armed smugglers, and criminals, saying that countries and global organisations must uphold their responsibilities in dealing with elements that threaten peace, stability, and security.

SOURCE: <https://financialtribune.com/articles/national/111894/lack-of-int-l-support-for-tehran-s-fight-on-terror-illicit-drugs-denounced>

21. Last month, evidence of the Houthis utilising Sanaa International Airport for military objectives was disclosed by the Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen. The material was collected as part of a coalition intelligence operation in which operatives peered into the terrorist Houthi movement's leadership pyramid. The fight against terrorism is not selective or based on personal interests. Those who are culpable must be held accountable in a non-discriminatory manner.

SOURCE: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1996916>

22. The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) have revealed that they have led 115 single and joint security operations against ISIS, dismantled 93 terrorist cells, and uncovered 16 dangerous terrorist schemes, warning that Turkey's harbouring of ISIS/Daesh mercenaries, as well as its attacks on the region, are having an impact on the fight against mercenaries.

SOURCE: <https://www.hawarnews.com/en/haber/sdf-reveals-its-security-operations-during-2021-h28445.html>

23. The Republic of Turkey will reproduce its experience in fighting terrorist organisations such as the PKK, the DHKPC, DAESH, and the Feto terrorist organisation in Nigeria in the fight against Boko Haram, the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), and other criminal elements, says ambassador.

SOURCE: <https://www.sunnewsonline.com/turkey-will-help-nigeria-end-insecurity-says-envoy/>

24. Pakistan's National Security Committee (NSC) approved the country's "first ever" National Security Policy at its 36th meeting on December 27, 2021. (NSP). The NSP, which has been in the works for seven years, is a "Comprehensive National Security Framework" that will run from 2022 to 2026. The NSP aims to protect Pakistani citizens' "safety, security, and dignity." It prioritises "economic security" as a means of achieving this goal.

SOURCE: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/this-nsp-cannot-change-pakistans-direction/article38094837.ece>

25. In a Srinagar confrontation, a most-wanted LeT militant was slain. On Monday, one of the Lashker-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit's longest-surviving and most sought terrorists was killed in an ongoing engagement with security forces in Harwan, on the outskirts of Srinagar city.

SOURCE: <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/north-and-central/most-wanted-let-militant-killed-in-srinagar-encounter-1067508.html>