

## **DAILY TRACKER**

### **Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law**

1. Since retaking power in August, the Taliban have impeded the advancement of women's rights to education and freedom of expression, prohibited unofficial protests, and repeatedly disrupted anti-taliban marches. The United States and its western partners, committed to assisting Afghan women, have identified the Taliban's new instructions as particularly problematic. The regime is encouraging fathers to inform their daughters, sisters, and wives that they must adhere to the new constraints, which is dramatically altering the family dynamic. Afghan women are concerned that, in the name of Sharia implementation, men around them have become more violent in their behaviour.

SOURCE: <https://theowp.org/afghan-women-facing-old-pressures-following-taliban-return/>

2. Canada will relocate an undefined number of Afghans from the homosexual, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer groups who were referred by a third-party humanitarian agency, despite the fact that Sharia Law does not recognise their rights. In the two decades after the Taliban controlled Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001, Afghan women have made significant progress, joining traditionally all-male institutions such as the court, the media, and politics.

SOURCE: <https://www.euronews.com/2022/01/01/us-afghanistan-conflict-canada-judges>

3. Former Afghan women soldiers are feeling the heat of the new regime's turn of events following the Taliban's takeover. The situation's deterioration has resulted in a slew of heartbreaking news stories, and Afghan women who served in the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) are now on the Taliban's radar. Women have been subjected to Taliban restrictions, which they claim are in accordance with Islamic law.

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

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

4. Terrorist groups headquartered in Pakistan and their tangled relationship with Pakistan's deep state exacerbate the problem. The Taliban's return to Kabul has empowered other extremist groups in the region, such as Pakistan's Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP). In November, the TTP and Pakistani authorities agreed to a one-month ceasefire. The ceasefire expired in December, and the TTP appears to be preparing to strike Pakistan again.  
SOURCE: <https://daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=910430>
5. Militant attacks have increased in Pakistan as a result of the Taliban offensive in Afghanistan, according to a report. In August 2021, the number of attacks in Pakistan reached an all-time high. These insurgent actions have had a significant impact on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. According to the report, the biggest number of strikes in a single month in 2021 occurred in August, when militants carried out 45 attacks.  
SOURCE: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/militant-attacks-rise-in-pakistan-after-taliban-offensive-in-afghanistan-report-101641029848877.html>
6. Balochistan, Pakistan's fourth province, is the most neglected in terms of education, health, and employment, with only 24% of women literate. Balochistan, according to the Pakistani magazine, is Pakistan's richest in resources province, with a population of 12.34 million people the most neglected.  
SOURCE: <https://www.siasat.com/pakistans-balochistan-most-neglected-province-in-terms-of-girls-education-2251365/>
7. According to the International Forum for Rights and Security (IFFRAS), increased media attention, human rights worker rallies, and judicial involvement have all failed to shake Pakistan's government's conscience and profound state-of-mind on the problem of enforced disappearances. Pakistan just maintains that the cases are being investigated, despite the fact that many of the disappearances date back as far as 7-8 years.  
SOURCE: <https://www.catchnews.com/international-news/enforced-disappearances-remain-a-taint-on-pakistan-s-human-rights-record-report-228323.html>

8. On Saturday, the J&K Police said they suspected that one of the three militants killed in the Anantnag "encounter" on December 30 was Samir Dar, a Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) "commander" involved in the Pulwama attack in 2019, which killed 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans in Pulwama's Lethpora area. Ashik Nengroo, Masood Azhar, Rouf Asgar, and Ammar Alvi, four of the case's absconders, are either in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) or Pakistan.

SOURCE: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/militant-killed-in-december-30-2021-anantnag-encounter-suspected-to-be-a-pulwama-attacker/article38085875.ece>

9. So far, Pakistan has done its best to prevent TTP from engaging in terrorist activity by negotiating a cease-fire with the terrorist group, but what are the consequences of such actions? Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan has already held discussions with some of the Theek Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terrorist factions, whose government has been sanctioned, in order to reach out to affiliates that have waged war on the country since the mid-2000s. The Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has established itself as one of Pakistan's deadliest militant groups. The TTP is Pakistan's most dreaded terrorist organisation, with ideological ties to the Taliban in Afghanistan. Prior to the recent uptick against Pakistani security forces, it had carried out hundreds of strikes on military and civilian targets.

SOURCE: <https://www.globalvillagespace.com/how-ttp-has-been-a-trouble-maker-in-pakistan/>

### **Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam**

10. The Middle East Forum marks the year 2022 by launching Focus on Western Islamism (FWI), an ambitious new counter-Islamist media platform that will serve as a centre for a variety of activities such as research, reporting, investigation, and commentary. THE LEGITIMATE Islamist organisations in North America, Europe, and Australia operate with near-impunity, aided by Turkish, Qatari, and Pakistani funds and clout. They (1) form alliances with theocratic regimes, (2) support jihadists, (3) infiltrate democratic institutions, and (4) promote extreme agendas while stifling moderate Muslim voices.

SOURCE: <https://www.meforum.org/62920/mef-launches-counter-islamist-media-platform>

11. As part of the consultative process for the Commission's four-year strategic plan, the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) hosted a civil society consultation in partnership with the European Union-funded Huqooq-e-Pakistan Project (HeP). The participants also had in-depth talks about the NCHR's functions and strategies for the Commission and human rights stakeholders, particularly the general public, to work together effectively.

SOURCE: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/921592-joint-efforts-to-promote-human-rights-stressed>

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SOURCE: <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/mbe-new-year-honours-honours-director-b974497.html>

13. India voted in favour of a resolution to renew the mandate of the CTC Executive Directorate as it prepares to chair the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) in 2022, and encouraged member states not to allow any type of justification for terrorist attacks. "India today voted in favour of UNSC decision to renew mandate of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate," India's Permanent Representative to the UN, TS Tirumurti, stated in a tweet.

SOURCE: <https://goachronicle.com/india-votes-in-favour-of-unscc-resolution-to-renew-mandate-of-counter-terrorism-executive-directorate/>

14. Russia Official recognition of Taliban officials is denied by the Foreign Minister. According to Foreign Minister Lavrov, official recognition of the Taliban government will be contingent on how their commitments are kept, particularly combatting threats emanating from Afghan territory.

SOURCE: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/world/2022/jan/01/russia-foreign-minister-denies-official-recognition-of-taliban-authorities-2402024.html>

15. In 2021, the Law and Human Rights Ministry's Correctional Directorate General reported that 122 terrorist detainees had declared their loyalty to the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia. "One of the triumphs of the Correctional Technical Unit in deradicalizing terrorism convicts is pledging allegiance to the nation," the ministry's official, Rika Aprianti, said in a press statement published Saturday.

SOURCE: <https://en.antaranews.com/news/207321/some-122-terrorist-prisoners-pledged-allegiance-to-indonesia-in-2021>

16. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a case against Jaswinder Singh Multani, a Sikh for Justice (SFJ) alleged operative based in Germany, and his associates for allegedly motivating and recruiting youths in Punjab for anti-India activities and attempting to revive terrorism in the state. They were involved in gathering finances to buy weaponry through smuggling networks in Punjab in order to resurrect terrorism, according to the officer.

SOURCE: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/nia-books-multani-for-attempt-to-revive-terrorism-in-punjab-356740>

17. Martyn Hett's mother has expressed her gratitude for being recognised for her work in counter-terrorism after her son was killed in the Manchester Arena bombing. Ms Murray, who has a Master's degree in counter-terrorism, has also given speeches about the dangers of radicalisation in schools. When her 29-year-old son died, the Stockport mother-of-five said her world "totally transformed," adding, "I have poured all of my energy into action to prevent violent terrorist atrocities from happening again."

SOURCE: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-manchester-59836753>

18. On Saturday, a terrorist was killed in an encounter with security personnel in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara area, according to authorities. The incident occurred in the north Kashmir district's Jumagund neighbourhood.

SOURCE: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/terrorist-killed-in-encounter-with-security-forces-in-kupwara-2683366>

19. The last surviving terrorist from the deadly Pulwama terror attack has been identified as the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorist killed recently in an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag. "He has also been responsible for recruiting young locals by brainwashing them, selectively identifying them, radicalising them, and arming them."

SOURCE: <https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/jaish-terrorist-killed-in-anantnag-identified-as-last-surviving-attacker-involved-in-pulwama-terror-attack/845470>

20. The Computer Crime Wing's (CCW) principal goal for 2021 was to combat issues like women's modesty, child pornography, and cyber fraud. CCW had a significant amount of success. Cybercrime is not unfamiliar or unaffected in Pakistan, as it is in the rest of the world. This is supported by the fact that, compared to 84,764 complaints in 2020, the number of cybercrime complaints has increased significantly this year.

SOURCE: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/921591-fia-received-95-567-cybercrime-complaints-in-2021>

21. According to the Pakistan Observer, Pakistani officials have seized 1,064 bank accounts and cards of cryptocurrency traders who allegedly transacted trades worth \$288,000 using digital asset exchanges. On the request of the Cyber Crime Reporting Center (CCRC) in Islamabad, Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) blocked bank accounts and credit cards used to buy and sell digital currency.

SOURCE: <https://www.econotimes.com/Pakistan-Freezes-Over-1000-Accounts-and-Cards-Used-For-Crypto-Trading-1624312>

22. The Prince of Wales has urged the world to remember people in Syria and Afghanistan who are "fighting for freedom and human rights." Charles also paid thanks to the "brave individuals, local communities, and international organisations" that are "responding to tremendous needs by offering crucial help" in a New Year statement released on the first day of 2022. The heir to the throne recently travelled to Jordan and saw firsthand how the Middle Eastern country has long offered a safe haven for refugees escaping war in the region, especially Syria.

SOURCE: <https://www.largsandmillportnews.com/news/national/19819128.charles-urges-world-remember-defending-human-rights-new-year-message/>

23. Global terrorist activity linked to ISIS would be stifled if ISIS's strength and status were reduced. The world's attention has just shifted back to Iran, but the Global Coalition's anti-ISIS action programme – now a structured organisation carrying out well-coordinated efforts across a broad spectrum – continues uninterrupted. It will undoubtedly triumph in overcoming this terrorist organization's nihilistic aims in the end.

SOURCE: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/the-continuing-war-against-islamic-state/>

24. Gustavson is the executive director of PARSA, a non-profit organisation that helps Afghan women, children, and the poor. She had left Kabul soon before the Taliban took control in August. Gustavson returned to Afghanistan after a tumultuous few months in the Puget Sound region to assist in getting the organisation up and operating at a time when it was desperately needed. PARSA has ramped up operations, including leading Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups in assembling assistance packages of rice, beans, oil, and other supplies. In Kabul, 60 adolescent girls are once again enrolled in technology and sewing programmes at the PARSA campus.

SOURCE: <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/washington-woman-returns-to-afghanistan-to-continue-aid-mission-forge-ties-with-taliban/>

25. US military is concentrating its efforts on the ISIS cell responsible for the Kabul Airport attack. The Taliban had released the suicide bomber who killed roughly 200 people, including 13 US forces, just days before the attack. Four months after an Islamic State suicide bomber killed dozens of people outside the airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, including 13 American service members, US and international intelligence agencies have pieced together a profile of the assailant.

SOURCE: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/01/us/politics/afghan-war-isis-attack.html>