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Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. The Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice issued directives, which Voice of America received. The initial order was given in Pashto by a Taliban officer, but its legitimacy has yet to be publicly confirmed by top leadership. "Growing a beard is a natural deed, as all Prophets' Sunnah [way of life and legal precedent] and Islamic Sharia have frequently highlighted," the instructions state.

Source: <http://saharareporters.com/2021/12/31/tal%C2%ADiban-ban-barbers-shaving-trimming-beards-afghanistan-say-it-not-islamic>

2. The Islamic Emirate is dedicated to the rights of all Afghans, and the recognition of the sect—whether we acknowledge it or not—will be decided through the law system. While speaking at a gathering in Kabul, Sayed Javad Hosseini, the chairman of the Afghan Justice and Development Party, decried the lack of Shia representation in the administration.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-176117>

3. In Afghanistan, the ministry of vice and virtue of Taliban distributes a brochure imposing the burqa on all females. The strict implementation of the sharia law continues to hamper the right of women in Afghanistan.

Source: https://twitter.com/nmq_noor/status/1479762057449066497

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

1. A bomb exploded at the main gate of a college in Pakistan's Quetta, killing at least four people. At least 16 people were injured as a result of the explosion. According to them, the blast was targeted at Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam (JUI-Ideological group) officials and workers who had come to the party's student wing's Shuhada Conference. No one is safe in Pakistan.

Source: <https://www.indiablooms.com/world-details/SA/32732/blast-targeting-workers-of-jamiat-ulema-e-islam-faction-in-pakistan-s-quetta-leaves-four-people-dead.html>

2. A Hindu temple was vandalised in Pakistan. Pakistan has no tolerance for other communities that exists in the country. People are being tortures, persecuted in the name of religion.
Source: <https://twitter.com/RisingKashmir10/status/1479020729362386944>
3. Attack on Sunil Kumar is another example of continued atrocities against minorities in Pakistan, especially Hindu, Ahmadis and Christians. Attacks on minorities and their places of worship have increased in Pakistan recent years.
Source: <https://twitter.com/JaiRajp02741035/status/1478288786211491840>
4. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) announced that it has filed a case against several "pro-Khalistani elements" and Germany-based Sikhs For Justice operative Jaswinder Singh Multani for plotting terror attacks in Mumbai and other parts of India with Pakistani intelligence agency ISI operatives. Following a series of revelations exposing the Khalistani terrorists' attempts to cause large-scale disruption in poll-bound Punjab in collusion with Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI, the anti-terror agency has taken action. Multani has allegedly been related to the Ludhiana court blast case as a major member of the proscribed terror organisation Sikhs for Justice (SFJ).
Source: : <https://www.dailyexcelsior.com/nia-registers-case-against-khalistani-elements-sfjs-multani/>
5. A Kashmiri woman who was married to a Pakistani terrorist and left to her destiny by Hizbul leadership returned to India. She claimed that exploiting the name of Islam is ruining the lives of Kashmiri youths. "I gathered some funds and planned to return to India." Returning to India was an excellent decision. My children are ecstatic. What will Pakistan do for people who migrate from here if it does not care for its own citizens? Pakistan is devoid of humanity.
Source: <https://www.deccanherald.com/video/national/north-and-central/pak-terror-outfits-misguide-kashmiri-youth-in-name-of-islam-says-hizbul-terrorist-s-wife-1066469.html>
6. Baloch women and children demonstrate against the Enforced Disappearances of their relatives in Balochistan by Pakistani security forces.
Source: https://twitter.com/Basham_Baloch12/status/1477821967201976332
7. Activists from religious minorities have voiced fears of growing religious intolerance a decade after the assassination of former Punjab governor Salman Taseer, who criticized Pakistan's blasphemy laws.
Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/pakistans-minorities-mark-death-anniversary-of-slain-governor/95586>

8. 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>
9. Blasphemy law is one of the most misused laws in Pakistan. Despite the loss of many innocent lives, harm to properties & people, the law cannot be even amended, let alone repealed. Weak & powerful both have been victim of it, but yet can't do anything due to mighty mullah mafia. 55 Hindu slave, men, women & children escaped from private prison of Muhammad Ali. They present before the District & Session Judge Umarmkot, Sindh-pakistan, who declared their freedom but as they came out from court, culprits beat & tried to abduct them again for slavery.
Source: https://twitter.com/pk_persecution/status/1477273874790502400
10. In an exclusive interview from an undisclosed location in Balochistan given to Manish Rai, Editor, Viewsaround. Major Gwahram Baloch, Spokesperson of BLF said that Balochistan Liberation Front ultimate goal is to get rid of Pakistan's forcible occupation and colonial rule. Following is the detailed interview of the BLF Spokesperson.
Source: <https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/ending-pakistans-forcible-occupation-is-the-ultimate-goal-blf/>
11. The Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PICS), a significant Pakistani think tank comprised of famous academics and journalists, has released its annual security report for 2021. The section on terrorism reported that the number of victims of ethno-nationalist and religiously motivated terrorist incidents climbed by 52 percent in 2021 compared to 2020, the highest increase in the last 15 years.
Source: <https://bitterwinter.org/pakistan-security-report-2021/>
12. Religious fanaticism has been ingrained in Pakistani politics, from the prime minister down to a slew of ostensibly "anti-State" demonstrators claiming to speak for Islam. That includes Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) leader Saad Rizvi, who sparked a riot in the streets over the subject of blasphemy, demanding the expulsion of the French ambassador after French President Emmanuel Macron declared the "right to blaspheme" and "freedom of speech." In an act of state repression, Rizvi was arrested and his organisation was

outlawed. As the violence grew, an expected U-turn occurred, resulting in his release, the removal of his banned status, and TLP's potential role as a 'kingmaker' in the next general election.

Source: <https://theprint.in/opinion/pakistan-sinking-into-jihadi-strategy-2022-no-different/793130/>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. The Minority Caucus in the House of Representatives urged President Muhammadu Buhari to take proactive measures to address the country's escalating terrorism in order to give Nigerians a fresh lease on life in the New Year. Hon. NDUDI Elumelu, the Caucus Leader, delivered the demand via a statement to honour the 2022 New Year celebration. He also emphasised the necessity for the current administration to stop borrowing in order to preserve the country from another economic disaster.
Source: <https://tribuneonlineng.com/2022-end-terrorism-borrowings-engage-innovative-young-nigerians-%E2%80%95-reps-minority-caucus-to-buhari/>
2. The Federal Government announced on Thursday that in 2021, the military neutralised 1,927 terrorists and bandits while rescuing 3,831 citizens in various operations. The minister, who cited insecurity as the administration's largest problem in the previous year, said the military has continued to live up to its reputation. He said the Nigerian Armed Forces had set up several operations across the country to keep the country safe, including the Joint Task Force in the North East, dubbed Operation Hadin Kai.
Source: <https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2021/12/31/troops-kill-1927-terrorists-bandits-rescue-3831-captives/>
3. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that official recognition of the Taliban (outlawed in Russia - TASS) administration in Afghanistan will be contingent on success in fulfilling promises. "For the time being, official acknowledgment of the Taliban government is premature. The favourable outcome will be determined by the course of events in Afghanistan, namely when the Taliban fulfil their promises, which include the installation of an inclusive government and effective countering of terrorist and narcotics threats emanating from Afghan territory."
Source <https://tass.com/politics/1383213>
4. Qatar has begun to cleanse its schoolbooks of supremacist, racist or derogatory references as well as celebrations of violent jihad and martyrdom, according to a recently released study. The revision of textbooks in the final year leading up to Qatar's hosting of the 2022 World Cup is designed to keep the Gulf state in the beauty pageant for the beacon of moderate Islam. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Indonesia are Qatar's major competitors. The UAE and Saudi Arabia, in contrast to other competitors for religious

soft power and leadership of the Muslim world, like Turkey and Iran, have already significantly revised their school textbooks, although analysts suggest that issues remain.

Source: <https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2022/01/03/qatar-like-saudi-arabia-and-the-uae-but-unlike-kuwait-cleanses-its-textbooks/>

5. 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>

6. 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>

7. 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>