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Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. The previous government's ministry of women's affairs has been abolished, and a ministry for the dissemination of virtue and the prohibition of vice has been established in its place. Afghan women are not represented in the interim Taliban government's cabinet.
SOURCE: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/middle-east/rights-of-afghan-women-girls-under-attack-un/articleshow/88884988.cms>
2. The Taliban are imposing harsh limits on human rights in areas under their control, particularly targeting women and journalists, have Mr. Guterres "very worried" while constantly promising safe guarding woman rights specifically under Islamic law. Reports of Afghan girls and women's hard-won rights being torn away from them are particularly shocking and painful.
SOURCE: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/08/1097792>
3. With the restriction on women's rights, some families may find the bacha posh practice even more appealing. The Taliban may not deal with the issue at all because the practise is transient, with the children eventually reverting to female roles, according to Thomas Barfield, an anthropology professor at Boston University who has written numerous books on Afghanistan. Will the Taliban take into account Afghanistan's rich legacy as Islamic practise?
SOURCE: https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/world/afghan-tradition-allows-girls-to-access-the-freedom-of-boys/?utm_source=RSS&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=RSS_all
4. The Islamic Emirate reminded its followers to respect people's personal space. This came after several public complaints over Islamic Emirate authorities' behaviour, which included "phone-searching and home-to-home searching." In a statement, the Ministry of Vice and Virtue stated that violating people's personal privacy without a warrant is prohibited.
SOURCE: <https://pakobserver.net/islamic-emirate-forces-ordered-to-respect-privacy-of-citizens/>

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

1. Human Rights Watch (HRW), an international human rights organisation, has slammed the Pakistani government for escalating its assault on people, journalists, and opposition politicians in a new annual report. HRW, a non-profit organisation located in the United States, released its annual World Report 2022 on Thursday, with the Pakistan chapter concentrating on freedom of expression and religion, women's rights, and alleged police and security force abuses.
SOURCE: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/1/14/hrw-report-pakistan-dissent-crackdown-alleged-rights-abuses>
2. On the borders of Dhanoa hamlet in Ajnala sub division on the India-Pakistan border, a Punjab Police special task force (STF) seized a 5-kg improvised explosive device (IED) and Rs 1 lakh. Anti-national elements transported the contraband out of Pakistan, taking advantage of the severe fog.
SOURCE: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/5kg-ied-1-lakh-found-in-ajnala-on-pakistan-border-101642160107788.html>
3. To combat the dark and deadly forces of religious extremism and intolerance, Pakistan's silent majority must rise up and form a wall of resistance. On the altar of religious fundamentalism, almost 8,000 men in uniform have been sacrificed.
SOURCE: <https://twitter.com/nayadaurpk/status/1481881516552556544>
4. Sohail is at the moment in Pakistan. India attempted to bring him into the nation, but he was able to flee. Dawood is said to have taken refuge in Pakistan and is being utilised by Pakistan's intelligence agency, the ISI, to further its anti-India agenda. According to an officer, Sohail's decision to flee to Pakistan was influenced by Dawood's presence and the protection he receives there.
SOURCE: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/likely-to-be-deported-to-india-dawood-kin-flees-to-pakistan-from-us/articleshow/88886590.cms>
5. Many of the theologians chosen are Darul Uloom Haqqania madrassa graduates, Pakistan's oldest and largest Islamic seminary. The FBI has designated Sirajuddin Haqqani, the head of the insurgent Haqqani network, as a terrorist. He has been appointed acting minister of the interior, in charge of police, intelligence, and other security services. A 1,500-student class at Karachi Darul Uloom Haqqania seminary, one of Pakistan's largest and oldest.
SOURCE: <https://indianexpress.com/article/world/taliban-staffing-issues-afghanistan-they-are-looking-for-help-in-pakistan-7722551/>

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6. Nobody expects to see death at work while on vacation. The carnage wrought by the recent snowstorm in Murree, which imprisoned hundreds of eager tourists in their cars, was the kind of disaster they'd rather read about than live through. Officials who are careless have no remorse or sense of accountability. As a nation, we are wounded by their failures.
SOURCE: <https://www.siasat.com/future-of-murree-as-pakistans-premier-hill-resort-is-grim-says-an-expert-2258459/>
7. Justice Gulzar Ahmad, the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP), observed on Thursday that government has become more intricate, costly, and challenging. The government is not doing the small, routine things it should be doing, and the courts are being overburdened as a result of the government's failure to perform its obligations. He went on to say that the people are dealing with severe circumstances and issues.
SOURCE: <https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/636743-Governance-has-become-very-complicated-costly-and-difficult-CJP>
8. Daud Khattak examines how the Taliban's takeover of power in Afghanistan has bolstered the Taliban's Pakistani sympathisers. Both militant groups have a hardline Islamist philosophy in common, as well as long-standing ties developed through common struggle. Following the breakdown of peace talks brokered by the Afghan Taliban in December, the Tehrek-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has increased its operations against Pakistani security forces. Last year, the terrorist organisation was responsible for the majority of the over 300 strikes in Pakistan that killed 395 people.
SOURCE: <https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/gandhara-briefing-ttp-afghan-prosecutors-refugees-in-iran-pakistan-afghanistan/31654697.html>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. "There are concerns that resilience against violent extremism conducive to terrorism in fragile communities might be reduced, thereby making individuals more vulnerable to radicalization to violence in such settings," as new pandemic-related social restrictions result in the closure of educational institutions, reduced employment and entertainment opportunities, and curtailed community programmes.
SOURCE: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/terrorists-exploiting-pandemic-restrictions-recruiting-via-virtual-platforms-un-report/articleshow/88893949.cms>
2. Mulat used to investigate a terrorism lair with over 200 explosive devices on his own, so he laughed when ETIM offered a \$1 million reward for his head. Unsung heroes like Mulat made a significant contribution to Xinjiang's long-term social stability.
SOURCE: <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202201/1245977.shtml>

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3. A counterterrorism and border management operation led by INTERPOL across Sri Lanka focused on improving frontline border officials' abilities to recognise potential terrorists. INTERPOL said on January 11 that the five-day (8–12 November) operation has resulted in the arrest of six persons linked to terrorism, with further arrests and convictions expected around the world as investigations continue.
SOURCE: <https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/transportation/six-arrested-as-potential-terrorists-are-spotted-amongst-travelers/>
4. On Friday, the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) police claimed to have apprehended two terrorist suspects linked to the militant Islamic State (IS). Their possessions included explosives, a detonator, a safety fuse, and a prima card.
SOURCE: <https://arynews.tv/is-militants-planning-to-target-security-forces-nabbed-in-ctd-raid/>
5. In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the terror monitoring group's (TMG) tactics appears to be weighing severely on terrorist organisations. TMG's effective response has aided much in disrupting the terrorists' ground network. The searches by government authorities to disrupt the terror financing network have had a significant impact. A high number of overground workers (OGW) have been apprehended. According to sources, agencies are working hard to sever the link between OGW employees and terrorists.
SOURCE: <https://english.newstracklive.com/news/terror-monitoring-group-busted-195-terror-module-in-jammu-kashmir-mc23-nu764-ta334-1204973-1.html>
6. Human rights abuses against women, LGBTIQ people, and ethnic minorities persist in Kosovo, according to Human Rights Watch's 2021 report released on Thursday. In almost 60 nations, including Kosovo, Turkey, Serbia, and Greece, the report examines human rights, including access to justice, media freedom, rule of law issues, equality, and freedom from discrimination.
SOURCE: https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/short_news/kosovo-human-rights-concerns-raised-in-new-report/
7. Some retired military officers have urged the military's top brass to prioritise the use of contemporary technology in the fight against terrorists who are wreaking havoc across the country, rather than relying solely on human presence. They claimed that the days of wasting soldiers on the battlefield were over, as technology such as drones and high-tech artillery could be used to target the enemy from afar. Tagging bandits as terrorists, according to the veterans, will allow the military to deploy proper equipment and force without resorting to international sanctions.
SOURCE: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202201140378.html>

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8. Since 1988, the Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Unity Council (BHBCUC) has advocated for the rights of Bangladesh's minority communities. With 12 percent of the 160 million inhabitants of the South Asian nation belonging to minority groups, ensuring their rights is a difficult challenge. The spread of Islamic fanaticism in the country, according to Nirmol Rozario, a Catholic and one of the three presidents of the BHBCUC, poses a significant threat to minority rights.
SOURCE: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/the-quest-for-minority-rights-in-islamic-bangladesh/95729#>
9. Kashif Ali aka Shaheen, a most wanted terrorist listed in the Sindh Police's Red Book, has been apprehended by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) and intelligence agencies. The alleged terrorist was apprehended in Karachi's Lines Area neighbourhood, where he was hiding in a residence, according to CTD officials. "He stayed affiliated with al Qaeda and Jundullah," they stated, adding that he was a terrorist accomplice in the 2004 attack on Corps Commander Karachi.
SOURCE: <https://nation.com.pk/14-Jan-2022/ctd-arrests-most-wanted-terrorist-named-in-police-s-red-book>