

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. Governor of Ghazni: The media should produce programmes emphasising the importance of women being at home. The Taliban governor of Ghazni province has instructed the media to create and distribute programmes that will teach women the benefits of staying at home and the dangers of living in a Western-style lifestyle.
Source: <https://twitter.com/natiqmalikzada/status/1482371862004830208>
2. Afghan women staged a rally today to denounce the execution of a young Afghan girl at a Taliban checkpoint in Kabul's western outskirts yesterday, as well as the abduction of Herat's female jail chief in Afghanistan's Herat province.
Source: <https://twitter.com/ghafoorazad/status/1482308048651796481>
3. In Paktia province, the Taliban set fire to a local artist's musical equipment and severely abused him. Their version of sharia law has made it difficult for people to do what they wish for.
Source: <https://twitter.com/afganistan6867/status/1482235184896671748>
4. A number of female students in eastern Nangarhar province voiced mounting despair about the lack of access to public universities, lack of employment opportunities for women and girls, and the uncertain future in general for Afghan girls and women in the Afghanistan.
Source: <https://twitter.com/AbdulhaqOmeri/status/1482293367744696321>

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

1. The Baloch Republican Army (BRA) and the United Baloch Army (UBA), two Baloch nationalist organisations, announced their dissolution and the formation of a new organisation, the Baloch Nationalist Army (BNA). The Balochistan Post reported on Tuesday that BRA spokesman Beebagr Baloch and UBA spokesman Mureed Baloch issued a joint statement in which they announced that the councils of the two organisations met in Balochistan to discuss the political situation in the province and how to continue their resistance against Pakistani forces.
Source: <https://www.dajjiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=914948>
2. A Christian girl is allegedly forced to convert and marry in Pakistan. The atrocities of minorities in Pakistan continue to increase as the cases of forced conversions come on a daily basis.
Source: <https://twitter.com/morningstarnewz/status/1482063078170763271>

3. Pakistani Christian Nadeem Samson, facing blasphemy charges, was finally granted bail by the Supreme Court of Pakistan last week. His family continues to report threats of violence against him as his case continues.

Source: <https://twitter.com/21Wilberforce/status/1482029712562180102>

4. All Christian women are victims of the caste system, which has been in our culture for generations. The lower caste is regarded "unclean" in this location and is solely used to serve the upper aristocracy. Christian maids are constantly enticed to have sex with their lords. Christian maids are easy target for families who use their low-income status, trap them in sexual encounters, and then force them to convert to Islam. Among the minority groups of Pakistan, Christians are the most numerous. Other minorities exist, although the majority of them do not work as maids. However, in Christianity, the majority of poor and needy women and girls work as domestic slaves.

Source: <https://dailytimes.com.pk/868807/the-unheard-voices-of-christian-maids-in-pakistan/>

5. A handcuffed man at his deathbed falsely implicated in a blasphemy case only because he was an Ahmadi Muslim died in captivity on 10 Jan 2022 in Bahawapur Pakistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/legdoc11/status/1482355029868781570>

6. The destitute youngsters of wealthy Balochistan, which has been plundering by Pakistan for decades but with little benefits for the Baloch people. Politicians and the Pakistan Army take advantage of the benefits to indulge in depravity.

Source: <https://twitter.com/AhmedFidous/status/1482371168514437123>

7. Abdul Hameed Zehri who went missing 9 months ago. On January 15 and 16, the family of Abdul Hameed Zehri will go on a two-day symbolic hunger strike. Enforced disappearances of Baloch continues.

Source: https://twitter.com/saeeda_hameed/status/1481986715149795330

8. Pakistan's real motive in sponsoring terrorism and revival of Taliban dominated (Udaipur based Foreign & Defence policy related think tan) Usanas Foundation organized international conference, "Maharana Pratap Annual Security Dialogue," from Jan 10-13. The conference's theme was "Transnational Terrorism in the 21st century and Global Counterterrorism Response."

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/us-fails-to-understand-pakistan-motive-two-decades-since-9/11/articleshow/88921453.cms>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. When it comes to counter-terrorism, Ilkka Salmi is the EU's top man. He has assumed responsibility for coordinating member states' responses to the current security risks facing the EU. His nomination comes at a time when right-wing extremism is on the

rise, and online propaganda is becoming increasingly problematic. These are only a few of the topics we discussed with him during the European Council in Brussels.

Source: <https://www.euronews.com/2022/01/14/new-technology-gives-new-tools-to-those-who-want-to-do-harm-warns-eu-s-counter-terrorism-c>

2. The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) claims to have apprehended a notorious terrorist linked to the Jundullah and al-Qaeda terrorist organisations. On Friday, officials stated a federal intelligence agency had been informed of the presence of infamous terrorists in the Lines Area.

Source: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/925269-ctd-claims-arresting-jundullah-and-al-qaeda-terrorist-in-raid>

3. After counter-terrorism police officers descended on a Middlesbrough residence, a guy was arrested. Officers from Cleveland Police and Counter Terrorism Policing North East attended a residence on The Avenue in Teesville.

Source: <https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/counter-terrorism-cops-descend-middlesbrough-22761426>

4. Terrorists and violent extremists have begun exploiting pandemic-related socio-cultural restrictions and are now using virtual platforms for recruiting and radicalising, according to a UN committee on counter-terrorism, highlighting the new challenges that have emerged during the current pandemic period. The committee's study, according to The Geneva Daily, quotes the most recent report about Da'esh, Al-Qaida, and the Taliban, as well as linked individuals and groups, and cautions all countries, particularly those confronting the threat of terrorism.

Source: <https://toysmatrix.com/terrorists-exploiting-pandemic-restrictions-recruiting-via-virtual-platforms-un-report/>

5. The recent discovery of a photograph showing Semra Güzel, a Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) parliamentarian, standing next to a PKK militant has put "the HDP matter" higher on Turkey's political agenda. The destiny of that party will be decided by the Constitutional Court, which is now hearing a closure case. Regardless of the court's decision, we already know that the HDP's future, as well as how various parties responded to connected events, will be a major campaign issue.

Source: <https://www.dailysabah.com/opinion/columns/the-hdp-issue-in-turkeys-political-alliances>

6. Yazidi organisations and groups are applauding France and Sweden for forming a joint investigation team to help prosecute former Islamic State fighters who committed atrocities against members of the persecuted religious minority in Syria and Iraq. Last week, the two European countries launched a joint investigation team to examine into war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against Yazidis by foreign militants associated to IS during the group's merciless rule over parts of Iraq and Syria.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/yazidis-laud-sweden-and-france-for-launching-joint-probe-to-prosecute-islamic-state-terrorist/>

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7. According to Yulia Ivanova, a spokeswoman for the Russian Investigative Committee's Moscow bureau, a man accused of financing a terrorist organisation in Syria and Iraq has been apprehended in Moscow.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/terror-suspect-detained-in-moscow-for-financing-terrorists-in-syria-and-iraq/>

8. A Florida judge has jailed a former juvenile Isis supporter to life in prison for murdering a buddy at a sleepover in 2018. After being convicted of first-degree murder and two charges of attempted murder last November, Corey Johnson, now 21, was sentenced to life in prison by circuit judge Cheryl Caracuzzo on Thursday. Johnson stabbed 13-year-old Jovanni Sierra while staying at his buddy Kyle Bancroft's house for a sleepover on March 12, 2018. Mr Bancroft's brother Dane and his mother Elaine Simon, who were both present at the time, were also stabbed.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/teen-islamic-state-fan-sentenced-to-life-in-prison-for-stabbing-13-year-old-boy-to-death-in-sleepover-row-about-islam/>

9. Acting on a tip, the Counter Terrorism Department of Sindh apprehended Syed Kashif Ali Shah Aka Shaheen, a Jundullah / AQ member from Karachi's Lines neighbourhood. The captured man's name is on the Red-Book, and he was also implicated in a 2004 attack on the Corps Commander in Karachi.

Source: <https://twitter.com/regsecadvisory/status/1481945901853777924>