

## **DAILY TRACKER**

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

1. According to Human Rights Watch (HRW) and the Human Rights Institute at San Jose State University, the Taliban's rule has had a terrible effect on Afghan women and girls (SJSU). Following the Taliban seizure of Ghazni province last August, the HRW and the SJSU collaborated to look into the conditions for women in the province.  
Source: <https://menafn.com/1103554434/Taliban-policies-turning-Afghan-women-into-virtual-prisoners-in-their-homes&source=27>
2. The Taliban have trampled on all the basic human and civil rights of the Afghan people. Freedom of expression and peaceful protest are fundamental rights of every citizen.  
Source: <https://twitter.com/noormullakhail5/status/1483394242475171840>
3. Independent UN human rights experts warned on Monday that Taliban commanders in Afghanistan are institutionalising large-scale and systematic gender-based discrimination and violence against women and girls. A "wave of measures" was highlighted by the group of about three dozen Human Rights Council-appointed experts, including prohibiting women from returning to work, requiring a male relative to accompany them in public spaces, prohibiting women from using public transportation on their own, and imposing a strict dress code on women and girls.  
Source: <https://www.justearthnews.com/rights-details/W/4121/experts-decry-measures-to-steadily-erase-afghan-women-and-girls-from-public-life.html>
4. In Jibril, Herat, two people are claimed to have been killed by Taliban fire. The Taliban's slaughter appears to be far from ended.  
Source: <https://twitter.com/Etemadi78/status/1483153939507949580>
5. A musician weeps as Taliban troops set fire to his musical instrument. The Taliban's misdeeds have once again been brought to light by the filmed footage.  
Source: <https://twitter.com/IndiaToday/status/1483133009545285632>

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

1. With the 2023 election approaching, Christian leaders in Pakistan are calling for reserved constituencies for religious minorities and the ability to direct vote to help Christians and Hindus in the Islamic country enhance their political standing. A crowd of 300 Christians gathered in front of the Punjab Assembly in Lahore on January 14 to demand a change in the current electoral system, which permits elected lawmakers to choose religious minority' representatives.

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/christians-demand-direct-voting-for-mps-in-pakistan/95737#>

2. Two dead bodies of Hindu youth are found hanging by their necks. 18-year-old Vikram Chetan Kohli and 17-year-old Ganga Kohli are found, hanging by neck in Islamkot, Sindh-Pakistan.

Source: [https://twitter.com/voice\\_minority/status/1483380732999446532](https://twitter.com/voice_minority/status/1483380732999446532)

3. Finland has condemned Pakistan for sentencing a man on blasphemy charges. . Zafar Bhatti, who has been held captive since 2012 on accusation of blasphemy was sentenced to death under 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code although he convicted claims that he is innocent.

Source: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/europe/finland-eu-condemn-pakistan-for-sentencing-man-to-death-on-blasphemy-charges20220117204908/>

4. In today's world, religious extremism poses a serious threat to Pakistan's human rights situation. In Pakistan, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, and other religious minorities endure prejudice on a regular basis. In Pakistan, they feel intimidated in their homes and workplaces. When Pakistan was established in 1947, its founders envisioned a secular state in which everyone, regardless of faith, would be given equal opportunities and be free to live their lives.

Source: <https://nation.com.pk/18-Jan-2022/religious-intolerance-in-pakistan>

5. Because he could speak Brahui and didn't appear like a normal Hazara, one Hazara miner, Rahim, survived the mass killing in Mach Balochistan. The rest were slain in a gruesome manner. This is the situation for Hazaras in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/mSaleemJaved/status/1483399097453273088>

6. Baluchistan declared independence on August 11, 1947, and was an independent republic for 252 days, with a functioning parliament, before being conquered by Pakistan forcibly in 1948.

Source: <https://twitter.com/SantanuB01/status/1483376238047932420>

7. The majority of Balochistan's rural districts are still devoid of educational opportunities. There are numerous places in the world where there are no schools or colleges. There are just a few districts where secondary schools and colleges are prioritised. As a result, beyond primary school, there is no permanent system of education for children. Hundreds of primary schools have closed due to instructor inattention, a lack of certifications, and inadequate facilities.

Source: <https://nation.com.pk/15-Jan-2022/education-in-balochistan>

8. Dost Mohammad son of Saleh Mohammad was abducted on 12th February 2012 from Jinnah International Airport Karachi by Intelligence agencies of Pakistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/AdityaRNarayan/status/1483354743221415936>

9. Police in Pakistan Occupied Balochistan violently manhandles, brutally beat-up and in a coerced manner put three Baloch women in their vehicle. This happened in Quetta capital city of #Balochistan.  
Source: <https://twitter.com/javidtalk/status/1483326632005754882>
10. POK citizens in Muzaffarabad have appealed to the Indian government for assistance, claiming that their property belongs to India, Hindus, and Sikhs. A citizen's home was raided by the police, forcing his family and children to live on the streets.  
Source: [https://twitter.com/shivani\\_sikh/status/1483430095918272518](https://twitter.com/shivani_sikh/status/1483430095918272518)
11. Pakistan has emerged as a terror sponsoring country after the high-intensity Texas synagogue hostage situation. Malik Faisal Akram took four people hostages to sought release of Pakistani Scientist Aafia Siddique who was serving sentence in US prison.  
Source: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/pakistan-should-be-held-accountable-for-fomenting-extremism-terrorism-worldwide-expert20220118125404/>
12. The abduction of two students from University of Balochistan hostel shows the exploitative mindset that doesn't want the Baloch students to read and write .  
Source: <https://twitter.com/IhsanBa84300974/status/1483461612765913095>
13. Families of Baloch missing persons carried out a sit-in protest in front of the Karachi Press Club for the safe release of their loved ones.  
Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T37bZGPn1UA>
14. Pak military and intelligence officials have confessed to the crime by dumping mutilated bodies in the desert on January 17, 2011 after abducting Baloch political activists Ahmed Dad and Naseer Kamalan from police custody.  
Source: <https://twitter.com/RehmatAbdullah1/status/1483365863269240836>
15. Shaheena Shaheen Baloch, a Baloch woman journalist, was shot and died in Kech, Balochistan, two years ago. The murderer has yet to be apprehended, which appears to be the Pakistani judiciary's biggest failing.  
Source: <https://twitter.com/IFazilaBaloch/status/1483195083965014021>

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

1. After years on trial for terrorism-related allegations, a Turkish court has acquitted German journalist Mesale Tolu. "Acquitted of both accusations after 4 years, 8 months, and 20 days!" Following her acquittal, Tolu took to Twitter. She was accused of spreading terror propaganda and belonging to the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, a banned left-wing organisation.  
Source: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2006386/media>

2. On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett warned that money for Iran might lead to "terror on steroids," in an apparent warning to Western powers considering relaxing sanctions on Tehran as they seek a new nuclear deal.  
Source: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2006866/middle-east>
3. Sudan's Sovereign Council announced on Monday that it will form an anti-terrorism squad to combat "possible threats." Since a military coup on Oct. 25, which terminated a power-sharing arrangement that began after Islamist tyrant Omar al-Bashir was deposed by a popular revolt in 2019, large crowds have routinely taken to the streets demanding a return to civilian government.  
Source: <https://english.aawsat.com/home/article/3421066/sudan-establish-anti-terrorism-force>
4. Bangladesh is a country in the process of evolving. Its economy is growing at a rapid pace. The criminal pattern is shifting. The trend of crime has also changed as a result of technological improvement. The tumultuous law and order situation in Bangladesh is one of the greatest roadblocks to the country's prosperity. The government wanted to develop an elite unit to make the Police Force's activities more dynamic and effective in such a climate where everyone in society was experiencing uncertainty. On March 26, 2004, the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) began its adventure by marching in the National Independence Day Parade.  
Source: <https://www.dailynews.lk/2022/01/18/features/270394/sri-lanka-and-bangladesh-maintaining-peace-harmony-law-counter-terrorism>
5. On Tuesday, a Turkish prosecutor issued an arrest order for 64 accused Islamic State (IS) members for operations aimed at financing the organisation. The prosecutor's office said in a statement that proof of bank account transactions and social media posts by the accused indicating financial assistance to IS members had been discovered.  
Source: <http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/europe/20220118/bb613ff9541e46d0acb9eb95023c4e65/c.html>
6. 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>
7. Despite the failure of French counterterrorism efforts in the Sahel region of Africa over the last decade, John Hudson of the Washington Post wrote an article describing the Biden administration's choice to continue backing them. After sending troops to

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northern Mali in 2013 to push jihadists out of major cities, the French switched to Operation Barkhane, a regional counterterrorism effort, in 2014. In the wake of a partial force reduction and French President Emmanuel Macron's June announcement that the operation will be ended, Barkhane's future is uncertain.

Source: <https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2022/01/18/one-step-backward-us-to-assist-french-in-failing-african-counter-terror-ops/>

8. The Rapid Response Team (RRT), a CIA-backed paramilitary police force exposed by Declassified UK, is at the centre of US attempts to battle terrorism in Kenya. The disclosures come as US military troops were killed earlier this year in an attack by the al-Shabaab terrorist group on a base in northeast Kenya, focussing attention on America's increased military and intelligence footprint in Africa.

Source: [https://www.theelephant.info/op-eds/2021/02/17/the-militarisation-of-us-africa-policy-how-the-cia-came-to-lead-deadly-counter-terrorism-operations-in-kenya/#.YeaJ\\_TWCGXc.twitter](https://www.theelephant.info/op-eds/2021/02/17/the-militarisation-of-us-africa-policy-how-the-cia-came-to-lead-deadly-counter-terrorism-operations-in-kenya/#.YeaJ_TWCGXc.twitter)