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Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. In their drive for worldwide legitimacy, the Taliban promised to implement a softer government based on sharia law. Women are systematically excluded from government institutions, and girls' secondary schools are mostly closed.
SOURCE: <https://www.news18.com/news/world/taliban-pleads-to-muslim-nations-for-recognising-its-govt-in-afghanistan-4675013.html>
2. The Taliban's treatment of girls and women in accordance with Islamic Law, suggests a reversion to earlier practises. The Taliban has made it illegal for women to go more than 72 kilometres from home without the company of a male relative. The Taliban issued an edict in early December declaring that a woman is a "noble and free human being" who should not be coerced into marriage. The announcement was generally well received by the worldwide community.
SOURCE: <https://theconversation.com/taliban-2-0-arent-so-different-from-the-first-regime-after-all-173394>
3. Before the Taliban took control of Kabul, music students practised their instruments at the Afghan National Institute of Music. Since the militants, who consider music to be "un-Islamic," retook power, hundreds of musicians have departed the country. The guys had defied the Taliban's ban on music by using a hand-pumped harmonium and a huge wooden drum known as a dhol to perform Pashtun folk tunes. It appears that the musicians have been defeated. Their jacket sleeves have been torn at the seams.
SOURCE: <https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/taliban-video-humiliating-afghan-musicians/31660157.html>

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

1. Al-ties Qaida's to UNSC-proscribed Pakistani terror organisations like LeT and JeM have continued to flourish, according to India's UN representative, who added that recent events in Afghanistan have only contributed to re-energise the terrorist group.
SOURCE: https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/al-qaida-s-links-with-pak-based-terror-groups-continue-to-strengthen-india-122011900353_1.html

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2. Deciphering new insurgent organisations' online propaganda in Kashmir. Even as new groups attempt to give outsourced terror a new face, substantial evidence reveals that modern militancy is being directed from beyond national lines. The stated goal of modern militancy corresponds to Pakistan's anti-India propaganda.
SOURCE: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/crowdsourcing-violence/>
3. Last Saturday, Malik Faisal Akram, a 44-year-old British man from Blackburn, carried out a jihadist attack on Colleyville's Congregation Beth Israel synagogue. The assailant had kidnapped four hostages and demanded the freedom of Pakistani neurologist Aafia Siddiqui, whom the jihadist referred to as "my sister" during the botched raid before being shot dead by an FBI rescue squad.
SOURCE: <https://www.haaretz.com/world-news/texas-synagogue-pakistan-antisemitism-islamist-terrorism-1.10545760>
4. Human rights organisations in Pakistan staged a protest, expressing grave concern about the escalating number of teenage girl abductions across the country. The reported abduction of four Christian young girls in different cities across Pakistan in the first two weeks of this year sparked the protest on Jan. 17 at the Karachi Press Club. "In this country, there is gender-based violence and child abuse." "We're seeing a rise in it because government institutions aren't doing anything," said Ilyas Samuel, a representative for Voice for Justice.
SOURCE: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/protest-against-abduction-of-christian-girls-in-pakistan/95776>
5. Amnesty International has urged Pakistan's government to ensure that a human rights activist who was purportedly imprisoned last year after a secret military trial receives decent treatment and medical care. According to his family and lawyer, a military court convicted 58-year-old Idris Khattak of espionage and passing vital material to a foreign intelligence agency last month, and sentenced him to 14 years in prison. His whereabouts remain a mystery.
SOURCE: <https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/pakistan-imprisoned-activist-khattak-amnesty/31660021.html>
6. Protests against the local administration, which is currently led by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, took occurred in Gilgit city and other important towns (PTI). The people of Gilgit-Baltistan are fully aware that they need essential services to assist them endure the harsh winter. Sources claim that black market sales of everyday necessities, as well as government corruption in this area, exacerbate the situation. At the protests, speakers said that the Pakistani government had failed to provide basic requirements to the inhabitants of Gilgit-Baltistan. They vented their rage at the federal and local governments for keeping the occupied territory backward and underdeveloped.

SOURCE: <https://www.indiablooms.com/world-details/SA/32972/pakistan-gilgit-baltistan-protests-against-food-shortages.html>

7. A Muzaffarabad man has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for support and intervention after he, his wife, and children were evicted from their home by the PoK administration, forcing them to spend days and nights beneath the open sky in the bone-chilling cold.

SOURCE: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/zulm-se-nijaat-dilao-pok-mans-plea-to-pm-modi-after-local-administration-renders-him-family-homeless/articleshow/88994099.cms>

8. The video captures the attention of netizens since the cops are seen abusing women in violation of the law. The video has prompted Balochistan's Chief Minister, Abdul Quddus Bizenjo, to take action against the officers engaged in the event. In the absence of a female constable, no woman can be arrested or searched.

SOURCE: <https://www.geo.tv/latest/394006-policemen-assault-woman-in-quetta-in-absence-of-female-constable>

9. Imran Khan applauded the triumph of Islamists, but he is trying to rein in strengthened fanatics at home. The Taliban's success has unleashed a tide of hardline forces on and within Pakistan's borders, which Khan's government is fighting to contain. Apart from border difficulties, these include escalating bloodshed by emboldened domestic extremists and a growing political threat from Pakistani Islamist organisations who share the Taliban's viewpoints.

SOURCE: <https://www.ft.com/content/6c1ac211-df0f-4607-9f1e-c9b15e16d609>

10. Al-ties Qaeda's to the United Nations Security Council were outlawed. Terrorist groups headquartered in Pakistan, such as the LeT and the JeM, have continued to strengthen, according to India's UN representative, who said that recent events in Afghanistan have only contributed to re-energise the terrorist group. Al-Qaeda, a terrorist organisation based in Pakistan, is assisting Pak-based terrorists. Lashkar

SOURCE: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/india-at-un-pakistan-based-terror-groups-let-jem-continue-to-strengthen-with-help-of-al-qaeda-2715985>

11. The crime syndicate behind the 1993 Mumbai bombings is being treated like royalty in Pakistan and is receiving governmental protection, according to India's UN envoy, in a veiled allusion to D-company boss Dawood Ibrahim. Ambassador T S Tirumurti, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, said on Tuesday at the Global Counter Terrorism Council's International Counter Terrorism Conference 2022 that the linkages between terrorism and transnational organised crime must be fully recognised and vigorously addressed.

SOURCE: <https://www.theweek.in/wire-updates/international/2022/01/19/fgn15-un-india-mumbai-terrorists.html>

12. According to the Express Tribune, Pakistani Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid declared on Tuesday that the attack on a police precinct in Islamabad was a "act of terrorism, not theft," signalling the start of terrorism in the federal capital. In an unusual shootout in Islamabad the day before, a police officer was killed and two others were injured. Both attackers were slain, according to the police. The TTP was responsible for hundreds of suicide bombings and kidnappings across the country, and held power over large swaths of the country's rocky tribal belt for a time, imposing an extreme interpretation of Islamic rule.

SOURCE: <https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=916759>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. India on Tuesday warned that the tendency of several UN members to categorise terrorism into categories such as racially motivated violent extremism and right wing extremism, driven by political, religious, and other motivations, is dangerous, saying it will return the world to the pre-9/11 era of labelling terrorists as "your terrorists" and "my terrorists."

SOURCE: https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/tendency-of-un-members-to-label-terrorism-into-categories-is-dangerous-122011900044_1.html

2. Jaishankar was briefed about the attack by the UAE Foreign Minister. "Jaishankar, for one, denounced the terror incident in the strongest possible terms. He highlighted that such an attack on unarmed individuals was utterly unacceptable in today's world and went against all civilised principles. The UAE authorities gave rapid help to the Embassy in reacting to this unfortunate event, which the Minister of External Affairs acknowledged.

SOURCE: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/india-says-it-stands-with-uae-against-terrorism-in-all-international-fora/articleshow/88986406.cms>

3. Returning FTFs have sparked fears that they will use their training, abilities, and networks to launch assaults at home, with some even describing them as a "ticking time bomb." Karen Aizha Hamidon, a Filipino lady, was also cited in the report for attempting to radicalise Indian youngsters to fight for ISIS overseas and spreading ISIS propaganda using social media platforms such as Facebook, Telegram, and WhatsApp groups.

SOURCE: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/terrorists-returning-from-conflicts-threat-to-jk-apg/articleshow/88981977.cms>

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4. Habib Chaab, the leader of a foreign-based pan-Arab movement, is facing terror-related charges in a "Revolutionary" court in Tehran. A prosecutor read the accusation to the court on Jan. 18, accusing Chaab of "corruption on earth," a charge punishable by death under Iran's Islamic criminal code.
SOURCE: <https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/01/iran-tries-arab-dissident-terrorism>
5. The Foreign Minister is in attendance at a meeting on African solidarity in the fight against terrorism. Shoukry also emphasised the need of African cooperation in bolstering the continent's resolve in the face of all problems, particularly terrorism and extremism.
SOURCE: <https://dailynewsegypt.com/2022/01/18/foreign-minister-attends-meeting-on-african-solidarity-against-terrorism-extremism/>
6. A foreign nation attacked our country on Pearl Harbor, and foreign actors attacked our country on 9/11. Jan. 6 was a premeditated attack on our country carried out by our own homegrown domestic terrorists and backed by our own elected officials, all based on a complete fabrication.
SOURCE: <https://www.reviewjournal.com/opinion/letters/letter-jan-6-attack-worse-than-pearl-harbor-and-9-11-2515626/>
7. At the High Court in Edinburgh today, Nikolaos Karvounakis, 35, a Greek national, pleaded guilty to being in possession of goods for a terrorist purpose. On January 11, 2018, an IED was discovered in a public shelter at Princes Street Gardens. Three hours after the alarm was raised, Army bomb disposal experts detonated a controlled detonation at the area. During the incident, no one was injured.
SOURCE: <https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/crime/man-who-planted-ied-in-edinburghs-princes-street-gardens-convicted-of-terrorism-3533620>
8. A woman from Tennessee pleaded guilty to terrorism charges on Tuesday after supplying support and supplies to a foreign terrorist organisation. Georgianna Giampietro, 36, of Sparta, pled guilty to terrorism charges on Tuesday, according to the US Department of Justice. She was indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2019. According to court documents, Giampietro admitted to having discussions with an undercover agent in September 2018 and expressed interest in travelling to Syria to join the foreign terrorist organisation Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham (HTS).
SOURCE: <https://www.wkrn.com/news/tennessee-news/tennessee-woman-pleads-guilty-to-terrorism-charges-after-aiding-foreign-organization/>

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9. In a speech given at Brighton Mosque, a mosque attendee was found guilty of promoting terrorism. On November 1, 2020, after evening prayers, Abubaker Deghayes, 53, stood up uninvited in front of the congregation and offered a speech. There were about 50 persons in attendance, including children and teenagers. Deghayes encouraged people to participate in violent 'jihad' during his address. Deghayes was a regular visitor and a previous trustee of the mosque before being forced to quit in 2018.

SOURCE: <https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/mosque-attendee-convicted-encouraging-terrorism>

10. On January 27, India will welcome the presidents of five Central Asian countries in a virtual meeting for the first time. Presidents of Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan will meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "This is the first of its type engagement between India and Central Asian leaders," said Arindam Bagchi, an official spokeswoman for the Ministry of External Affairs. And India's enlarged neighbourhood includes Central Asian countries." Uranium, security, and terrorism will be the main topics of discussion.

SOURCE: <https://www.financialexpress.com/defence/india-central-asia-summit-later-this-month-uranium-security-terrorism-will-be-the-focus/2410715/>