

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. A Taliban fighter has been arrested for shooting dead a Hazara woman at a checkpoint in Kabul as she returned from a wedding. The killing of Zainab Abdullahi, has horrified women, who face increasing restrictions since the Taliban returned to power.
Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/1/19/taliban-arrest-fighter-who-shot-dead-hazara-woman-at-checkpoint>
2. Taliban has created existential crisis for women of Afghanistan that is in return endangering their future and their life at present.
Source: https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/afghan-women-face-existential-crisis-due-to-talibans-political-incapacity-report20220121220846/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter
3. The Taliban's religious police have threatened to shoot women NGO workers in a north western province of Afghanistan if they do not wear the all-covering burqa, two staff members told AFP.
Source: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40148892/afghan-ngo-women-threatened-with-shooting-for-not-wearing-burqa>
4. Taliban have killed Alia Azizi, a Hazara female police officer and director of the Herat Women's Prison. Women under Taliban has been facing human rights abuses since the regime forcefully took over the country.
Source: <https://twitter.com/HazaraToday/status/1484532636714696707>
5. Friends and campaigners say a female Afghan human rights activist, her two sisters, and another activist were abducted from their houses after recent protests in Kabul, raising concerns that they were detained by the Taliban.
Source: <https://www.voanews.com/a/rights-groups-taliban-arrest-4-afghan-women-at-homes/6406330.html>
6. Two staff members told AFP that the Taliban's religious police have threatened to shoot women NGO employees in a northwestern district of Afghanistan if they do not wear the all-covering burqa. Since the Taliban retook control in August after deposing the US-backed government, Afghans' rights, particularly those of women and children, have been significantly restricted. Women are being pushed out of public life and are virtually excluded from government professions, while most girls' secondary schools are closed.
Source: <https://www.deccanherald.com/international/world-news-politics/afghan-ngo-women-threatened-with-shooting-for-not-wearing-burqa-1073280.html>

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

1. The Parliamentary report also casts light on how Pakistan has failed to ensure the security and respect of women belonging to religious minorities, with experts calling the situation a national and international tragedy.

Source: https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/pakistan-minorities-at-risk-due-to-forced-conversions-marriages/articleshow/89043862.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=ext&utm_campaign=cppst

2. 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>

3. The Christian community in Pakistan is protesting the kidnapping of girls. Authorities should be ashamed for failing to protect the rights of minorities in their country.

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/protest-against-abduction-of-christian-girls-in-pakistan/95776#>

4. According to a prominent lawyer, the Supreme Court of Pakistan's decision to grant bail to a Christian accused of blasphemy should give hope to others facing the charge. Saif ul Malook applauded the court's decision on Jan. 6 to release Nadeem Samson on bail.

Source: <https://www.ncregister.com/cna/pakistan-s-top-court-grants-bail-to-christian-facing-blasphemy-charge>

5. Mika Niikko, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Finnish Parliament, has written to Riaz Fatyana, Chair of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice in the National Assembly of Pakistan, regarding the death sentence handed down to Zafar Bhatti in Pakistan, who has been imprisoned since 2012 on charges of sending blasphemous text messages.

Source: <https://www.helsinkitimes.fi/world-int/20820-finland-eu-condemn-pakistan-for-sentencing-man-to-death-on-blasphemy-charges.html>

6. Mahnoor Masih, a fourteen-year-old Christian girl, was abducted, forcibly converted, and married off to a forty-five-year-old Muslim man in Pakistan. In Pakistan, minorities are subjected to systematic genocide.

Source: <https://twitter.com/DdnDose/status/1484404594713055234>

7. A Pakistani court has sentenced a woman to death for allegedly sending blasphemous messages via WhatsApp and Facebook. Aneeqa Ateeq, 26, was found guilty and sentenced to death by a Rawalpindi court on Wednesday after a complaint was filed against her under Pakistan's harsh cybercrime and blasphemy laws. According to the charge sheet, Ateeq, 26, met her accuser, a fellow Pakistani, online in 2019 via a mobile gaming app and began corresponding via WhatsApp.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/19/pakistan-woman-aneeqa-ateeq-sentenced-to-death-blasphemous-whatsapp-messages>

8. The kidnapping, forced conversions, and marriages of non-Muslim girls have become one of the era's most serious human rights crises. The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Pakistani Minorities published a report on abduction, forced conversions, and marriages in Pakistan on November 26, 2021. According to the report, around 1,000 girls between the ages of 12 and 25 from minorities are forcibly converted to Islam and married to their abductors in Pakistan each year, describing the situation as a "human-rights catastrophe."

Source: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/religionglobalsociety/2022/01/pakistans-dilemma-of-forced-conversions-and-marriages-put-minority-women-at-risk/>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. German federal police said in a confidential letter seeking information from Binance that two men suspected of assisting an Islamist gunman who killed four people in Vienna in 2020 used the major cryptocurrency exchange. According to the March 2021 letter obtained by Reuters from Germany's Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA), there are indications that the suspects purchased or sold an unspecified amount of cryptocurrency on Binance.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/exclusive-islamist-attackers-suspected-accomplices-used-crypto-exchange-binance-2022-01-21/>

2. Following a lengthy court battle, a British man who was left stateless in 2017 when his citizenship was revoked has had it restored. In 2017, while in Bangladesh for the birth of his daughter, the man, identified in court documents as E3, had his citizenship revoked. The government claimed in a deprivation-of-citizenship order sent to his mother's UK address that he was "an Islamist extremist who had previously sought to travel abroad to participate in terrorism-related activity." It stated that he was deemed a threat to national security and would not be permitted to return to the United Kingdom.

Source: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2009161/world>

3. Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has urged the international community to help Africa combat terrorism, climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, and poverty. Mr. Osinbajo, in his virtual address to the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2022 on Friday, expressed concern about the continent's fight against terrorism.

Source: <https://gazettengr.com/osinbajo-seeks-global-support-in-tackling-terrorism-climate-change-in-africa/>

4. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said on Wednesday that the country's image has improved as a result of its success in combating terrorism and militancy. The Prime Minister was speaking at the graduation ceremony of the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) at Mirpur Cantonment in Dhaka, which she was virtually attending from her official residence in the capital. Hasina urged everyone to work together to help Bangladesh progress from a "developing nation" to a "developed nation" by 2041.

Source: <https://www.sentinelassam.com/international/bangladesh-brightened-its-image-by-curbing-terrorism-pm-sheikh-hasina-574126>

5. 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/>

6. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said on Friday that the country's recent wave of terrorism must be eradicated, a statement made a day after a bomb blast ripped through one of Lahore's busiest markets, killing at least three people and injuring dozens.

Source: <https://www.brecorder.com/news/40148888>

7. The Punjab Police recovered a 40mm Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) with two 40mm compatible grenades, 3.79 Kg RDX, nine electrical detonators, and two sets of timer devices for IEDs from Gurdaspur on Friday, thwarting a possible terrorist attack around Republic Day, said Inspector General of Police (IGP) Border Range Mohinish Chawla.

Source: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/india/punjab-police-avert-possible-terrorist-attack-around-republic-day-seizes-grenade-launcher-rdx-ieds-from-gurdaspur-resident>

8. In Srinagar police arrested an active terrorist affiliated with Lashkar-i-Taiba in Central Kashmir. He has been identified as Jehangir Ahmad Baikoo. One pistol, two pistol magazine, sixteen pistol rounds have been recovered form him.

Source: <https://m.timesofindia.com/india/lashkar-terrorist-arrested-in-kashmirs-budgam-district/articleshow/89029363.cms>

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>

10. The Us Treasury Department's Office of Assets Control added three individual, ten entities in Lebanon, Zambia and Germany to its list of distinguished persons for an alleged facilitation of global terrorism by Hezbollah.

Source: <http://www.uniindia.com/~us-imposes-global-terrorism-sanctions-on-3-individuals-10-entities-in-lebanon/World/news/2628382.html>

11. The European Union and Egypt are planning a joint bid for the leadership of an influential international organisation that shapes global counter-terrorism policies. Officials in Brussels approved the EU-Egypt bid to co-chair the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) last week, despite widely documented evidence of human rights violations and the use of counter-terrorism powers in the country since President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi took power in 2013.

Source: <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/eu-egypt-plans-bid-lead-global-counter-terrorism-body>

12. Erdan slammed the Council's blatant disregard for Palestinian rock-throwing terrorism. To demonstrate that rocks are lethal weapons, the Israeli envoy presented the Council with a heavy stone to demonstrate what was happening on the roads of Yehuda, Shomron, and Yerushalayim, and asked the participants how they would react if a similar rock was thrown at their vehicles.

Source: <https://hamodia.com/2022/01/20/israeli-envoy-uses-rock-to-make-point-about-terrorism-at-security-council/>

13. According to the Evening Standard, a Muslim man who promoted "jihad fighting by sword" at his local mosque in the United Kingdom was found guilty of encouraging terrorism on Wednesday. On November 1, 2020, Abubaker Deghayes, 53, of East Sussex, addressed 50 or so worshippers, including children and young adults, at the Brighton Mosque and Muslim Community Centre.

Source: <https://www.jns.org/uk-man-found-guilty-of-inciting-terrorism-after-jihad-by-sword-mosque-speech/>

14. All members of society must work together to improve security and combat terrorism "if we do not want to repeat this violent course of events in the future," said Erlan Karin in an interview with the Khabar 24 TV news channel, referring to the January unrest in Kazakhstan that resulted in massive destruction of public and private property and the deaths of civilians. According to several comments received by Karin, people were still wondering what kind of ideology the terrorists were following and if those people were, in fact, terrorists. The notion that terrorism is governed by an ideology is incorrect, according to Karin.

Source: <https://astanatimes.com/2022/01/terrorism-should-be-condemned-by-both-government-and-civil-society-says-state-secretary-erlan-karin/>

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