

## **DAILY TRACKER**

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

1. Taliban officials have warned that they have every authority to suppress dissent and imprisoned protestors. This comes as fears mount about the disappearance of two Afghan woman activists. Two-woman activists reported earlier this week that two of their comrades had been taken from their homes after participating in a few marches. Tamana Zaryabi Paryani and Parwana Ibrahimkhel were kidnapped from their homes in Kabul, according to AFP sources.

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/south-asia/taliban-warn-against-womens-rights-activism-after-two-activists-were-seized-from-their-homes-446896>

2. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid says the group has the right to detain its protesters and opponents in Afghanistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/subhekabul/status/1485192870470598660>

3. Taliban militants have attacked the houses of women's rights activists in Kabul, assaulting and arresting them in a series of incidents allegedly sparked by recent protests. Armed men claiming to be from the Taliban intelligence department apprehended Tamana Zaryabi Paryani and Parawana Ibrahimkhel on Wednesday night after they took part in a series of protests in Kabul over the last few months. Shortly before Paryani and her sisters were taken, footage of her begging for help and claiming the Taliban were hammering on her door was released on social media.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2022/jan/20/taliban-arrest-afghan-womens-rights-activist-witness-says>

4. The Taliban have implemented rights-violating policies that have erected significant barriers to women's and girls' health and education, limited their freedom of movement, expression, and association, and deprived them of their ability to make a living.

Source: <https://www.albawaba.com/news/afghanistan-taliban-deprive-women-livelihoods-identity-hrw-1463226>

5. Women activists continue to disappear under Taliban regime, with no accountability whatsoever. No one knows their whereabouts.

Source: <https://twitter.com/raminanwari/status/1485276780143468551>

6. Fahima was the highest-ranking officer in her province's police force. Women in the police force have been targeted for assassination and beatings since the Taliban assumed power. Because of her seniority and role in recruiting other women, she feels Taliban authorities are particularly interested in finding her.

Source: [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/20/the-taliban-hate-us-a-former-senior-female-police-officer?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/20/the-taliban-hate-us-a-former-senior-female-police-officer?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

7. Following the Taliban's return to power, many influential Afghan women have been forced to flee their country to become poor patriots, but they are determined to continue the struggle for women's rights in their country.

Source: [https://twitter.com/Qaumi\\_Awaz/status/1485434678995820549](https://twitter.com/Qaumi_Awaz/status/1485434678995820549)

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

1. Human rights groups in Pakistan express serious concern over increased gender-based violence and child abuse in the country and lack of action on the part of government institutions.

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

2. According to a court statement, Aneeqa Ateeq, a 26-year-old Muslim woman, was detained in May 2020 and accused with posting "blasphemous content" as her WhatsApp status. According to the report, a man asked her to change it, but she instead forwarded the document to him. Islam forbids the depiction of Muhammad in caricature. Ateeq was found guilty by a court in Rawalpindi, who sentenced her to 20 years in prison and ordered her to be "hung by her neck until she dies." The Lahore High Court must affirm the death sentence before it can be carried out.

Source: <https://www.dw.com/en/pakistan-whatsapp-blasphemy-death-sentence-reinforces-dangerous-trend/a-60511046>

3. Baloch daughter is on the streets of Karachi asking Pakistan security agencies for the safe release of her father. Enforced disappearances of Balochs has been a very common trend in Pakistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/hindustan47/status/1485206869472067587>

4. The daughters of Balochistan are crying and asking for the whereabouts of their fathers and brothers, they were forcibly disappeared by the Pak army. After all, for how long will Pakistan continue to commit such atrocities on the citizens of Baloch.

Source: <https://twitter.com/ShikhaR50421381/status/1485170471310364675>

5. The Cruel Naya Pakistan is a place where minorities are compelled to live in horrible conditions. The killing, kidnapping, and raping of Pakistani minorities by the Pakistani army is a routine occurrence.

Source: <https://twitter.com/AashimaRai4/status/1485172768920731651>

6. On a daily basis, inhumane occurrences and harsh treatment of minorities and poor Baloch occur. Some events are reported; however, the majority of incidents go undiscovered.

Source: <https://twitter.com/KakaLahorii/status/1485132498833006595>

7. In Pakistan, minorities such as Hindus and Baloch are persecuted. Minorities are always treated inhumanely by the Pakistan army and police. In Pakistan, being a minority is a crime.

Source: <https://twitter.com/PDeshmukhi/status/1485224319341174786>

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

1. Egypt and the European Union intend to nominate themselves to co-chair the March meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum's (GCTF) Coordinating Committee. The Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement on Sunday that the decision is part of Egypt's desire to contribute to the international community's counterterrorism efforts.

Source: <https://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/1234/456802/Egypt/Foreign-Affairs/Egypt,-EU-to-run-for-chairmanship-of-Global-Counte.aspx>

2. The Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) has been granted a 12-month extension of its mandate to continue counter-insurgency operations in Lake Chad. According to a statement from the African Union's Peace and Security Council's latest virtual meeting, the Task Force, which includes troops from Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon, Chad, and the Republic of Benin, would have a new mandate starting on February 1. (AU).

Source: <https://humangle.org/counterterrorism-task-force-gets-mandate-extension-in-lake-chad/>

3. Hashd al-Shaabi counter-terrorism and security operations have been launched in Diyala, in revenge for the martyrs of the Iraqi Army who were ambushed and martyred by ISIS terrorists.

Source: <https://twitter.com/Twelve313/status/1485248892677636101>

4. Two men have been arrested in Birmingham and Manchester as part of the investigation into British hostage-taker Malik Faisal Akram's Texas synagogue attack. After a 10-hour standoff, the FBI entered the building in Texas on January 15 and shot Akram, 44, who was originally from Blackburn in Lancashire. "Officers from Counter-Terrorism Policing (CTP) North West continue to support US authorities with their investigation into the events in Texas," Greater Manchester Police said in a statement.

Source: <https://www.gbnews.uk/news/counter-terrorism-police-arrest-two-men-over-texas-synagogue-stand-off/210113>

5. Due to a reduction in the Palestinian Authority security services' readiness to crack down on Hamas and Islamic Jihad infrastructure, the IDF has boosted counter-terror operations in the West Bank. Increased Israeli operations is partly to blame for the current uptick in violence in West Bank cities. PA security forces have reduced back activities in recent months, according to Israeli security authorities.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/palestinian-shot-by-israeli-forces-near-gaza-border-report-680671>

6. In connection with the Texas Synagogue attack, a guy has been apprehended in Manchester. According to an update, counter-terrorism police apprehended the individual this morning in connection with the siege. In Birmingham, a man was also apprehended, and both of them are being held in custody for questioning.

Source: [https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/counter-terrorism-police-arrest-man-22810737?utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=sharebar](https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/counter-terrorism-police-arrest-man-22810737?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=sharebar)

7. Counter-terrorism experts and police are growing concerned about the anti-vaxxer movement in the United Kingdom as it moves toward violent extremism and the development of militias akin to those in the United States.

Source: <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/concern-for-uk-security-as-anti-vaxxer-groups-evolve-towards-us-style-militias/ar-AASOFIJ?ocid=msedgntp>

8. Egypt and the European Union (EU) will co-chair the Coordinating Committee meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) in March 2022. This is in line with Egypt's desire to contribute to the international community's efforts to combat terrorism. Egypt has been co-chairing the Capacity-Building Working Group for the East African Region with the EU since 2017 as part of the forum.

Source: <https://dailynewsegypt.com/2022/01/23/cairo-to-co-chair-global-counterterrorism-forums-coordination-meeting/>