

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. "Millions of women are currently being subjected to gender apartheid by the Taliban. Women are systematically eliminated, denied, insulted, and humiliated."
Source: <https://afghanaffairs.com/2022/01/23/afghanistan-civil-society-rep-ms-hoda-khamosh-speech-in-oslo-norway/>
2. Deborah Lyons, the UN Special Representative for Afghanistan, has urged Taliban leadership to "investigate the problem and guarantee the liberty of the missing Afghan women activists who were purportedly seized from their houses last week," according to UNAMA.
Source: <https://twitter.com/PaykMedia/status/1485627655118598146>
3. Afghan women protesting the Taliban's harsh rule believe Norway, the first Western country to host the hardline Islamists since they seized control in August, has abandoned them. A Taliban team led by the foreign minister flew first class to Oslo on a jet chartered by the Norwegian government for meetings with Western officials and members of Afghan civic society. The diplomatic attempts have outraged women activists who have been threatened by the Taliban after holding small and dispersed rallies.
Source: https://www.digitaljournal.com/world/afghan-women-activists-feel-betrayed-by-oslo-talks/article?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter
4. Hoda Khamoush shows the pictures of two women activists arrested by the Taliban five days ago in Kabul. The conference in Oslo should know what is really happening under the Taliban in Afghanistan.
Source: <https://twitter.com/AGizabi/status/1485668581438365697>
5. The Taliban humiliated another artist and broke his instrument in Turkham. The Taliban are enemies of art, music and whatever makes humans happy.
Source: <https://twitter.com/Hamxacomrade/status/1485593684653780995>

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

1. 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>

2. Prime Minister Imran Khan threatened the opposition on Sunday that if he is forced out of office, he will prove to be an even more deadly foe than he was as the country's leader. "I want to warn you: If I am removed from power, I will become even more destructive to you." "Right now, I'm sitting quietly in my office, watching all the drama unfold." "If I take to the streets, you'll have nowhere to hide because the people have seen your true colours," the premier remarked during a live broadcast on state television with citizens.

Source: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/927535-if-ousted-from-govt-will-be-more-dangerous-for-you-pm-to-opposition>

3. International organisations must play a role in preventing collective punishment in Balochistan and freeing the Baloch people from state persecution by compelling Pakistan to adhere to international law.

Source: <https://twitter.com/OsmanMattoo/status/1485539810135744522>

4. Asghar Ali Keller, a 70-year-old Ahmadi citizen, was charged under Section 651/21 of Section 295C of the Pakistan Penal Code, which carries a death penalty if convicted.

Source: https://twitter.com/nayadaurpk_urdu/status/1485629125088129026

5. Hindu females in Pakistani Kashmir are subjected to severe abuse and torture. Their family are also not spared. Minorities struggle on a daily basis under Pakistan's cruel dictatorship.

Source: <https://twitter.com/NidaFat80303543/status/1485641646179950592>

6. The terrorist attack on a police checkpoint in the federal capital earlier this week was a scary occurrence. The fact that the security agencies have taken the event seriously is commendable (they should be equally concerned about the security of other cities such as Lahore that witnessed a blast on Thursday). What is problematic, though, is the state's proclivity for speaking with the notorious outlawed group that claimed responsibility for the attack. Since the Afghan Taliban assumed power in Afghanistan, the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has increased terrorist attacks in Pakistan, and the interior minister has stated that this trend may continue in the following weeks.

Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1670980/growing-terrorism-threat>

7. Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, Pakistan's Interior Minister, said talks with the proscribed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) had fallen down because of the group's unrealistic and harsh demands. Pakistan was not specifically mentioned in the talks between the Taliban regime in Kabul and the TTP, according to the Minister. "Look, the [Afghan] Taliban were negotiating with the TTP, and we were told in our meetings that their conditions and demands were so extreme and unacceptable that talks couldn't continue," he said at a press conference on Saturday, according to The Dawn.

Source: <https://www.indiablooms.com/world-details/SA/33044/talks-with-ttp-collapsed-due-to-its-harsh-demands-pakistan-interior-minister.html>

8. In Sarwakai, South Waziristan, Pakistani security forces discovered a stash of weaponry that most likely belonged to the Tehrik-i Taliban Pakistan TTP. As a result, an AKM rifle with a 40-round RPK mag, a modified AKM, and a notable Iranian DIO Sageg RPG Launcher were seized.

Source: <https://twitter.com/erfanyousafzai/status/1485208175704002560>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. 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

2. In the counter-insurgency (COIN) spectrum and tome of counter-terrorism studies, the British experience in Northern Ireland, notably the struggle against the Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA), is a frequently mentioned case study. The totality of British intelligence's experience in Northern Ireland, with all of its achievements and failures, makes it such a useful case study from which to learn how to construct contemporary COIN intelligence-based operations. As the struggle dragged on and on, a slew of military and law enforcement intelligence teams sprang up to counter PIRA's effectiveness and to meet the security establishment's urge to ramp up information collecting.

Source: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/intelligence-counter-terrorism-in-northern-ireland-tickets-254618810717>

3. The 11-hour standoff at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, on Jan. 15, in which a gunman took a rabbi and three congregants hostage, serves as a reminder that we must all fight antisemitism and extremism in this country. It reaffirmed, in a scary sense, that antisemitism is a huge threat to Jewish communities in the US. The Greater Naples Jewish Federation joins others in condemning all acts of terrorism. We are grateful to government officials, law enforcement, and others who collaborated to ensure that all of the hostages were safe.

Source: <https://www.news-press.com/story/opinion/2022/01/23/terrorism-not-jewish-problem-humanitys-problem/6621420001/>

4. The EU's priorities at UN human rights fora in 2022 were adopted by the Council today. The findings reiterate the EU's commitment to continuously and persistently defend, safeguard, and fulfil human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in all areas of its external activity, as well as to support the UN human rights system as a cornerstone of its external action. The EU will handle newly developing human rights challenges, such as hybrid threats, technological advancements, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic's ongoing impacts. The EU will reaffirm its steadfast support for the

International Criminal Court on the 20th anniversary of the Rome Statute's entry into force, as well as its commitment to combatting impunity and bringing justice to victims. Source: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/01/24/human-rights-eu-adopts-conclusions-on-eu-priorities-in-united-nations-human-rights-fora-in-2022/>

5. From Jews and non-Jews alike, the Orthodox world receives a lot of bad press. Orthodox Judaism is portrayed as a fundamentally fanatical, primitive sect in shows like My Unorthodox Life. Even gentler, more sophisticated accusations frequently portray the Orthodox community as outdated or unconcerned about human rights. Sometimes it's necessary to criticise. The agunah dilemma, for example, has yet to be entirely resolved, yet the aforementioned allegations rarely result in communal reform. It's more typically used to denigrate religious Judaism, portraying those who practise it as nasty, primitive people. However, the Orthodox community is varied, including feminists and opponents of dangerous fanaticism among its members. Source: <https://jewcy.com/news/preserving-tradition-rejecting-extremism>
6. Deradicalization policies in Europe are frequently challenged, and their success is frequently questioned. Morocco, a Muslim-majority country, has been a leader in these kind of initiatives. The North African kingdom is not satisfied with stopping attacks and neutralising actors in order to combat the terrorist danger on its soil. Jeune Afrique met with a security source who described a "multi-dimensional plan that does not rely exclusively on the security approach." King Mohammed VI's title as "Commander of the Faithful" provides obvious scope for building a religious counter-discourse, unlike in Western democracies. He has been granted permission to establish the Mohammed VI Institute for Imam Training in collaboration with his colleagues in the Sahel and West Africa. Source: <https://worldcrunch.com/culture-society/radical-islam-prison>
7. Terrorism is a violation of the human rights principle. Terrorism is prohibited by IHL, and the ICRC opposes it. Counter-terrorism measures, particularly those enacted by the Security Council in the previous two decades, have, on the other hand, created obstacles to impartial humanitarian intervention in times of armed conflict, and hence to international humanitarian law as a whole. Source: <https://reliefweb.int/report/world/counter-terrorism-and-ihl-challenges-caring-wounded-and-sick-battlefield>
8. The Biden Administration now has a new instrument to combat the growing problem of violent extremism in America, a year after hundreds of pro-Trump protestors stormed the US Capitol by force. Within the Justice Department, a new unit is forming: a team of attorneys committed solely to investigating domestic terrorism, sharpening the focus of the US national security establishment on extremism occurring within the country's borders rather than outside. On Jan. 11, Matthew Olsen, the head of the Department's National Security Division, warned a Senate panel that "the threat posed by domestic terrorism is on the rise," describing an escalating danger from "individuals in the United

States who seek to commit violent criminal acts in furtherance of domestic social or political goals."

Source: <https://time.com/6140308/domestic-terrorism-justice-department-unit-joe-biden/>

9. The virtual Summit for Democracy, sponsored by US President Joe Biden, brought together more than 100 countries to raise attention to rising authoritarianism and the erosion of democratic principles. Many risks to democracy are posed by authoritarian regimes and illiberal political systems, according to the summit. The impact of the US' two-decade concentration on battling terrorism and violent extremist groups on vulnerable democracies throughout the global war on terror was one of the issues the summit did not sufficiently address. If the government continues to ignore this flaw, Biden's democratic agenda will fall short where it is most needed.

Source: <https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/01/24/democracy-governance-counterterrorism-violence-extremism/>

10. Iraq's anti-terror Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) have begun a large-scale security operation in the eastern province of Diyala to eliminate remnants of the Daesh (ISIL or ISIS) terrorist group from villages and rural regions. Following a fatal Daesh terrorist strike in the area, the operation commenced. The multipronged anti-terror operation began Sunday morning in the al-Azim region of Diyala province, according to Talib al-Mousawi, head of PMU operations in Diyala.

Source: <https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2022/01/24/2649860/large-scale-operation-launched-by-pmu-to-secure-iraq-s-diyala-after-daesh-terrorist-attack>