

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. Taliban smashes Olympic aspirations of female Afghan skier forced to abandon home under Islamic law, which prohibits women from participating in several sports. She has returned to Pakistan. Khairzad is alone this time, estranged from her family, and while she had dreamed of competing in the Olympics, her future is now unknown. Khairzad's visa has now expired, according to an editor at the Ski Journal who has been in contact with her. She's in a hostel and is so anxious that her dental crowns, which she received after a childhood accident, have fallen out.

SOURCE: <https://nypost.com/2022/02/12/taliban-crushes-olympic-dreams-of-female-afghan-skier-in-hiding/>

2. After the Taliban made it impossible for girls to attend school in many regions, an Afghan woman in Kabul is providing free literacy and vocational training to approximately 600 women and girls. Taliban prohibitions are in place until Sharia-based rule of law is established.

SOURCE: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/amid-taliban-restrictions-afghan-woman-provides-literacy-vocational-training-to-600-girls20220211221900/>

3. Ibrahimkhel and Paryani, as well as four of their relatives, had vanished. Paryani's and the four relatives' fates are still unknown. The Taliban have promised a gentler version of the severe rule that defined their first term in power, which lasted from 1996 to 2001. Women must be accompanied by a close male relative when travelling between cities and towns, according to the Taliban. These prohibitions are based on Islamic law.

SOURCE: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2343197/afghan-woman-protester-detained-by-taliban-freed-activist>

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

1. According to the Human Rights Council of Balochistan, Hakkpaan, a non-profit and non-partisan human rights organisation based in Balochistan, many Balochistan citizens, especially students and social activists, are becoming targets of enforced abduction by Pakistani security personnel.

SOURCE: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/34-baloch-civilians-abducted-by-pakistan-security-forces-in-10-days20220212172229/>

2. According to Pakistani vernacular media, the Christian minority in Balochistan's Kohlu district is facing a number of major issues, including a housing shortage. Kohlu is a poor district with a population of 2.5 lakh people that lacks basic amenities.
SOURCE: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/christian-community-lacks-basic-facilities-in-pakistans-balochistan-province20220212151731/>
3. Imran Khan, Pakistan's prime minister, has remained noncommittal on the topic of Uyghur human rights violations in Xinjiang, but he continues to back China's policy of oppressing Uyghur Muslims in the province. Now, according to Sergio Restelli, an Italian political advisor and geopolitical expert, "the growing dependence on China for economic aid and diplomatic support" is the reason why the leadership has had to publicly commit to China's policies, despite the fact that "they are responsible for the genocide of Uyghur Muslims." Restelli wrote for Inside Over that various countries have banded together to boycott the Beijing Olympics in protest of the Chinese government's maltreatment of Uyghur Muslims.
SOURCE: <https://www.news18.com/news/india/pakistan-is-aiding-uyghur-repression-in-chinas-xinjiang-report-4762595.html>
4. Child labour is one of Pakistan's most urgent societal challenges. According to a United Nations estimate from 2017, roughly 20% of Pakistani youngsters between the ages of 10 and 17 are labourers. These children should not be working and should have the right to an education, but poverty pushes them to do so. On the streets and in markets, many children try to sell their wares or beg. Pakistan's Human Rights Commission should ensure that all children receive a proper education and live in a safe and secure environment. The country will not be able to develop without it.
SOURCE: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/932803-future-in-rags>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. The resistance movement against Pakistani-sponsored terrorism began when the first bullet was fired in Kashmir. There has only been one resistance movement in Kashmir up to now, and that is the fight against Pakistani terrorism on all levels, whether physical, psychological, or moral. The Pakistani terror invasion and occupation of Kashmir is being fought by Kashmiris. Many people, particularly innocent civilians in Jammu and Kashmir, have died as a result of this resistance activity. And there is only one occupation going on, and that is the Pakistani establishment's ongoing terrorism and occupation of Kashmir.
SOURCE: <https://www.news18.com/news/opinion/only-one-resistance-movement-exists-in-kashmir-and-it-is-against-pakistani-terrorism-4763075.html>

2. Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha stated on Saturday that the war against Pakistan's narco-terrorism has been stepped up in Jammu and Kashmir. After laying the foundation stone for a drug rehabilitation centre here, Sinha stated. According to him, the drug de-addiction centre will function as an integrated centre where addicts will be treated, counselled, given opportunities to learn new productive skills, and recovered with the utmost care and affection.
SOURCE: <https://www.thestatesman.com/india/fight-pakistan-sponsored-narco-terrorism-intensified-jk-lg-1503045583.html>
3. On Friday, militants threw a grenade at a joint team of security personnel in north Kashmir's Bandipura, killing one officer and injuring at least four others. A BSF jawan was among the injured. The officers who had been hurt were brought to the hospital for treatment. A composite team of police, CRPF, and BSF was targeted in the attack. The attack took place near the major town's Nishat Park. The area has been cordoned off by security forces, who have begun combing operations to find the terrorists.
SOURCE: <https://www.thestatesman.com/india/policeman-killed-4-injured-terrorists-toss-grenade-bandipura-1503045462.html>
4. Hackers targeted a detained human rights activist and outspoken government critic, planting incriminating evidence on his laptop before he was arrested on terrorist charges, shocking India. A year later, a report by US specialists claims that the activist, Rona Wilson, was targeted by two different groups, one of which has been linked to extensively documented cyberespionage activities targeting military targets in China and Pakistan, India's main external foes. The other gang, called ModifiedElephant by SentinelOne and responsible for planting documents on the activist's device, shared hacking infrastructure with an attacker who researchers have long suspected of state-sanctioned political espionage, according to the paper.
SOURCE: https://www.stripes.com/theaters/asia_pacific/2022-02-11/indian-activist-charged-with-terrorism-was-targeted-by-hackers-4983636.html
5. Lomé will hold a high-level conference on political transitions and counter-terrorism in the Sahel and West African regions in April. The project's sponsor, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, revealed this. The initiative was submitted to Antonio Gutierrez, the UN Secretary-General, by Robert Dussey, the Togolese Minister of Foreign Affairs, on Thursday, February 10, 2022 in New York, according to the accompanying press release. The meeting will provide an opportunity for diverse stakeholders to discuss recent trends and developments in the Sahel region and West African countries in the face of violent extremism and terrorism, as well as strategies and tactics for countering the terrorist threat.
SOURCE: <https://www.togofirst.com/en/security/1102-9422-togo-to-host-a-top-class-conference-on-anti-terrorism-in-west-africa-next-april>
6. On Friday, the Army's White Knight Corps hosted a corps group conference that included all security forces and intelligence organisations functioning in the Jammu region. Special DG CID, IG BSF, IG CRPF, Divisional Commissioner Special Branch,

and Director Intelligence Bureau are among the high-ranking personnel. The current security situation, terrorist inputs from Pakistan attempting to infiltrate through international borders and Lines of Control Sectors, terror funding, radicalisation via social media, security in the Doda, Kishtwar, and Ramban areas, the OGW network, and the latest modus operandi of terrorist groups attempting to resurrect terrorism in the Jammu region and disrupt the peaceful situation and communal harmony were also discussed.

SOURCE: <https://www.thestatesman.com/india/security-forces-intelligence-agencies-discuss-attempts-terrorists-revive-militancy-jammu-division-1503045446.html>

7. The Quad issued a statement on Friday calling for the removal of terrorist safe havens and the prosecution of cross-border terrorists. "We urge on all countries to guarantee that territory under their control is not used to conduct terror attacks and to bring the perpetrators of such incidents to justice as soon as possible," the Quad nations' Foreign Ministers said in a joint statement after their meeting in Melbourne, Australia. "We denounce the use of terrorist proxies for cross-border terrorism and urge countries to work together to eliminate terrorist safe havens; disrupt terrorist networks and the infrastructure and financial channels that sustain them, and halt cross-border movement of terrorists," the statement said, reiterating the condemnation of the 26/11 Mumbai and Pathankot terrorist attacks.

SOURCE: <https://theshillongtimes.com/2022/02/12/quad-ministers-call-for-elimination-of-terrorist-safe-havens-prosecution-of-terrorists/>

8. According to the Jammu and Kashmir police, a great tragedy was averted when security forces intercepted a terror module in time. Terrorists in north Kashmir were plotting a large-scale strike on security forces in the coming days. "Four Al-Badar terrorists and their three companions have been attested along with warlike store," said Deputy Inspector General (DIG) North Kashmir Udhay Bhaskar. In a joint press conference with police and other security personnel, Udaya Bhaskar stated that the module planned to attack in the following days.

SOURCE: <https://zeenews.india.com/india/major-tragedy-averted-in-jammu-kashmir-4-al-badr-terrorists-3-terrorist-associates-arrested-2435849.html>

9. Pastor Enoch Adeboye, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, believes that the glory of North-East Nigeria and other sections of the country beset by terrorists would be restored. He said this in a Facebook post on Saturday, following the 'Light Up Nigeria' outreach in Gombe State, which was part of the cleric's 80th birthday celebrations. Terrorism financing is a criminal offence, according to experts, and Nigerians have nothing to do with the fact that the terror sponsors have been discovered. Instead, the government should apprehend and prosecute them as soon as possible.

SOURCE: <https://punchng.com/terrorism-north-east-glory-will-be-restored-says-adeboye/>

10. Former Irish soldier Lisa Smith was "beyond suspicion" of joining terrorist organisation Isis while in Syria, according to an FBI agent testifying before the Special Criminal Court. Ms Smith's defence lawyer Michael O'Higgins SC was told by Agent B, who cannot be identified because he is involved in counter-terrorism operations around the world, that he was in Syria in 2019 while Ms Smith was being held in the Ain Issa camp.

SOURCE: <https://www.sundayworld.com/crime/courts/fbi-agent-tells-court-it-was-beyond-suspicion-that-lisa-smith-had-joined-isis-41338107.html>

11. A Bangladeshi man was sentenced to seven years in prison for plotting terrorism. The accused allegedly attempted to obtain arms and ammunition in Kolkata, as well as a plan of Sealdah Railway Station, the Howrah Bridge, and information on explosives and bomb manufacture.

SOURCE: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/bangladeshi-man-7-years-jail-planning-terror-activities-7768646/>

12. Sri Lanka has signalled its willingness to change the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA), which analysts and diplomats are interpreting as a bid to avoid criticism at the upcoming United Nations human rights session and avoid losing a valuable European Union trade concession. The island nation is under pressure to demonstrate its sincerity in addressing alleged past human rights crimes and to amend the PTA, the country's anti-terror statute, which has been in place for more than four decades. Local and international human rights organisations have argued that successive governments have exploited the PTA to silence ethnic minorities and political opponents.

SOURCE: <https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-agrees-to-further-changes-to-terror-law-to-save-gsp-plus-ahead-of-unhrc-90448/>

13. Unidentified armed jihadists attacked a minor seminary in eastern Burkina Faso on the night of Feb. 10-11, according to the papally-sponsored humanitarian group Aid to the Church in Need. "The minor seminary Saint Kisito de Bougui, in the diocese of Fada N'Gourma, East Burkina Faso, located approximately ten kilometres from Fada N'Gourma, was attacked, according to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Church events have been cancelled or severely restricted in numerous parishes around the country, according to Lozano, with the timing of Mass and other activities altering on occasion to try to prevent terrorist acts like the one on Thursday night.

SOURCE: <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-africa/2022/02/seminary-attack-latest-chapter-in-burkina-fasos-rising-wave-of-islamist-terror>