

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. Six months after the US pullout from Afghanistan, the US is still not doing enough to protect vulnerable Afghan women and children. Afghan women bear the brunt of Taliban crimes and have consistently been forgotten when it matters most, such as during the tumultuous US exit in August. Because most female evacuees do not qualify for Special Immigrant Visas, the most recent expedited screening plan for U.S. resettlement excludes women (SIVs). Throughout the United States' participation in Afghanistan, the interpreters and others who held duties that are presently eligible for SIVs stood with us. They are deserving of protection in exchange for their service. However, men predominate in the professions included in the eligibility requirements. We must not forget that women, too, stood with us, albeit in different ways.

Source: https://thehill.com/opinion/immigration/594282-we-must-stop-excluding-afghan-women-and-children-for-visa-eligibility?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

2. At a routine press briefing in Geneva, Ravina Shamdasani, spokesman for the High Commissioner for Human Rights, told media, "We are gravely concerned for their well-being and safety." "There is still no verifiable information on their whereabouts," she noted, despite the de facto authorities' announcement on Saturday of a probe into their disappearance two weeks ago.

Source: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/02/1111012>

3. The decapitated body of a #woman was found in District 12 of Kandahar City. This is how women are assassinated. The crimes committed by the #Taliban against women is horrible.

Source: <https://twitter.com/MaryamMustafav1/status/1493632395081306116>

4. The UN Mission in Afghanistan on Sunday had welcomed the release of the four women activists, who went missing last month. "After a long period of uncertainty about their whereabouts and safety, the four 'disappeared' Afghan women activists, as well as their relatives who also went missing, have all been released by the de facto authorities. UNAMA calls for the rights of every Afghan to be respected," the UN Mission in Afghanistan tweeted.

Source: <https://theprint.in/world/afghanistan-freed-women-rights-activists-under-pressure-to-not-share-details-about-detention/831598/>

5. According to the Taliban, women are allowed to work as long as they are separated from men. In fact, however, women are effectively forbidden from working — especially for the government — with the exception of specialised fields like health care and education. The Taliban's resurgence has rendered tens of thousands of Afghan women jobless. Officials currently say that all students will be able to return to school

by the end of March, but due to a teacher exodus and a restriction on men conducting girls' classrooms, they will struggle to fulfil that deadline.

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/how-talibans-return-has-changed-afghan-womens-lives/96109#>

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

1. On a daily basis, minorities in Pakistan are tormented, attacked, and killed. They have no right to live in peace, and they certainly have no right to bury their loved ones! In Mirpurkhas, Sindh, a Hindu family was denied the right to bury their 2-month-old dead daughter.

Source: <https://twitter.com/ExposeAntiIndia/status/1493851966706896897>

2. For minorities, living in Pakistan is like living in hell. Extremists have targeted Papinder Singh, a Sikh shopkeeper, at his drugstore in Kohat Road, Peshawar.

Source: <https://twitter.com/AmbikaNanda10/status/1493826058042634241>

3. Notan Lal, a member of the Hindu minority in Pakistan, has been sentenced to life in prison for a crime he did not commit in Sindh, Pakistan: blasphemy. This is how Pak intends to use the state to rage against minorities.

Source: <https://twitter.com/DdnDose/status/1493594868760854538>

4. According to media reports, Punjabi ethnic groups in Pakistan have set fire to 500 shops belonging to Pashtun ethnic minorities in Islamabad and Lahore. Meanwhile, in the ten days since the army attack in Panjgur, Pakistani security has abducted 48 Baloch students.

Source: https://twitter.com/Afghan_Rebel/status/1493553760639111168

5. A 13yrs old minor minority Hindu girl Rajkumari Meghwar abducted at gunpoint from her house by extremists from Danani Community during night on 12 Feb 2022 at Kadharo, Dist Sanghar, Sindh Pakistan. Religious minorities continue to face atrocities & genocide.

Source: <https://twitter.com/S>

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Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. According to a local security officer, the suspected Al-Qaeda militants holding five UN workers are attempting to exchange them for inmates held by the Yemeni government in Aden. On their way back to Aden from a field visit, the workers — four Yemenis and one foreigner — were confronted by a gang of armed men in the Moudia region of Abyan as they were travelling in two armoured vehicles with a military escort.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/al-qaeda-terrorist-group-seek-to-swap-abducted-un-workers-for-prisoners-in-aden/>

2. According to a security source, an Iraqi soldier was injured in an ISIS strike southeast of Baquba. According to a source with the Shafaq News Agency, ISIS militants attacked an Iraqi army security point, leading the offenders to flee.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/islamic-state-terrorists-attacked-army-security-point-southeast-of-baquba/>

3. Before carrying out the terror attack, MI5 knew the Manchester Arena bomber was a supporter of Isis and admits he could have been prevented. On May 22, 2017, Salman Abedi detonated a suicide bomb at the arena, killing 22 people and injuring hundreds more. On Tuesday, the public inquiry heard more information about what security agencies knew about him in the months and years leading up to the crime. Last year, MI5 and North West Counter Terrorism officers were allowed to testify in "secret sessions" after chairman Sir John Saunders determined that hearing it in public would jeopardise national security.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/british-mi5-knew-bomber-supported-the-islamic-state-before-arena-attack-and-admit-he-could-have-been-stopped/>

4. Lieutenant General Michael Kurilla, who has been nominated to lead the US Central Command (CENTCOM), has accused the Taliban leadership in Afghanistan of refusing to condemn Al-Qaeda and ISIS-K, an affiliate of the Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS). "Al Qaeda and ISIS-K pose a threat to the homeland, which is one of the issues. They're reassembling themselves. Kurilla testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday that the Taliban "had not forsaken Al Qaeda, ISIS-K," citing the Taliban's release of captives from the Bagram and Pul-e-Charkhi prisons after the militant group retook Afghanistan last year.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/islamic-state-and-al-qaeda-reconstituting-in-afghanistan/>

5. The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) released a new study from the Network Contagion Research Institute (NCRI) detailing how the January attack and hostage-taking at Congregation Beth Israel in Texas followed a coordinated social media campaign for jailed terrorist Aafia Siddiqui, dubbed "Lady Al Qaeda," whom the attacker Malik Akram demanded be released during the synagogue siege.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/two-us-officials-note-correlation-between-online-extremism-and-texas-terror-attack/>

6. In Spain, five persons have been arrested on suspicion of grooming potential ISIS recruits and funding the group in Libya. Spanish national police combed through suspects in two separate anti-terrorist operations in Barcelona, Girona, Valencia, and Melilla, one of two Spanish cities in North Africa that shares a border with Morocco. In Melilla, two persons were arrested for allegedly recruiting young ISIS recruits. After uncovering ISIS indoctrination films thought to have been prepared and distributed by the two suspects, police launched Operation Farcol, a two-year-long grooming probe.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/five-islamic-state-terror-suspects-arrested-in-spain-on-grooming-and-funding-charges/>

7. Maj. Gen Yahya Rassol, spokesman for the commander in chief of the armed forces, stated today that Counter-Terrorism Service personnel had detained "Abu Islam," a key ISIS leader who had been roaming about the nation using a phoney ID. The Counter-Terrorism Service has recently been successful in apprehending deadly ISIS leaders in various Iraqi governorates.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/iraqi-special-forces-detained-prominent-terrorist-abu-islam/>

8. Iraqi forces, with the help of army air forces, were able to destroy ISIL terrorist hideouts in Kirkuk province, according to a statement released by the Iraqi Army Military Information Headquarters on Monday. According to the statement, the terrorists are now looking for new safe havens in the valleys and other areas. The strike was carried out by F-16 fighter jets and was quite precise.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/iraqi-army-bombed-islamic-state-positions-in-kirkuk/>

9. Another piece of evidence suggests that the Muslim guy who just invaded and held a Texas synagogue hostage was acting on an ISIS instruction, rather than just following jihadist ideology. Malik Faisal Akram, a 44-year-old British Pakistani armed with a gun, kidnapped four individuals during Sabbath service at the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, Texas.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/evidence-suggests-islamic-state-link-to-texas-synagogue-hostage-crisis/>

10. According to Ynet, Adnan Harbawi and Ibrahim Zaatari were convicted of aggravated assault in connection with the lynching of Eli Rosen, a young Jewish guy who went for a walk with his dog in Sheikh Jarrah. The rioters attacked Rosen and began thrashing him with clubs and stones all over his body, and they even documented the incident on social media. Rosen was rescued and taken to the hospital with injured parts of his body only a few minutes later. Rosen is still dealing with the aftermath of the tragedy.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/two-terrorists-convicted-of-lynching-israeli-national-who-was-walking-dog-in-sheikh-jarrah/>

11. According to authorities, two males have been arrested on suspicion of terror offences as part of an ongoing investigation. According to the Metropolitan Police, a 30-year-old man was arrested in east London on February 8 on suspicion of being involved in the commission, preparation, or instigation of terrorist acts under section 41 of the Terrorism Act (TACT) 2000. Officers were granted a warrant for additional detention at Westminster Magistrates' Court, and he remains in jail.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/two-men-arrested-in-east-london-on-suspicion-of-preparing-acts-of-terrorism/>

12. In the province of al-Anbar, Western Iraq, Iraqi military intelligence captured missiles and explosives from the remains of the ISIS terrorist organisation earlier today, Saturday. The directorate of military intelligence announced in a statement that an arms cache was discovered in the Abu Tayban area, near al-Ramadi, by the intelligence unit of the 10th division in collaboration with the intelligence unit of the 38th brigade's first regiment. According to the statement, a team sent to the site discovered 19 rockets, nine 12mm mortar shells, and four explosive devices.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/iraqi-security-forces-seized-rockets-and-explosives-in-al-anbar/>