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Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. In August, the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, and the mother of three worked as a secondary school teacher. Sheila, like millions of other female government employees, was told by the Taliban's new "Islamic Emirate" to quit working.

SOURCE: <https://inews.co.uk/news/world/afghanistan-taliban-women-held-gunpoint-tell-children-die-our-world-bbc-documentary-1428599>

2. Some Security Council members are concerned that UNAMA exaggerates the extent to which UN personnel can interact with the Taliban in a productive manner. Interlocutors with the Taliban tell Crisis Group that the two sides are cooperating effectively so far, but that significant gaps remain between the UN mission's "Western idealism" and the Taliban's aim of establishing Islamic authority. It remains to be seen whether these differences will seriously obstruct pragmatic cooperation.

SOURCE: <https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/toward-new-mandate-un-mission-afghanistan>

3. Because our country is so backward, it is critical to supply literature to its citizens." Gulljan, who is constantly on the move, puts her life in danger every day by selling non-Islamic publications on the streets of Taliban-controlled Kabul.

SOURCE: <https://scroll.in/video/1016122/watch-afghan-woman-risks-her-life-every-day-to-sell-non-religious-books-in-taliban-occupied-kabul>

4. She and her older sister Nilab practise taekwondo in the empty room. Anzorat holds a black belt and a clutch of jingling medals. She doesn't know how many gold medals she's won, but it's a lot. Because all gyms are closed to Afghan women and girls according to Islamic law, they practise at home. Taekwondo has evolved into a boys-only sport. Boys are entitled to certain privileges. Girls aren't like that. "Women's rights are meaningless to them," she laments, a teenager's lament that is more tiredness than rage. "Just staying at home, eating, and sleeping, we're getting worse by the day." "There's nothing else."

SOURCE: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/we-have-nothing-now-female-taekwondo-star-banned-from-sport-by-taliban-1.5757833>

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

1. In southern Balochistan, attacks against Pakistani security forces have been on the upswing, with Tuesday's checkpoint attack being the second in a month. The incident was not immediately claimed by any party, but Pakistan's military has been fighting an armed

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ethnic Baloch separatist movement in the region for more than ten years. A terrorist was killed, and a number of others were injured. "While fending off a terrorist fire raid, ten soldiers chose martyrdom."

SOURCES: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/1/28/pakistan-soldiers-killed-balochistan-southwest-checkpost-attack>

2. It's as simple as ordering pizza to have a revolver delivered to a Pakistani home. There are no restrictions on the kind of weapons that can be sold or supplied. Everything is for sale in Pakistan, from a 9mm pistol to an AK-47.

SOURCE: <https://www.dnaindia.com/world/video-ak-47-being-home-delivered-like-pizza-in-pakistan-2930892>

3. Human rights groups and activists have expressed worry over the rise in targeted killings in Balochistan, which India has urged Pakistan to cease. Baloch people have been neglected in terms of education, health, and jobs.

SOURCE: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/india-urges-pakistan-to-stop-human-rights-violations-in-balochistan20220128210444/>

4. According to authorities, a roadside bomb exploded in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province on Friday. According to initial accounts, the blast killed at least four individuals and injured ten more. The explosion happened in the Mat region of Dera Bugti district, as the victims were travelling by in a car. At least four people were killed and ten more were injured in the blast, according to police. Senator Sarfraz Bugti, a local, confirmed the incident, adding that one of his cousins was also killed in the blast. He further claimed that the blast was carried out by the illegal Baloch Republican Army (BLA).

SOURCE: <https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/world/pakistan-roadside-bomb-blast-balochistan-death-toll-injured-latest-updates-2022-01-28-756815>

5. On Friday, an ABSF jawan was injured in a firefight with Pakistani smugglers along the Indo-Pak border in Punjab's Gurdaspur region, and the force confiscated 47 kilos of heroin, two pistols, and some ammo, according to police. The jawan was hit in the head by a bullet during a firefight between Border Security Force (BSF) officials and Pakistani smugglers, according to the SSP, who added that he had been transported to a hospital.

SOURCE: <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/drugs-recovered-in-punjab-along-india-pakistan-border-bsf-jawan-injured-1905646-2022-01-28>

6. In an effort to counter India's military dominance in the region, China has started supplying Pakistan's military. Beijing has provided Islamabad with cutting-edge equipment, which many analysts believe is a tactic to keep New Delhi distracted and preoccupied. According to Hindustan Times, Islamabad just received the first batch of Chinese-made vehicle-mounted SH-15 howitzers to counter

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the Indian K-9 Vajra howitzers. As the two countries stay cautious against one another along the heavily fortified Line of Control, this export from Beijing is expected to bolster Pakistan's firepower against India (LoC).

SOURCE: <https://eurasiantimes.com/china-to-arm-pakistani-military-mounted-howitzers-india-sh-15/>

7. Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, the Federal Minister for Interior, said Thursday that former adviser to the prime minister on accountability and the interior, Mirza Shahzad Akbar, had to resign because he was unable to not only bring back PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif, but also recover Pakistan's ill-gotten gains from abroad.

SOURCE: <https://nation.com.pk/28-Jan-2022/terrorists-sleeper-cells-have-become-active-in-country-says-sh-rashid>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. Russian Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev said in an interview with leading Russian media, including Sputnik, that Russia has contacts with the Taliban (who are under UN terrorism sanctions), but their recognition as a political force is contingent on them fulfilling a number of obligations and efforts to combat terrorism.

SOURCE: <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/world/moscows-recognition-of-taliban-govt-depends-1457823.html>

2. Wardah, a Malaysian woman, kneels on a prayer rug and recites prayers to heal her wounded soul. The camera zooms in on her fingers, which are tracing sentences on the Quran pages she is clutching. For a brief period, the woman appears to be struggling. To this mother of three, Islam's sacred book is both a source of salvation and the source of her family's disintegration.

SOURCES: <https://asia.nikkei.com/Life-Arts/Life/Malaysian-filmmakers-highlight-collateral-damage-in-fight-against-extremism>

3. The recent bloodshed in Hasakah, Syria's northeastern region, is a warning indication of re-emerging Islamic State (IS) terrorist threats in the country, according to Iran's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations (UN). Zahra Ershadi hailed the recent IS attack on the Kurdish-run Ghwayran jail in Hasakah as a "wake-up call" that once again demonstrated "foreign-sponsored Takfiri terrorists" pose a huge threat to regional security and stability.

SOURCE: <https://newsaf.cgtn.com/news/2022-01-29/Iran-warns-against-re-emergence-of-IS-militants-in-Syria-17cuyCkXrRm/index.html>

4. While the French desiring vengeance against the British is not a new historical pattern, these latest acts of vengeance may have consequences in the fight against global terrorism. This has been thrown into sharp view as a result of the drone terror attack on an oil tanker in Abu Dhabi on January 17, which murdered three people and injured six more. The Houthis, a Yemeni faction affiliated

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with Iran, claimed responsibility for the strike. With American assistance, the UAE has now thwarted a second attack on 25 January by launching interceptor missiles against ballistic missiles headed at Abu Dhabi.

SOURCE: <https://www.theparliamentmagazine.eu/news/article/frances-aukus-revenge-can-help-fight-global-terrorism>

5. 'Afghanistan must not become a safe haven for terrorists,' Prime Minister Narendra Modi said during the first India-Central Asia Summit on Thursday. The Presidents of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Kyrgyz Republic all attended the summit. To attain a "world free of fear," they agreed that terrorism must be combated extensively. They expressed delight with their bilateral military exercises against terrorism with India.

SOURCES: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2022/jan/28/afghanistan-must-not-become-terror-haven-pm-modi-duringfirst-india-central-asia-summit-2412200.html>

6. ISIL/Da'esh is a Resurgent Threat to Regional Stability and Counter-Terrorism, as Evidenced by a Prison Attack in Syria's North-East. The Chief informs the Security Council. He cited warnings from the ISIL (Da'esh) and the Al-Qaida Sanctions Monitoring Team about the problematic holding arrangements in Syria's northeast, saying, "Da'esh has been publicising and pushing for jail breakouts." One of the most important lessons learned by the Council's decades-long war on terrorism is that military solutions are necessary but insufficient in combating terrorism.

SOURCE: <https://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/prison-attack-syria-s-north-east-proof-isilda-esh-resurgent-threat>

7. Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister, praised the Jammu and Kashmir Police Department, saying it has been at the forefront of India's fight against terrorism. He also praised martyr Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) of Police, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the operation that killed three terrorists. On the occasion of Republic Day yesterday, Shah expressed his deep admiration for the Jammu and Kashmir Police, who were awarded the President's Police, Gallantry, and Distinguished Medals to 115 officers and officials.

SOURCE: <https://www.dailyexcelsior.com/jkp-spearheading-indias-fight-against-terrorism-shah/>

8. Mohammed Ameen alias Abu Yahya, a Kerala resident, and his associates ran various ISIS propaganda channels on various social media platforms such as Telegram, Hoop, and Instagram for propagating the violent Jihadi ideology of ISIS and radicalising and recruiting new members for the ISIS module in March 2021. However, the true goal of their vacation was to become involved in terrorist actions and help ISIS. "Our probe also indicated that Deepthi, along with Mohd Ameen, was the kingpin of the ISIS conspiracy," an NIA official added.

SOURCE: <https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=920436>

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9. Ouahbour has substantial ties to Islamic radicalism: he and others (including Khalid Bouloudo) were convicted of terrorism as members of the Maaseik Group, of which the Immigration Department claims Ouahbour is "a major figure." The group was thought to be a logistical cell of the GICM, a terrorist group responsible for the assaults in Casablanca and Madrid, which killed 250 people in total. The Council for Immigration Disputes has halted the deportation of a "hate preacher."

SOURCES: <https://www.brusselstimes.com/belgium/203583/deportation-of-anti-semitic-hate-preacher-and-convicted-terrorist-abdallah-ouahbour-blocked-by-council-for-immigration-disputes>

10. The radical element at the heart of the mobile protest movement that's going to Ottawa this weekend and could arrive as early as tonight is revealed by the Islamophobic and homophobic speech. Today, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh expressed alarm about the movement's radical aspect and the possibility of seeing it. Singh's own brother-in-law gave money to the trucker convoy (and now wants it back).

SOURCE: <https://cultmtl.com/2022/01/the-canadian-trucker-convoy-organizer-is-an-islamophobic-homophobic-conspiracy-theorist/>

11. Following mounting pressure from the European Union (EU) and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) over concerns that it violates human rights, Sri Lanka will amend a controversial anti-terror law that gives police broad powers to arrest suspects without charge in order to fully align it with international standards. The government announced on Thursday that the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) will be revised in a gazette announcement. The PTA, which was passed in 1979, permits authorities to perform warrantless arrests and searches if they suspect someone of being involved in "terrorist activity." The decision comes before the UNHRC's March session in Geneva, where Sri Lanka's human rights and progress record will be discussed.

SOURCE: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/sri-lanka-to-amend-controversial-anti-terror-law/article38339123.ece>

12. Following an attack by suspected Al-Shabaab militants in the Lango la Simba area near Nyongoro, security in Lamu has been tightened up. The French Embassy in Kenya cautioned on Thursday that the ongoing threats against Western nationals in Kenya constitute a serious threat. Terrorists are targeting public locations frequented by foreign citizens, including restaurants, hotels, places of recreation, and retail malls, according to the embassy, particularly in Nairobi. "In the following days, especially this weekend," the advisory adds, "people in Kenya are encouraged to exercise great care and avoid frequenting certain public areas."

SOURCE: <https://www.theeastafican.co.ke/tea/news/east-africa/european-embassies-warn-of-possible-terror-attack-in-kenya-3697056>

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