

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. Taliban is punishing women activists for speaking up for their rights, and the persistent discrimination against women is reminiscent of the previous regime's Alia Azizi, a Herat jail officer, has been missing for four months, since October 2, 2021.

Source: <https://twitter.com/Par1Ke/status/1488053684550324224>

2. Since the Taliban gained control of Afghanistan last August, data from 15 Afghan media outlets revealed that the number of women journalists linked with them has decreased by 50%, and the media outlets have been shrunk. Pajhwok Afghan News gathered information from 15 print and electronic media outlets during the last 20 days. Aryana TV, Zwandon TV, Tamadon TV, Aryana News, Aina TV, Arzo TV, Noor TV, China Centre, Rahi Farda TV, Ghazal TV, Aryana Radio, Sar Ahang, Ghazal, Daily Anis, and Paik-i-Aftab News Agency all provided the information.

Source: <https://www.freepressjournal.in/world/afghanistan-taliban-rule-downsize-women-journalists-media-outlets>

3. The Taliban are targeting women's rights activists five months after taking control, kidnapping and killing protestors. The #FreeParwana and #FreeTemana stories must not be overlooked.

Source: https://twitter.com/PoMo_Cowboy/status/1487890014101032961

4. According to new research released today by Human Rights Watch and the Human Rights Institute at San Jose State University (SJSU), Taliban rule has had a disastrous effect on Afghan women and girls. The groups investigated the situation for women in Ghazni province, in southeastern Afghanistan, since the Taliban assumed control. The Taliban have imposed rights-violating policies that have created huge barriers to women's and girls' health and education, curtailed freedom of movement, expression, and association, and deprived many of earned income since taking control of Ghazni on August 12, 2021, just days before entering Afghanistan's capital, Kabul. These crimes are exacerbated by Afghanistan's quickly rising humanitarian situation.

Source: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/01/18/afghanistan-taliban-deprive-women-livelihoods-identity>

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

1. The Indian Ministry of External Affairs has voiced concern about human rights violations in Balochistan, stating that Pakistan must stop its actions. Arindam Bagchi, a spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs, said in a press conference that Pakistani security forces are violating the rights of Baloch people. India is concerned

about the disaster unfolding in Balochistan, he said. He stated that the Pakistani government must stop from acting in this manner. Bagchi stated that India is aware of the region's instability and insecurity, and that it is dedicated to ending the human rights situation in Afghanistan.

Source: <https://thebalochistanpost.net/2022/01/india-expresses-concern-over-rights-abuses-in-balochistan/>

2. Red flags are planted by the graves of observant Shia Muslims who perished in targeted killings, gun or bomb assaults at Wadi-e-Hussain. In Pakistan, about 2,600 Shia Muslims have been killed in violent attacks since 2001.

Source: https://twitter.com/anuj_kum16/status/1487727154053869568

3. Shia Muslims, who make up 20% of Pakistan's population, have been subjected to violence for at least two decades. Although a single incidence may be forgotten, how can a state fail to stop Shia Genocide for so long?

Source: <https://twitter.com/OsmanMattoo/status/1483367668400992257>

4. On Sunday, gunmen killed a Christian priest and wounded another as they drove home from church in Peshawar, Pakistan's northern city, authorities said. Officers said two attackers on a motorcycle opened fire on the car on the city's ring-road, instantly killing Pastor William Siraj. No one has claimed responsibility for the shooting in a place where scores of people were killed in a double suicide bombing outside a church in 2013 — one of Pakistan's bloodiest attacks against the Christian minority.

Source: https://edition.cnn.com/2022/01/30/asia/pakistan-christian-priest-killed-intl-hnk/index.html?utm_source=twCNNi&utm_medium=social&utm_term=link&utm_content=2022-01-31T09%3A45%3A06

5. According to a powerful American lawmaker, forced conversion of Hindus and Christians is taking place in Pakistan's Sindh province, and he is urging the Biden administration to ensure the region receives US funding.

Source: https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/hindus-christians-being-forcibly-converted-in-pakistan-s-sindh-us-lawmaker-1828774-2021-07-16?utm_source=twshare&utm_medium=socialicons&utm_campaign=shareurltracking

6. Minorities, including Ahmadis, Sikhs, Christians, and Hindus, have been persecuted and killed as a result of blasphemy, with rich people smearing others with false accusations and even killing them with impunity.

Source: <https://twitter.com/92Khurram/status/1487892990202888192>

7. Arzoo Raja, a 13-year-old Christian girl, was kidnapped and forced to convert and marry a 44-year-old Muslim. We remind Pakistan's government of its constitutional and human-rights responsibility to protect minorities.

Source: <https://twitter.com/Rukhsan53800348/status/1487743939369369600>

8. On Sunday, a grenade attack in Dera Allahyar town in Jaffarabad district injured at least 17 persons, including two police officers. Unknown motorcyclists allegedly threw a hand grenade at Subatpur Chowk, which exploded and injured 17 people, including two traffic police constables, according to the police. Following the explosion, security officers went to the scene and transported the injured to the district hospital. At least four of the injured were in critical condition, according to hospital officials. "We've moved the critically injured persons to Larkana," a senior police officer stated, warning that the officers could be targeted.

Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1672381>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. For the first time this summer, armed counter-terrorism officers will be deployed on British Cross-Channel ferries, despite government sources claiming there is no specific threat to passenger ships. The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) will station firearms officers aboard ferries leaving Dover and on passenger ships sailing between Newcastle and the Netherlands. The measure will improve security on British ferries, which are now unsecured and considered insecure, with passengers not being personally inspected or subjected to body scans before boarding, unlike flights or Eurostar trains.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jan/31/armed-counter-terrorism-officers-british-cross-channel-ferries-security>

2. During a meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum's coordination committee in March, Egypt announced its intention to vie for the presidency. The decision underscores Cairo's desire to contribute to international efforts to combat terrorism, according to the Foreign Ministry.

Source: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2010796/middle-east>

3. Following a DNA test, Iraq's National Security Services confirmed the killing of an Islamic State (ISIS) senior north of Baghdad on Monday. The murder of the so-called deputy governor, or Wali, of northern Baghdad in an airstrike in al-Tarmia area, north of the Iraqi capital, was confirmed by the National Security Services. Following DNA testing, he was recognised as Adwan Farhan Jafal, according to the statement. In 2014, ISIS controlled large swaths of Iraqi and Syrian territory, but was proclaimed territorially vanquished in 2017 and 2019. The gang, however, continues to pose a threat to both countries through bombings, hit-and-run attacks, kidnappings, and other means.

Source: <https://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/iraq/310120223>

4. Following many accusations of identity theft, the Counter-Terrorism and Organized Crime Investigations Branch (C-TOC) has initiated an investigation. Investigators are aware that unscrupulous people have been utilising the images and names of various people on social media platforms to perform unlawful acts, according to a statement

from the Police Communication Unit. Superintendent Hopeton Nicholson, whose name and images have been exploited to construct bogus pages on multiple platforms, including dating sites, according to the police. Victims have been brought to various locations in the Corporate Area, St. Catherine and St. Mary, believing they are communicating with Superintendent Nicholson, where they have been duped, robbed, and in some cases, sexually abused.

Source: <https://www.iriefm.net/counter-terrorism-and-organized-crime-investigations-branch-c-toc-launches-probe-following-several-reports-of-identity-theft/>

5. The Times has learned that armed counterterrorism agents will be deployed on British ferries for the first time this summer. On cross-channel ferries from Dover and passenger ships between Newcastle and the Netherlands, firearms officers from the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) will be stationed.

Source: <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/counterterror-police-will-protect-ferry-passengers-d8cqfkn8z>

6. According to Indonesia's National Counterterrorism Agency, at least 198 Islamic boarding schools are linked to terrorist organisations. At a meeting with MPs on Jan. 25, agency chairman Boy Rafli Amar said that the evaluation was the outcome of the agency's terrorism prevention efforts the previous year. He added there are 11 Islamic boarding schools linked to Jamaah Ansharut Khilafah, 68 to Jemaah Islamiyah, and 119 to [Jamaah] Ansharut Daulah, an Islamic State branch.

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/indonesian-terrorists-infiltrating-islamic-schools/95869#>

7. The Counter Extremism Project (CEP) publishes a weekly report on extremists' use of social media and the Internet to attract followers and instigate violence. ISIS' self-proclaimed West African Province (ISWAP) uploaded a movie dubbed "Generation of Empowerment" on over a dozen websites last week, which includes interviews with ISIS child soldiers as well as footage of child soldiers committing acts of brutality. Electronic Horizons Foundation (EHF), a pro-ISIS tech organisation, warned its members that shared photographs can reveal personal information and asked them to erase the photos' metadata.

Source: <https://en.europarabct.com/?p=78614>

8. The French government said this week that it was shutting down an activist-run media station and a Muslim website that were deemed to be incompatible with "national values," the latest in a string of actions that rights groups and lawyers claim violate democratic freedoms. Following a violent anti-extremist protest in Nantes, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin announced that "Nantes Révoltée," a local media outlet that had communicated information about the protest, would be shut down. He had declared plans to close the website "La Voie Droite," which broadcasts Islamic religious content, just a few days before.

Source: <https://en.eocr.eu/?p=3584>

9. This week, the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Counterterrorism Center released an updated resource for identifying violent extremists in the United States.

Source: <https://www.axios.com/domestic-violent-extremists-indicators-dbd113-854a-476d-ae5a-ef4a6c1b8eb2.html>

10. Robert Kiut, the chairman of the Abkhaz State Security Service (SSS), stated on Sunday that joint Russian-Abkhaz counter-terrorism exercises taking place in Sukhum, the Abkhaz capital, are aimed at removing foreign threats. Security officials said on Wednesday that from January 27 to February 5, counter-terrorism exercises will be performed in Abkhazia's capital. The exercises will be held at the main headquarters of the erstwhile Supreme Council of the Abkhaz Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic.

Source: <https://english.almayadeen.net/news/politics/official:-russian-abkhaz-counter-terrorism-exercises-attempt>