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Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. The Taliban have instructed female students at Herat University not to wear make-up or short clothing in yet latest crackdown on Afghan women. They've also made it illegal for women to record the voices of male academics who aren't "marhams" (person who is not in your relation).

SOURCES: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/taliban-prohibits-girls-from-wearing-make-up-short-clothes-at-herat-university20220314172305/>

2. Rina Amiri, the US Department of State's special envoy for Afghan women, said the Taliban must respect women's rights if they want international legitimacy. Rina Amiri went on to say that Afghan women should work in many aspects of society, not just health and education. In an interview with Voice of America, the ambassador stated that the Taliban must respect the rights of women, girls, minorities, and all citizens of Afghanistan. Taliban have denied any violations of rights, claiming that they are fully devoted to women's rights. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan-Taliban has accused the previous Afghan government, which was backed by the international community, of giving women phoney rights and stripping them of their real Islamic rights. The concern comes over the banning and restrictions being increased on woman freedom.

SOURCE: <https://www.khaama.com/taliban-ought-to-protect-womens-rights-if-they-want-legitimizationnbsp-us-representative-75785676/>

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

1. The inaugural women's march in Pakistan was met with a muted response, however there was some condemnation from Islamic fundamentalists who characterised the marchers as "anti-religious" and even "vulgar." They include domestic violence in the country.

SOURCE: <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2347800/role-of-women-in-pakistans-development>

2. More than 60 Shia worshipers were killed and more than 200 were injured in a heartbreaking suicide attack in a Shia mosque in Peshawar, Pakistan, while offering Friday prayers. Someone needs to save Pakistan's Shias from extinction. In Pakistan, Ahmadiyya Muslims have been proclaimed non-Islamic and labelled as Kafirs. When Pakistan's Parliament declined to acknowledge Ahmadiyya Muslims as Muslims in the 1970s, Abdus Salam's life and that of millions of other Ahmadiyya Muslims altered forever.

SOURCE: <https://avenuemail.in/somebody-should-protect-the-shias-of-pakistan-from-extinction/>

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3. Despite the Pakistan government's lofty claims about the availability of educational facilities across the province, many isolated parts of the province lack even a single school, depriving citizens of their basic right to education. Thoul Chaang is a large village with a population of 1,000 people in tehsil Jampur, district Rajanpur, however it lacks even a primary school for its youngsters.
SOURCE: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1679795/no-school-for-children-of-rajanpur-village>
4. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan has released a new report on the trafficking of girls and women in Pakistan. The report's significance stems from the fact that this is a widespread problem across the country, but nothing is known about the number of women and girls who are trafficked or how this crime is perpetrated.
SOURCE: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/941267-modern-slavery>
5. According to a source, 276 schools in Pakistan's Karachi have no students, but 317 teachers are hired at these institutions, and the authorities are hesitant to remark on the matter.
SOURCE: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/276-schools-in-pakistans-karachi-have-317-teachers-but-zero-students20220314194327/>
6. After a Shia leader was shot dead in a target killing in the Ancholi district of Pakistan's Karachi, police fear a resurgence of sectarian terrorism.
SOURCE: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/pakistan-karachi-police-fear-resurgence-of-sectarian-terrorism20220314190519/>
Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam
1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan presided over a high-level meeting to discuss the UAE's success in combating financial crime..Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFAIC) and Anti-money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) presented UAE's strategy to strengthen its efforts to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism.
SOURCE: <https://www.siasat.com/uae-mansour-bin-zayed-chairs-meeting-on-financing-of-terrorism-2290693/>

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2. Following an arrest by the Met Police's Counter Terrorism Command, a 15-year-old boy has been charged with terrorism offences. On March 13, the kid was charged with two counts of terrorism under Section 2 of the Terrorism Act 2006. A fresh detention warrant was later issued at Westminster Magistrates' Court, allowing police to hold the kid until March 14th.
SOURCE: <https://news.sky.com/story/boy-15-charged-with-terrorism-offences-met-police-says-12565954>
3. Three Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists were detained by the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday in connection with the death of sarpanch Shabir Ahmed Mir in Kulgam. "Vehicles employed in criminal activity have also been seized." During the investigation, it was discovered that the Sarpanch was slain on the orders of Hizbul Mujahideen main commander Farooq Nalli by Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Mushtaq Yattoo," the IGP noted.
SOURCE: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/jk-sarpanch-killing-3-hizbul-terrorists-held-weapons-vehicle-seized-101647248197369.html>
4. Sufism is a weapon against extremism, and the chief of the Sufi sect body declared on Sunday that it needs to be re-established and promoted throughout the country. Syed Naseruddin Chishti, chairman of the All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSC), called on people to prioritise humanity and the nation's progress, saying that Islam never preaches about violence in the name of religion and that people should desist from such aggressive activities.
SOURCE: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/delhi/2022/mar/14/sufism-is-answer-to-extremism--terrorism-aissc-2429890.html>
5. The Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition opened a training programme to combat terrorism in Riyadh on Sunday, according to the Saudi Press Agency. It's being held in collaboration with King's College London's Centre for Defence Studies. "Combating Terrorism: Principles and Practices" is aimed at IMCTC representatives from member states and will cover the main pillars of the coalition's work, such as ideological extremism and the mechanisms and methods to combat it, terrorism financing, including money laundering and financial controls, media and communications, and combating recruitment and terrorist propaganda, as well as the role of armed forces in the fight against terrorism.
SOURCE: <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2041856/saudi-arabia>
6. On Monday, Italian police announced the arrest of four Albanian residents accused of having ties to international terrorism in the coastal town of Bari. According to a police news release, an investigation into the group, which was suspected of collecting money for terrorist objectives at the time, began in April 2020. "The money raised in Bari's Islamic community was intended to help an Albanian imam who was already convicted in 2014 for sending dozens of fighters to Syria and promoting conflict between the Christian and Muslim populations, and who is presently imprisoned in Albania," according to the report.

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SOURCE: <https://balkaninsight.com/2022/03/14/italy-arrests-four-albanian-terrorism-suspects-in-bari/>

7. A 16-YEAR-OLD WEST YORKSHIRE GIRL has pleaded guilty to terrorist charges after a member of the public expressed concern over social media postings. An account suspected of distributing extreme right-wing content was reported to the Counter-Terrorism Internet Referral Unit. In May 2021, Counter Terrorism Policing North East apprehended a teenager from Leeds following a probe over the account. In July, he was arrested again. On February 17, the 16-year-old was brought to Westminster Youth Court, where he was charged with one count of disseminating a terrorist publication and another count of possessing terrorist material.

SOURCE: <https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/19992058.teen-convicted-terrorism-offences-online-postings/>

8. To combat the threat of terrorism in southern Africa, a regional centre has been formed. This comes as a result of growing terrorism in the region, as well as the reality that terrorism recognises no borders, necessitating the necessity for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to remain vigilant against such threats. On February 28, the SADC Regional Counter-Terrorism Centre (RCTC) was opened in Dar es Salam, Tanzania, where it would be based. The RCTC will be in charge of maintaining peace and stability in the region, allowing SADC to accomplish its long-term goals of a united, integrated, and prosperous community.

SOURCE: <https://economist.com.na/68923/special-focus/sadc-moves-to-thwart-terrorism/>

9. The state's combined security task team has neutralised an undetermined number of terrorists terrorising Magama Local Government Area in Niger State. The security task team was alleged to have surrounded the terrorists, killing some of them who were known for targeting the Munya and Mariga communities, in coordination with local vigilante group members. At the time of reporting this report on Sunday, a source who did not want his identity published told our correspondent that the security task force and vigilantes were still in the jungles flushing out the robbers.

SOURCE: <https://punchng.com/troops-niger-vigilantes-ambush-terrorists-kill-scores-recover-cows/>

10. Within Our Lifetime (WOL), a New York City-based anti-Israel organisation that supports the Palestinian right of return "from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea," resistance to the "Zionist occupation by any means necessary," and "the abolition of Zionism," said it was banned from Instagram last week, presumably after posting a collage featuring prominent Palestinian terrorists. WOL's concept for honouring International Women's Day was to create a collage, which was posted on March 8 and featured terrorist women. Rasmae Odeh, who was convicted of two terrorist bombs in 1969, one of which killed two Israeli agriculture students in Jerusalem, and Leila Khaled, who was a member of a Palestinian terror gang that hijacked a TWA flight that same year, were among those depicted in the collage. The prohibition was imposed the following day.

SOURCE: <https://www.jns.org/instagram-bans-anti-israel-group-after-it-posts-collage-featuring-terrorists/>

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11. The development of a Village Defense Guard, with the help of locals, is a preventative measure to ensure national security in rural parts of Jammu and Kashmir. Local villagers' active engagement in security concerns will be immensely valuable in suppressing anti-terrorist actions and maintaining surveillance on all topics connected to local village security, border security, and counter-insurgency.

SOURCE: <https://www.dailyexcelsior.com/village-defence-guard-a-commitment-to-defend-national-security/>

12. In collaboration with Murna Foundation, the Women Environmental Programme (WEP), a Nigeria-based international non-governmental organisation, has begun a two-year intervention on preventing violent extremism in an effort to provide relief to communities in Katsina State that are experiencing violence.

SOURCE: <https://dailytrust.com/wep-begins-a-1m-intervention-on-preventing-violent-extremism-in-katsina>