

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia

1. Afghanistan's main universities have reopened six months after the Taliban returned to power, but only a trickle of women have returned to now-segregated classes. Most secondary schools for girls and all public universities were shuttered following the Taliban's August 15 takeover, sparking fears women would be barred from education – as happened during the first rule of the Taliban, from 1996-2001.

Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/2/26/afghan-main-universities-reopen-but-few-women-return>

2. Afghan women face increasing repression under Taliban. At the end of January 2022. Taliban members then allegedly gang-raped 8 women. The women who survived the gang rape were subsequently killed by their families.

Source: <https://livewire.thewire.in/gender-and-sexuality/as-international-spotlight-fades-afghan-women-face-increasing-repression-under-taliban/>

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

1. A 25-year-old Christian man, Pervez Masih, was killed after a dispute about a neighbour's high music volume. Minorities are being tortured and killed in Pakistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/MuneebaTak/status/1498188279232937986>

2. Height of Persecution of poor Hindu minorities in Pakistan. Poor Dalits in Sanghar Sindh Pakistan, bury their dead, as they can't afford the cremation & ritual costs. Radicals forcibly exhumed the dead from the graveyard overnight.

Source: <https://twitter.com/MohdArifJamal/status/1497961622106963970>

3. A minority Hindu Girl Urvashi Darshanlal Kukreja was abducted by Muslim man Babar Ali at Gunpoint, raped, forcibly converted to Islam and married to her abductor on 15 Jun 2021 at Mirpur Mathelo, Sindh Pakistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/SaveMinorities/status/1497960121758281738>

4. The home of a Baloch activist with women & children has been under siege by #PakistanArmy. Prior to this, more than 40 women with children were kidn@ped from Bolan area of Balochistan during Aug 2017.

Source: <https://twitter.com/Aariz06526308/status/1498185594442186752>

5. A lady doctor was raped in the Balochistan last year sparked tribal clashes says she is still terrified. “I was threatened many times in Pakistan that I still feel scared.”
Source: <https://twitter.com/ImranTa60520392/status/1498160601322905600>
6. The Pakistan Army has looted more than 100 houses during military operations in different areas of Balochistan.
Source: <https://twitter.com/anish55247/status/1498133878124408837>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. Swedish telecoms company Ericsson has been accused of spending “millions of dollars” to smuggle equipment into ISIS-controlled territory in Iraq. The claim is contained in a leaked internal report by the company obtained by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.
Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/telecoms-company-ericsson-gave-millions-to-islamic-state-terrorist-group-in-iraq/>
2. In what looks like a loss of will and abdication of responsibility, France’s President Macron announced on February 17 that French troops are being withdrawn from Mali, the former French colony. Leading French newspaper Le Monde commented: “It is an inglorious outcome of an armed intervention that began in euphoria and which ends, nine years later, against a backdrop of crisis between Mali and France.”
Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/france-opens-way-for-islamic-state-terrorists/>
3. An Australian-born Islamic State terrorist has been released from a Turkish prison, but he remains in immigration detention as he waits to see whether any country would take him in. Neil Prakash, a Buddhist who was reared in Melbourne, was sentenced to seven and a half years in prison in March 2019. He was apprehended by Turkish border police as he attempted to enter the country from Syria in October 2016, and spent five years in a maximum-security prison in Gaziantep.
Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/australian-islamic-state-terrorist-neil-prakash-released-from-jail-and-thrown-in-immigration-detention/>
4. The assassination of ISIS leader Abu Ibrahim al-Qurayshi by US Special Forces on February 3 has raised fears that the vicious terrorist group, once thought to be defeated, is resurrecting. According to the Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center, ISIS committed 2,705 acts of terrorism last year, killing or injuring 8,147 individuals. That's in line with ISIS's plans for 2020. ISIS stormed Syria's al-Hasakah Central Prison, which houses over 4,400 ISIS captives, two weeks before this month's raid, causing a devastating daylong siege.
Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/islamic-state-resurrection-cause-for-alarm/>
5. The Russian Federal Security Service's (FSB) public relations centre declared on Sunday that a planned Islamic State terror strike in Kaluga, southwest Russia, had been prevented, according to TASS. The FSB stopped a terrorist attempt on one of the

facilities and on law enforcement officers in the Kaluga area, according to a statement released by the centre. According to the statement, a citizen from Central Asia was apprehended while planning the attack.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/russian-fsb-foiled-islamic-state-terrorist-attack-in-russian-province-of-kaluga/>

6. An ISIS terrorist's attempt to enter Baghdad was foiled today, according to the Baghdad operations centre. The terrorist, known as "Abu Othman," was planning to enter Baghdad's al-Ghazaliyah neighbourhood when he was apprehended, according to the command. In a different situation, the Federal police apprehended four people who were attempting to smuggle oil illegally.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/islamic-state-terrorist-detained-while-attempting-to-enter-baghdad/>

7. The Sabon Gari community in Damboa Local Government Area (LGA) of Borno state, northeast Nigeria, was assaulted by suspected Boko Haram militants, who killed 11 people and injured many more. According to Politics Nigeria, rebels on gun trucks and motorcycles assaulted villages over the weekend, looting food and narcotics after causing panic with indiscriminate gunshots.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/boko-haram-terrorists-killed-more-than-10-civilians-in-borno/>

8. The so-called caliphate has once again lost its leader. On the surface, the US commando mission in Syria that killed ISIS leader Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi may appear to be a game-changer, but experts warn that the group's comeback will likely continue unabated. This horrific terrorist leader is no more, thanks to the bravery of our forces," said US Vice President Joe Biden, hours after the operation that targeted Qurayshi in the Syrian rebel pocket of Idlib came to an end. Biden may have hoped for the same acclaim as his predecessors when they killed ISIS founder Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. ISIS experts, on the other hand, were quick to dismiss rumours of a large-scale attack.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/death-of-islamic-state-chief-raises-more-questions-than-answers/>

9. The death on February 3 in Syria's northwest province of Idlib of Islamic State (IS) leader Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi, also known as Abdullah Qaradash, sparked a range of reactions among Yazidis, against whom IS has committed war crimes and atrocities since occupying their historic homeland in Iraq in August 2014. Seif Mito, a 19-year-old Yazidi, told Al-Monitor about his treatment by IS during the group's authority. IS fighters took him and his five-year-younger brother Zeid from Sinjar in northern Iraq, he claimed, after their whole family was slaughtered.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/yazidis-react-to-the-killing-of-islamic-state-leader/>

10. Five militants of the extremist group Islamic State (IS) were killed in airstrikes in Iraq's northern province of Kirkuk on Wednesday, the Iraqi military said. Iraqi security forces

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conducted airstrikes on two IS hideouts after a force from the Counter-Terrorism Service spotted them in the al-Dibis area in the northwest of the namesake provincial capital Kirkuk, some 250 km north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, the spokesperson of the commander-in-chief of the Iraqi forces said in a statement. The early morning airstrikes killed five IS militants, including two of its local leaders, and destroyed their hideouts, said the statement. Over the past few months, Iraqi security forces have carried out deadly attacks against IS militants in response to their intensified activities

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/iraqi-airstrikes-killed-five-islamic-state-terrorists-in-iraq/>