

DAILY TRACKER

Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia

1. Under Taliban rule women are been restricted with the most basic rights which has made their life miserable. Afghan women's left-over hopes are getting shattered as the right to freedom of movement is also taken from them.

Source: <https://twitter.com/TheVenusMagz/status/1499349340158050306>

2. The transformation for women and girls was immediate when the Taliban took power of Afghanistan on August 15, 2021. They had to be terrified to leave their homes all of a sudden. Outside, the men - Taliban militants – were known for hitting women because of their clothing or because they didn't have a male family member, a mahram, to accompany them. Women and girls feared that these abuses would resurface, and their worries were validated. Every man with a gun standing on a corner made his own rules about what was required. It was gloves at times, and socks at other times.

Source: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/03/02/afghan-women-watching-walls-close>

3. Dozens of women activists and journalists killed, detained or disappeared in Afghanistan after Taliban takeover.

Source: <https://twitter.com/MurtazaReza01/status/1499309343652691969>

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

1. The recent incident of Punjab Police destroying about 50 tombstones in an Ahmadiyya cemetery has once again brought to light the deep-rooted disdain for minority communities in the state of Pakistan.

Source: <https://twitter.com/Sh0333yunus/status/1499330249573953545>

2. During his recent three-day visit to Pakistan, Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury expressed concern about the misuse of blasphemy laws. According to the Dawn newspaper, the Church of England's head stated that the blasphemy laws were clearly being used to target non-Muslim minorities, such as Christians and Hindus, who were living in constant fear.

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/archbishop-welby-concerned-over-blasphemy-laws-in-pakistan/96327>

3. In Sindh, Mirpur Khas Malahi Colony, Asif Halepoto along with his accomplices kidnapped a Hindu girl Meera. Save minorities in Pakistan and the persecutions of the innocent people.

Source: <https://twitter.com/KesooMalKhealD/status/1498295050094235648>

4. Officials claimed three persons were killed, including a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), and 24 others were injured in a bomb near a police van on Quetta's Fatima Jinnah Road on Wednesday. DIG Operations Fida Hussain told the media that a police mobile from the City police station was in the area about 7 p.m. when the loud explosion occurred. He stated the nature of the explosion was still being determined, but that 2-2.5 kilogrammes of explosives were utilised. Hussain also identified one of the victims as a DSP, and said that 24 people were injured, including police officers.

Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1677906>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. Four Islamic State militants were arrested today in Baghdad, according to the Security Media Cell. The terrorists were apprehended today in a security operation, according to the Cell, and all legal actions have been begun against them.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/four-islamic-state-terrorists-detained-in-baghdad/>

2. Ericsson, a Swedish company, announced on March 2 that US authorities judged its disclosures about an internal investigation into its activities in Iraq, which included potential kickbacks to the Islamic State, "insufficient." The announcement from the telecom equipment producer sent shares falling, and by lunchtime on the Stockholm stock exchange, they were down nearly 12%. The stock had already taken a hit in recent weeks as a result of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists' planned launch of a media inquiry (ICIJ).

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/us-finds-ericsson-disclosures-on-iraq-graft-insufficient/>

3. After the death of its commander, Abu Ibrahim al-Qurashi, an Egyptian observer anticipated that the ISIS terror organisation would experience internal conflicts. ISIS has always been worried with internal disputes after losing its leaders, according to the Cairo-based al-Azhar Observatory for Combating Terrorism. The organisation hopes to regroup and pick al-successor. Qurashi's "Finding a new leader for the organisation may prove more challenging this time than in the past," the Observatory predicted.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/internal-divisions-to-stall-islamic-state-appointing-new-leader-of-terrorist-group/>

4. The Niger State government's new measures for ending the siege by terrorist organisations operating in roughly eight local government areas in the state have shown positive results, with over 200 criminals killed between Sunday and Wednesday. Security officers paid a high price for the achievement, as the joint security forces battling the daredevil criminals lost two of their guys, while numerous more with varied degrees of damage are responding to treatment.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/over-200-terrorists-killed-by-army-of-niger-in-last-four-days/>

5. According to a global report, the Middle East and North Africa is no longer the region most afflicted by terrorism. The region's improved performance in the Global Terrorism Index, which examined the number of terrorist-related incidents over the course of 2021, can be attributed to the weakening of ISIS in the region. Sixteen of the region's countries increased their scores from the previous year, while three remained unchanged. Only Algeria saw a rise in the number of people killed by terrorists. "Fatalities in the Mena region accounted for 39% of overall global terrorism deaths between 2007 and 2021," according to the research.

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7. The Security Media Cell (SMC) reported earlier today, Wednesday, that Iraqi military intelligence had apprehended three people with ties to the terrorist organisation ISIS in the Nineveh plain. The intelligence unit of the Iraqi army's 16th division was able to discover and capture three people with alleged ties to ISIS at the Shaheed Sabhan checkpoint in Nineveh plain, according to SMC. "The arrestees are wanted by the judiciary under Article 4/Terrorism laws," SMC stated.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/three-islamic-state-terrorist-group-members-caught-in-nineveh-province/>

8. The US has sanctioned four South Africans who are accused of leading Islamic State cells in the country or facilitating support for branches outside, including through the transfer of finances and the acquisition of weapons. Farhad Hooper, Sirraaj Miller, Abdella Hussein Abadigga, and Peter Charges Mbaga have been classified as Islamic State organisers or facilitators by the US Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, which prohibits US companies from engaging in certain transactions with them. A former lawyer for Hooper did not reply to a request for comment or contact within 24 hours. Reuters was unable to locate the other three people' contact information.

Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/us-authorities-sanctioned-four-south-africans-over-alleged-islamic-state-links/>

9. More than a dozen organisations and individuals have been sanctioned by the US government for allegedly participating in a commodity trading conspiracy to fund the

Houthi rebels in Yemen. A network managed by Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps and previously sanctioned financier Sa'id al-Jamal "has moved tens of millions of dollars to Yemen via a complicated worldwide network of intermediaries in support of the Houthis' attacks," according to the US Treasury. The network "earned tens of millions of dollars in revenue with the help of a varied array of international commodity dealers," according to a statement released by the Treasury Department on February 23. Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/us-authorities-sanctioned-traders-and-ship-managers-over-houthi-finance-network/>

10. Defense Minister Benny Gantz issued a seizure order for Hamas-linked cryptocurrencies valued tens of thousands of shekels on Monday morning. Israel has confiscated cryptocurrency accounts used to fund terrorism for the third time in a year. According to the Defense Ministry, the 12 digital accounts and 30 digital wallets belonged to businesses linked with the Al'matchadun currency exchange enterprise. Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/israeli-authorities-seized-cryptocurrency-destined-for-funding-hamas-terror-activities/>

11. The National Police of Spain arrested five Pakistani citizens for encouraging their compatriots to assassinate anyone who raise their voices against them through social media, dealing a body blow to the country's already established radical Islam. According to a media source, police arrested the Pakistani citizens on February 21 in Barcelona, Gerona, Ubeda (Jaen), and Granada. The detainees, all in their twenties, were sympathisers with a radical Islamist group in Pakistan, the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), which has parliamentary representation and advocates the implementation of Islamic law and the execution of those branded as blasphemers, according to the report. Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/five-pakistanis-arrested-by-spanish-authorities-on-terrorism-charges/b>

12. Maj. Gen Yahya Rasool, spokesman for the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, reported the arrest of ISIS militants in many governorates, including Erbil. In a statement, Rasool claimed the Counter-Terrorism service completed successful missions that began in Baghdad and ended in Erbil, the Kurdistan Region's capital. He revealed that two terrorists were apprehended in Baghdad, with a third apprehended in al-Anbar. According to the announcement, two terrorists were also apprehended in Saladin's Nineveh. Source: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/six-islamic-state-terrorists-arrested-in-several-governorates-including-erbil/>