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Taliban's extremist implementation of sharia law

1. At the gates, Najma was met by a guard who refused her entry.'He said, 'No," she recalls. Girls' schools have been closed. You are not permitted to enter." 'At the time, I felt as if something had been lost in my life. My heart rate slowed. I was so light. Numb. I was at a loss for words. I locked my gaze on the guard. I had no idea what was going on. That was a terrible day that I'll never forget. It's something I'll remember for the rest of my life.' The Taliban claimed that last month's decision was purely technical, citing concerns about Shari'a-compliant school uniforms, a shortage of female teachers, and even power outages. However, there is widespread agreement among women's rights activists and international observers that these are justifications.
SOURCE: <https://metro.co.uk/2022/04/08/the-girls-turned-away-from-school-by-the-taliban-16423432/>
2. The Taliban's swift return last year cast a pall over Afghanistan's fledgling women's game, which was exacerbated by public comments by ministers that women and girls would not be allowed to play sport because Islamic Law forbids it, as does their role in media and movies. Following the Taliban's takeover, there were reports of female cricketers fleeing Afghanistan, fearing that the regime would reintroduce a ban on women and girls participating in sports. "There is no way of knowing if women's cricket is developing there right now," a source close to the situation said.
SOURCE: <https://www.espnricinfo.com/story/working-group-to-submit-findings-about-afghanistan-womens-cricket-to-icc-this-week-1309724>
3. The Islamic Emirate Ministry of Virtue and Vice issued an order prohibiting women from travelling long distances by road without the presence of a male relative. The standard advice to wear a hijab to cover one's face and head was also reiterated. The directive also prohibited the use of music in automobiles or buses. During the Taliban's previous incarnation, music was prohibited, and things are gradually returning to normal. The Taliban, who believe that music is not a part of Islam, destroyed musical instruments in several provinces. According to officials in the Islamic Emirate, women can have rights based on Islamic regulations.
SOURCE: <https://www.outlookindia.com/international/back-to-square-one-taliban-goes-back-on-its-promises-to-the-international-community-news-190712>
4. The Afghan Taliban's supreme leader banned poppy cultivation in the country on Sunday, saying violators would face punishment under Islamic Sharia law. The Interior Ministry in Kabul announced a ban on poppy cultivation and all types of narcotics, as well as their trade, transportation, export, and import. "As per the decree of the supreme leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, all Afghans are informed that cultivation of poppy has been strictly prohibited across the country," said an order issued at a press

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conference by the Taliban's supreme leader, Sheikh Haibatullah Akhunzada. "If anyone violates the decree, the crop will be destroyed immediately, and the violator will be dealt with according to Sharia law," said Taliban spokesman and Deputy Information Minister Zabihullah Mujahid.

SOURCE: <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/948432-Afghan%20Taliban%20ban%20poppy%20cultivation>

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

1. Instability in Pakistan will strengthen extremists and make the region more unstable. It is a fact that Pakistan has faced religious extremism and ethnic disputes for decades. Spiraling inflation, falling GDP figures, and a debt-ridden economy raise questions about what is causing real instability in Pakistan. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan stated in a significant remark on the causes of economic distress and its links to prolonged social instability: "Poverty devastates families, communities, and nations. It fuels conflict by causing instability and political unrest."

SOURCE: <https://www.news9live.com/world/pakistan/instability-in-pak-will-make-extremists-more-powerful-and-the-region-unstable-163558>

2. Pooja Kumari (Oad), an 18-year-old Sindhi-Hindu girl, was shot dead in Rohi, Sukkur, Pakistan, after a failed abduction attempt by radical extremists. According to regional Sindhi media, the girl was shot in the middle of the street after resisting her assailants. Nandlal Meghwar, a Hindu minor boy from Chachro, Sindh, was also discovered hanging from a tree. He was brutally beaten, and then his throat was slashed. Sindhi Hindus made up 13% of the population in 1947, but that figure has now fallen to 1.5 percent. Pakistan is waging a war on Sindhi-Hindus, and our brothers and sisters are being kidnapped, raped, tortured, and forcibly converted. Our silence will tear the Asian subcontinent's history apart. Thousands of our people have already died.

SOURCE: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/desires-of-a-modern-indian/sindhi-hindus-are-dying-where-is-the-outrage/>

3. The Sindh Health Department has halted the free distribution of a number of cancer drugs to the province's public hospitals. Thousands of patients' lives have been jeopardised due to a lack of essential medicines. The Sindh CML Project was suspended by the Health Department about six months ago, halting the free supply of life-saving cancer medicines to public hospitals. Cancer patients have been forced to purchase these medications directly from pharmacies or pharmaceutical companies since that time. As a result, the already overburdened cancer patients have been subjected to additional financial strain.

SOURCE: <https://propakistani.pk/2022/04/08/sindh-is-no-longer-providing-free-cancer-medicines-to-public-hospitals/>

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4. The Pakistan crisis casts a pall over regional stability. Terrorism, military dominance, poor political leadership, Jihadism, and rampant corruption have all contributed to Pakistan's current predicament.
SOURCE: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/pak-crisis-casts-a-shadow-over-regional-stability-384466>

Positive stories on steps taken against radical Islam

1. On Friday, Israel was on high alert, a day after a Palestinian terrorist killed two people and injured many more on a busy street in central Tel Aviv. The terrorist was killed in an exchange of fire with Israeli forces in Jaffa early Friday morning, several kilometres away.
SOURCE: <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-703568>
2. Terrorist Sponsors Must Be Tried Immediately. They have since been shielded from prosecution for no legal or moral reason. The Federal Government has ignored our demand for the suspects' arrest and prosecution. In another development, the Attorney-General of the Federation announced that the investigation of the cases of terrorist sponsors and 800 terror suspects by security forces would be completed between April and May 2021.
SOURCE: <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2022/04/08/sponsors-of-terrorism-should-be-tried-now/>
3. On Thursday, security forces apprehended a terrorist associate of the Lashkar-e-Toiba terror organisation in the Dolipora Kreeri area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district in the union territory.
SOURCE: <https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/let-terrorist-associate-held-in-j-ks-baramulla20220408034133/>
4. The FBI and ATF have launched a domestic terrorism investigation after the Odessa Police Department's bomb squad was forced to detonate an explosive device discovered outside the west entrance of the Ector County Courthouse on Thursday morning. Law enforcement agencies from all over the area, including the OPD, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Ector County Independent School District, converged on the courthouse to barricade access to the area. The building has been inspected by bomb-detecting dogs from the ECISD, and authorities believe the courthouse will reopen around noon, according to Griffis.
SOURCE: <https://news.yahoo.com/fbi-atf-launch-domestic-terrorism-000300055.html>

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5. On Thursday, some pastors in Kaduna took to the streets to protest the state's ongoing terrorist attacks and killings. The pastors, who were spotted around the ever-busy Lagos Roundabout under the banner of the Interfaith Alliance, urged the Federal Government to step up actions against the hoodlums who had launched attacks on various parts of the state over the years. The clerics said that while the government was doing its best, it wasn't enough, and that it was now time for the government to bomb the bandits out of existence.
SOURCE: <https://punchng.com/kaduna-attacks-pastors-protest-urge-fg-to-end-terrorism/>
6. Hafiz Saeed, the mastermind of the 2008 Mumbai terror attack, was sentenced to four concurrent prison terms ranging from six months to five years. The radical cleric, 70, had already been sentenced to 36 years in prison in five previous cases. In new cases, a Pakistani anti-terrorism court has sentenced 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed.
SOURCE: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/hafiz-saeed-sentenced-to-31-years-in-prison-by-pakistan-court-report-101649422508598.html>
7. The Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Coordination Committee endorsed Thursday Egypt and the European Union (EU) joint nomination to chair the organisation, succeeding Canada and Morocco. According to the ministry, Egypt intends to use its experience combating terrorism to accelerate the implementation of the forum's 2021-2031 strategic vision document. This is in addition to bolstering the effectiveness of the international counterterrorism system and assisting member states in implementing the United Nations Global Counterterrorism Strategy.
SOURCE: <https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/114670/Egypt-to-co-chair-Global-Counterterrorism-Forum-for-2-years>
8. The second EU-wide joint action day against hate crime, led by France and supported by Europol's European Counter Terrorism Centre (ECTC), targeted racist and xenophobic hate speech as well as other hate crimes on the internet and in the real world. The operation was carried out in 11 different countries. On the action day, 7 April 2022, law enforcement authorities raided multiple locations across Europe and targeted 176 people for offences such as the dissemination of racist and xenophobic hate speech, incitement to violence, and incitement to commit crimes.
SOURCE: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/tackling-hate-crime-across-europe-second-joint-action-day-targets-over-170-individuals>
9. Senator Ryan Pinder, the Caribbean country's attorney general and minister of legal affairs, introduced amendments to underlying pieces of legislation to ensure compliance with FATF standards and to promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory, and operational measures to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing, as well as other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system. During the parliamentary debate on the amendments, Pinder stated that all of the

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underlying pieces of legislation were passed to ensure compliance with the Financial Action Task Force's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing obligations (FATF).

SOURCE: <https://www.internationalinvestment.net/news/4048015/bahamas-steps-closer-compliance-fatf-recommendations>

10. In his Friday morning remarks, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, Defense Minister Benny Gantz, and Public Security Minister Omer Bar-Lev all warned that those involved in Thursday night's Tel Aviv terrorist attack would be found and punished. "Every killer should know that we will find him," Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said. Anyone who aids terrorists should be aware that the cost will be unbearable."

SOURCE: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/someone-helped-terrorist-involved-in-the-latest-tel-aviv-terrorist-attack-to-obtain-weapons/>

11. Israeli authorities apprehended a terrorist suspect with an explosive device during an overnight raid in the West Bank. According to police, at dawn, undercover officers apprehended a terror suspect in the Jenin refugee camp in the northern West Bank. During the arrest, police discovered an explosive device hidden in the suspect's scooter near his home. The Palestinian man was taken to the Shin Bet security agency for questioning. The arrest is part of Operation Breakwater, which is targeting individuals suspected of plotting future attacks as well as those suspected of being involved in recent deadly attacks in Israel.

SOURCE: <https://www.gfatf.org/archives/terrorist-suspect-with-explosive-device-arrested-by-israeli-authorities-in-overnight-west-bank-raid/>

12. Hyundai Rotem is collaborating with Rainbow Robotics, another South Korean company, to design and develop a multi-legged walking defence robot for military counter-terrorism missions. The two companies will collaborate to develop a cutting-edge military robot that combines unmanned weapon systems and advanced autonomous technologies. The collaboration comes at a time when there is a growing global demand for robots that can operate in battlefields, disaster zones, and urban areas. Multi-legged robots can traverse difficult terrain, such as rocky boulders and narrow mountain trails. They can also move faster in difficult terrain to transport supplies or injured soldiers.

SOURCE: <https://www.thedefensepost.com/2022/04/08/hyundai-defense-robot/>