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	<p>Human Rights Watch, <i>Afghanistan Events of 2021</i> https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2022/country-chapters/afghanistan.</p> <p>“In the largest of these expulsions, in September, hundreds of Hazara families from the Gizab district of Uruzgan province and neighboring districts of Daykundi province were forced to abandon their homes and flee.”</p>	
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	<p>former government or ANDSF, spying for ANDSF, or because they were accused by the Taliban of ‘immoral conduct’ such as adultery.”</p> <p>Includes recent target attacks against women on pg. 19</p> <p>“In the wake of the Taliban takeover, the UN Human Rights Special Rapporteurs have also expressed concerns regarding the safety of journalists, human rights defenders and civil rights activist as the insurgents prepare to govern the country. SER advised that Taliban perceive human rights defenders as an extension of the American presence in the country because they find that the idea of human rights undermine the principles of Islam.”</p> <p>Includes list of recent target attacks against human rights defenders on pg. 24</p>	
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	<p>“On January 16, Paryani and Ibrahimkhel participated in a protest in Kabul against recent Taliban abuses of women protesters and other restrictions on women. <u>Witnesses said</u> that on the night of January 19, armed men claiming to be Taliban intelligence broke through the door of Paryani’s home and took her away, along with three of her sisters. Paryani posted a video on social media of the moment before the men broke into her house. Ibrahimkhel was similarly <u>abducted from her home</u> and her whereabouts remain unknown.”</p>	
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	<p>collect to pay public servants' salaries. The man said he feared for his life when he was in prison.”</p> <p>“When I was arrested, I told my wife, if I’m not back in two hours, call your father,” the man said. After 24 hours in a small cell with two robbers, during which he said he was verbally threatened, he was released. The stint in prison drained him of any appetite for rebellion he may have had.”</p>	
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