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	<p>or the previous Afghan government, according to an intelligence report submitted to the United Nations.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The report also said that the Taliban are rounding up Afghans on a blacklist of people in major cities like Kabul, Jalalabad and Herat. ‘Taliban are intensifying the hunt-down of all individuals and collaborators with the former regime, and if unsuccessful, target and arrest the families and punish them according to their own interpretation of Sharia law,’ said the report, dated Wednesday. ‘Particularly at risk are individuals in central positions in military, police and investigative units.’ Afghans who helped U.S. and NATO troops during the two decades of their deployment in the country are also being targeted, it said.” 	
	<p>Amnesty International, <i>Afghanistan: Government collapse marked by ‘repeated war crimes and relentless bloodshed’- new report</i> (15 Dec. 2021) https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2021/12/afghanistan-government-collapse-marked-by-repeated-war-crimes-and-relentless-bloodshed-new-report/ (article noting the Taliban killings of those who worked for Afghan government or are suspected government sympathizers).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “As they seized control of districts across Afghanistan in July and August 2021, members of the Taliban tortured and killed ethnic and religious minorities, former ANDSF soldiers, and those perceived as government sympathizers in reprisal attacks.” - “[T]hey conducted door-to-door searches to identify people suspected of working for the former government. The fighters extrajudicially executed at least six civilian men within 24 hours, mainly by gunshots to the head, chest or heart. Such killings constitute war crimes. Eyewitnesses said that while some of the men had previously served in the ANSDF, none were in government security forces or taking part in hostilities in any way at the time of execution.” 	
	<p>BBC News, <i>Afghanistan: Taliban carrying out door-to-door manhunt, report says</i> (20 Aug. 2021) https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-58271797</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The Taliban have stepped up their search for people who worked for Nato forces or the previous Afghan government, a report has warned. It said the militants have been going door-to-door to find targets and threaten their family members.” - “‘It is in writing that, unless they give themselves in, the Taliban will arrest and prosecute, interrogate and punish family members on behalf of those individuals.’ [The head of the Norwegian Center for Global Analyses, which provides intelligence to the UN] warned that anyone on the 	

	<p>Taliban's blacklist was in severe danger, and that there could be mass executions.”</p>	
	<p>The Danish Ministry of Immigration and Integration, <i>Afghanistan: Recent developments in the security situation, impact on civilian and targeted individuals</i> (Sep. 2021) https://www.ecoi.net/en/file/local/2060188/Afghanistan_Targetedindiv_FINAL.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “During the course of the Taliban offensive, as well as after the conquest of Kabul, there have been reports of the Taliban targeting members of the civilian population and the Afghan military as well their families. According to SER, members of Taliban have been going door to door and arresting or threatening family members of targeted individuals. He explained how members of the Taliban came to the house in Kabul of a colleague of his knocking on the door.” - Includes recent incidents of targeted attacks against members of ANDSF on pg. 23 - Includes recent incidents of targeted attacks on former government employees on pg. 22 	
	<p>European Asylum Support Office, <i>Afghanistan Country Focus: Country of Origin Information Report</i> (Jan. 2022) https://euaa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/publications/2022_01_EASO_COI_Report_Afghanistan_Country_focus.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Patricia Gossman, associate director for the Asia division of Human Rights Watch, told Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) that there were many reports of people being arrested ‘purely for having any association with the former security forces and family members being interrogated or beaten by Taliban looking for former officials’, and that those carrying out such abuses appeared to have been given a ‘free hand’ while top-officials denied such events taking place.” - “[O]n 30 November 2021, Human Rights Watch published a report stating that they had documented ‘summary execution or enforced disappearance’ of 47 former ANSF members ‘who had surrendered to or were apprehended by Taliban forces’ between 15 August – 31 October 2021, and that their research indicated that over 100 former security force personnel and family members of such individuals had been targeted.” (pg 46) 	

	<p>TOLO News, <i>Family Claims Former MoD Officer Detained by Islamic Emirate</i> (18 Feb. 2022) https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-176720</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “A family in Kabul claims that their son, who was a former officer of the Ministry of Defense, has been detained by the forces of the Islamic Emirate. According to Javad Jafari’s family, two nights ago some individuals claiming to be members of the Islamic Emirate, entered their house at 8 pm without a court order and forcibly arrested him and took him to an unknown location.” - “Arbitrary detentions are so disturbing that now people cannot sleep--even in their own homes--for fear,” said Khudadad, Javad’s relatives.” 	
	<p>Human Rights Watch, <i>Afghanistan Events of 2021</i> https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2022/country-chapters/afghanistan.</p> <p>“Taliban forces in several provinces carried out retaliatory killings of at least dozens of former officials and security force personnel. After the Taliban took control of Malistan, Ghazni, in mid-July, they killed at least 19 security force personnel in their custody, along with a number of civilians.”</p> <p>“Taliban forces also forcibly evicted people from their homes in a number of provinces including Daykundi, Uruzgan, Kunduz, and Kandahar, in apparent retaliation for the residents’ perceived support for the former government.”</p>	
	<p>Abubakar Siddique (Gandhara), <i>Six Months and An Eternity: Afghans Lose Hope Under Taliban Rule</i> (15 Feb. 2022) https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/six-months-taliban-rule/31705236.html</p> <p>“[A] half-year later, the United Nations and human rights watchdogs continue to report grave abuses. The UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan ‘continued to receive credible allegations of killings, enforced disappearances, and other violations,’ UN Secretary- General Antonio Guterres said in a report to the Security Council late last month. The experiences of Afghans echo the UN assessment. ‘My brother has been missing for three months’ an Afghan man said of his sibling, a senior former Afghan army officer. ‘We don’t know whether he is alive or dead,’ he added, while requesting anonymity to avoid reprisals by the Taliban.”</p>	

Maryam Jami (Jurist), *The Lawless Land: How Does the Taliban's Abolishing of Afghan Laws Affect Citizen Security?* (10 Jan 2022)

<https://www.jurist.org/commentary/2022/01/maryam-jami-lawlessness-taliban-afghan-laws-citizens-security/>

- “After conquering the presidential palace, the historical seat of Afghan power, Taliban officials declared the establishment of an Islamic Emirate, vowing to re-configure the fundamental institutions of the former Afghan government. The Taliban’s acting justice minister pledged in September to replace the Islamic Republic’s constitution (2004) with 20th-century monarchy-era legislation (1964), thereby abolishing the 2004 Constitution. That being said, the group has not yet taken any steps to re-enact the monarchic constitution of 1964. For now, they confined themselves to generally implementing their own interpretation of Sharia (Islamic principles). While handling some minor issues, the Taliban’s interpretation of Islamic principles does not equal an organized set of laws that can formally be adopted and enforced across the country. This situation in turn leads Afghanistan towards a state of lawlessness.”
- “According to legal experts, the Taliban’s proclamation flouts the international principles granting those accused of crimes the right to have access to impartial legal counsel in order to undergo a fair trial. The discarding of the Afghan Penal Code also gives the Taliban officials full authority to proceed with their desired style of trial and punishment.”
- “Still further, the state of lawlessness has even empowered the Taliban authorities themselves, to threaten the security of citizens and destabilize the country. **Although the group had declared amnesty to all members of the former Afghan security sector, they have either abducted or killed over 100 former Afghan security personnel since taking power in August. It is possible that the true figure might be significantly higher.** According to the Human Rights Watch, the Taliban leaders told the members of the surrendering Afghan National Security Force units to register with them in order to acquire a letter ensuring their protection. The Taliban, on the other hand, have exploited similar checks to imprison and **summarily execute or forcibly disappear people** within days of registering, leaving their bodies for relatives or communities to locate. No single law is currently enforced in the Afghanistan to stop the Taliban authorities from carrying out such operations. Neither is there an independent court where the Taliban can be sued for their conduct of unlawful punishment and killing.”

	<p>Jurist Staff, <i>Afghanistan dispatches: ‘Anyone on the Taliban’s blacklist is in great danger.’</i> (Oct. 2021) https://www.jurist.org/news/2021/10/afghanistan-dispatches-anyone-on-the-talibans-blacklist-is-in-great-danger/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Taliban’s targeting of perceived or potential opponents in Afghanistan who publicly object to their policies, who were associated with the previous government, or who worked with foreign forces prior to the Taliban takeover. [...] It’s mostly social activists, former military and government officials, CSOs, and traders who have been targeted, warned, and even affected by the Taliban. In particular, former government officials in Panjshir, Mazar, and Samangan provinces have been targeted, leading to the death of one in Samangan province. A few weeks ago the Taliban even went farther and stated some specific individuals – especially those who worked with the foreign forces – should give themselves up to be prosecuted or they will prosecute their family members if they find them. Anyone on the Taliban’s blacklist is in great danger. The Taliban are using different techniques in targeting people. They have issued warning letters to some former government officials stating that if they do not give themselves to them then their families would be arrested. Several officials of the the central bank received warning letters in the last three weeks. They all received written warning letters signed and stamped by the Taliban. One of the warning letters shared with me said ‘You should have stopped working with a slave government under control of Americans; we shall punish you so others take a lesson.’” 	
	<p>Amelia Gentleman (Guardian), <i>Former British embassy driver badly beaten in Kabul</i> (Oct. 2021) https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/oct/05/former-british-embassy-driver-badly-beaten-in-kabul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “A former employee of the British embassy in Kabul has been badly beaten at his home by five armed men, in an attack linked to his 11 years working with UK diplomats in Afghanistan. - The British embassy driver, one of about 150 employees who applied to be evacuated in May, was at home with his family in a village on the outskirts of Kabul last Thursday when five masked men came to his house and attacked him, hitting him with their Kalashnikovs. The attackers told him they had information he was still working for an international organisation. ‘I told them I wasn’t. They said: if we find out you are still working for those people, we will come back and kill you and your family,’ he said, speaking by telephone through an interpreter. The driver, 44, who has asked for his name not to be printed, said his children, wife and neighbours saw the attack, and are now too afraid to leave their houses.” - X-rays showed his hand had been broken in two places and his skull fractured in three places. He said everyone in the village knew he had 	

	<p>worked for the British embassy, and it was impossible to keep it secret. . . He did not report the attack to the police, believing that the Taliban-run police would not have helped him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While he did not know the attackers, he suspected they were affiliated to the Taliban. Five years ago he had been targeted by Taliban militants because of his work with the British embassy, and was told he should leave his job. His son was hit in the head when a gun was fired during that attack, suffering brain damage. - Last month a pregnant Afghan policewoman was reported to have been killed by the Taliban, and there have been many other reports of attacks on people who worked for international organisations and the previous regime. - Taliban officials have denied responsibility, citing the amnesty they announced for employees of the previous administration. It is not clear whether these attacks are officially organised and state sanctioned, or the work of fractured groups that know they can act with impunity. - The driver worked for the embassy for 10 years under a contract with G4S and then for 18 months in the same role employed by the Canadian security firm GardaWorld, which took over the embassy contract last year. He and about 150 colleagues applied to be evacuated in May under the UK Ministry of Defence’s Afghan relocations and assistance policy, but his application was refused on the grounds that British embassy employees hired through subcontracted organisations were not eligible for help.” 	
	<p>Mumin Ahmadi (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty), <i>Afghan Pilots Who Fled To Tajikistan Say Taliban is Threatening Relatives Back Home</i> (23 Oct. 2021) https://www.rferl.org/a/afghan-pilots-taliban-threatening-families/31525887.html</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “One Afghan pilot, speaking on condition of anonymity, told RFE/RL that his son back in Afghanistan was beaten by the Taliban and that the militants threatened to kill the boy if the pilot did not return.” 	
	<p>Erin Cunningham and Claire Parker (Washington Post), <i>Taliban hunting for ‘collaborators’ in major cities, threat assessment prepared for United Nations warns</i> (20 Aug. 2021) https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/08/20/taliban-hunt-collaborators-united-nations/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Taliban has stepped up its hunt for former Afghan security officials and people who may have worked with U.S. or NATO forces, according to a confidential threat assessment prepared for the United Nations and seen by The Washington Post. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The militants are going house to house, setting up checkpoints and threatening to arrest or kill relatives of “collaborators” in major cities, the Wednesday assessment said. ○ The document, produced by the Norwegian Center for Global Analyses, a U.N.-linked intelligence support center, describes an empowered Taliban eager to seek out and interrogate or punish those affiliated with the U.S.-backed government. ○ At particular risk are people who were in central positions in military, police and investigative units, according to the analysis, despite a Taliban pledge this week to grant amnesty to former officials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It also warned of a “worst case” scenario in which the militants close down Kabul and other cities to conduct mass arrests and public executions. - “But reaching the airport — and getting on planes once people are there — has proved difficult in recent days, as Taliban fighters have set up checkpoints on access routes and attacked or harassed Afghans on the way to the airport.” 	
	<p>AlJazeera, <i>Taliban rule marked by killings ‘litany of abuses,’ UN says</i> (14 Dec. 2021) https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/12/14/taliban-rule-marked-by-killings-litany-of-abuses-un-says</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Afghanistan’s envoy from the former government accused the Taliban of committing a wide range of abuses, including targeted killings and enforced disappearances. - “With the military takeover of Kabul by the Taliban, not only we see a total reversal of two decades of advances ... but the group is also committing a litany of abuses with full impunity which in many cases is going unreported and undocumented,” Nasir Ahmad Andisha told the forum. 	
	<p>Freedom House, <i>Afghanistan: Freedom in the World 2021 Country Report</i> https://freedomhouse.org/country/afghanistan/freedom-world/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Received a 27 / 100 freedom score (for reference, US is 83/100) - “The government remains heavily dependent on military and economic support from the United States and its allies, and it is unable to enforce its laws and decisions in parts of the country controlled by the Taliban and other insurgents.” - “The constitution establishes Islam as the official religion and guarantees freedom of worship to other religions. Blasphemy and apostasy by Muslims are considered capital crimes, and non-Muslim proselytizing is 	

	<p>strongly discouraged in practice. Conservative social attitudes, intolerance, and the ability or unwillingness of law enforcement officials to defend individual freedoms means that those perceived as violating religious and social norms are highly vulnerable to abuse.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0 points for due process in civil and criminal matters - “Taliban stepped up attacks on Afghan security forces and mounted an intensified campaign of targeted killings of Afghans, in Kabul and other cities, whom they deemed to be apologists for the government or political system.” - “For example, the Afghan National Security Council reported that the third week of June was the deadliest of the conflict so far, with Taliban carrying out 422 attacks in 32 provinces, killing 291 members of the Afghan National Security Forces and wounding 550 others.” 	
	<p>The Economic Times, <i>Taliban use traditional Afghan method of ‘night letter’ to intimidate</i> (31 Aug. 2021) https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/taliban-use-traditional-afghan-method-of-night-letters-to-intimidate/articleshow/85795913.cms?from=mdr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The Taliban are pinning chilling ‘night letters’ on the doors of those they accuse of ‘working for the crusaders’. The notes order their victims to attend a Taliban-convened court. Failure to do so will result in the death penalty, the Daily Mail reported. The letters are a traditional Afghan method of intimidation. . . . Often used in rural communities, they are now being widely circulated in cities. One of those to receive a warning was Naz, a 34-year-old father-of-six whose construction company helped the UK military build roads in Helmand and the runway at Camp Bastion, the report said.” 	
	<p>Human Rights Watch, <i>Executions and Enforced Disappearances in Afghanistan under the Taliban</i> (30 Nov. 2021) https://www.hrw.org/report/2021/11/30/no-forgiveness-people-you/executions-and-enforced-disappearances-afghanistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Human Rights Watch’s research indicates that Taliban forces have killed or forcibly disappeared more than 100 former security force members in just these four provinces in the three months since their takeover of Kabul, the Afghan capital, on August 15. They have also targeted family members of former security force members.” - “The Taliban have also searched for known former security force members, often threatening and abusing family members to reveal the 	

	<p>whereabouts of those in hiding. Some of those eventually apprehended have been executed or taken into custody without acknowledgment of their detention or their location, the crime of enforced disappearance. Enforced disappearances are defined under international human rights law as the arrest or detention of a person by the authorities followed by a refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of liberty, or to reveal the person’s fate or whereabouts.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Following the Taliban takeover of Helmand and Kandahar provinces, senior commanders from the Taliban’s intelligence unit sought to apprehend prominent former ANSF commanders and fighters for detention and questioning; some of them are among those forcibly disappeared.” 	
	<p>United States Department of State, <i>2020 Report on International Religious Freedom: Afghanistan</i> (12 May 2020) https://www.state.gov/reports/2020-report-on-international-religious-freedom/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “There were reports that ISIS-K, an affiliate of ISIS and a U.S.-designated terrorist organization, continued to target and kill members of minority religious communities and that the Taliban targeted and killed individuals because of their religious beliefs or their links to the government.” - “Taliban gunmen killed progovernment imams and other religious officials throughout the country. The Taliban continued to warn mullahs not to perform funeral prayers for government security officials. According to observers, the Taliban applied its interpretation of Islam in conducting a parallel system of justice.” - “There continued to be reports of the Taliban monitoring the social practices of local populations in areas under their control and imposing punishments on residents according to their interpretation of Islamic law. According to observers, the Taliban applied its interpretation of Islam in conducting a parallel system of justice. In February, in Baghlan Province, the Taliban shot and killed a pregnant woman named Fatima, who was accused of adultery. The man with whom she was reportedly involved escaped. Media reported that on August 4, the Taliban killed a local singer in Takhar Province as he returned home from a wedding because the Taliban considered singing to be prohibited in Islam.” - “There were again reports of Taliban warnings to mullahs not to perform funeral prayers for government security officials. As a result, according to MOHRA officials, imams continued to state they feared performing funeral rites for members of the ANDSF and other government employees.” 	

	<p>United States Department of State, <i>2020 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: Afghanistan</i> (30 Mar. 2021) https://www.state.gov/reports/2020-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant human rights issues included: killings by insurgents; extrajudicial killings by security forces; forced disappearances by antigovernment personnel; reports of torture and cases of cruel, inhuman, or degrading punishment by security forces and antigovernment entities; arbitrary detention by government security forces and insurgents; serious abuse in internal conflict, including killing of civilians, enforced disappearances and abductions, torture and physical abuses, and other conflict-related abuses; serious acts of corruption; lack of investigation of and accountability for cases of violence against women, including those accused of so-called moral crimes; recruitment and use of child soldiers and sexual abuse of children, including by security force members and educational personnel; trafficking in persons; violence targeting members of ethnic minority groups; violence by security forces and other actors against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex persons; existence and use of laws criminalizing consensual same-sex sexual conduct; and the existence of the worst forms of child labor. - “Antigovernment elements threatened, robbed, kidnapped, and attacked government workers, foreigners, medical and nongovernmental organization workers, and other civilians.” - “The UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) noted an increase in abductions of civilians carried out by the Taliban in the first six months of the year, compared with the same period in the previous year, and a fivefold increase over the same period of the previous year of casualties resulting from abduction.” 	
	<p>Amnesty International, <i>Afghanistan: 13 Hazara killed by Taliban fighters in Daykundi province – new investigation</i> (5 Oct. 2021). https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2021/10/afghanistan-13-hazara-killed-by-taliban-fighters-in-daykundi-province-new-investigation/.</p> <p>“Nine former members of government security forces extrajudicially executed after surrendering.”</p> <p>“Taliban forces unlawfully killed 13 ethnic Hazaras, including a 17-year-old girl, in Afghanistan’s Daykundi province after members of the security forces of the former government surrendered, a new investigation by Amnesty International has revealed.”</p>	