**Afghan Country Conditions Update 4/1/22**

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**WEEKLY UPDATE:**

FAMILY MEMBERS & OTHERS LEFT IN AFGHANISTAN

**New Evidence that Biometric Data Systems Imperil Afghans 3/30/22**

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**Passport Processing to Begin Countrywide on April 5th 3/29/22**

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**Thousands of Afghans were Evacuated to the US, Will America Let Them Stay? 3/29/22**

<https://wapo.st/3u0ozCo>

UNACCOMPANIED MINORS/SEPARATED FAMILIES

AFGHANS AWAITING RELOCATION OVERSEAS

AFGHANS FLEEING TO PAKISTAN, IRAN, AND CENTRAL ASIA

RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

-Christians

-Sikhs and Hindus

-Hazaras (Shia)

**Afghan Kidnappings Leave Families in the Dark 3/30/22**

<https://www.newstatesman.com/afghanistan/2022/03/afghan-kidnappings-leave-families-in-the-dark>

-Salafists

-Uzbek, Turkmen, and Tajik

WOMEN AND GIRLS

**‘Now There is Nothing Safe’: A Road Map for Investing in Afghan Women and Girls 4/1/22**

<https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/now-there-nothing-safe-roadmap-investing-afghan-women-and-girls>

**‘Men have become more Violent since the Taliban.’ The Reality for Women Living in Afghanistan 4/1/22**

<https://www.mamamia.com.au/women-afghanistan-taliban/>

**Afghanistan: Defending the Rights of Women in a Necropolis of Human Rights 3/31/22**

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**Haqqani Tells Tribal Leaders to Respect Women’s Rights 3/30/22**

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177336>

**Afghanistan: Taliban Restrict Women’s Rights as Isolation Looms 3/30/22**

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**Afghan Women Traveling Alone Boarding Flights Despite Ban 3/29/22**

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/afghan-women-traveling-boarding-flights-ban-83740517>

**Afghanistan’s Girls’ Education is a Women’s Rights Issue 3/28/22**

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**Taliban Gender-Segregates Fun Parks, Compounding Cutoffs for Girls and Women 3/27/22**

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**Taliban Ban Women from Flying without Male Chaperone 3/27/22**

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/afghanistans-taliban-ban-women-flying-without-male-chaperone-sources-2022-03-27/>

**Afghan Widows are Struggling to Survive amid Humanitarian Disaster 3/25/22**

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**Afghanistan: Taliban Confirms Gender-Based Persecution 3/24/22**

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2022/mar/25/taliban-u-turn-over-afghan-girls-education-reveals-deep-leadership-divisions-afghanistan>

TARGETED PROFESSIONS

-Educators

-Journalists/Media

**Taliban Intensify Attacks on Afghan Media 3/30/22**

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/03/30/taliban-intensify-attacks-afghan-media>

**Taliban Detain and Release at Least 7 Journalists and Media Workers; Ban Broadcasts from BBC, VOA, DW 3/28/22**

<https://cpj.org/2022/03/taliban-detain-and-release-at-least-7-journalists-and-media-workers-ban-broadcasts-from-bbc-voa-dw/>

**Taliban Raid Four Radio Stations in Kandahar, Arrest Six Media Worker 3/28/22**

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**Family Says Journalist in Kandahar Arrested 3/27/22**

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-Human Rights Defenders

**State of Human Rights Defenders in Afghanistan 2021**

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:217c51ec-968f-3620-ae11-dd88247480c5>

-Arts

**Music is their Life 3/28/22**

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-Former Police, Government Workers, Military

**Family of Former Head of Herat Prison: Ali Azizi is still in Taliban Custody 3/26/22**

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-Legal Professions

-Farmers

-Athletes

**Dozens of Riders and their Families Remain in Danger and Stranded in Afghanistan 3/31/22**

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ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS

-Education

**CrisisInSight Weekly Picks 3/30/22**

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**The Ban on Older Girls’ Education: Taleban Conservatives Ascendant and a Leadership in Disarray 3/29/22**

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**Afghanistan Taliban’s Backtrack on School Re-opening for Girls Irreversibly Impacts their Future 3/28/22**

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**UNAMA Security Council Press Statement on Afghanistan 3/28/22**

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**Taliban Fear Educated Women, Quipped Schoolgirls 3/26/22**

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1681877>

**Afghan Girls Stage Protest, Demand Taliban Reopen Schools 3/26/22**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/3/26/afghan-girls-protest-demanding-taliban-to-reopen-schools>

**Protesters Urge Taliban to Reopen Girls’ Schools 3/26/22**

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**Taliban U-Turn Over Afghan Girls’ Education Reveals Deep Leadership Divisions 3/25/22**

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-Healthcare

**‘I’ve Never Seen a Measles Outbreak like This’: A Childhood Killer Resurfaces in Afghanistan 4/1/22**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/never-seen-measles-outbreak-like-childhood-killer-returns-afghanistan/>

**Millions of Afghan Children Fight Hunger, Disease and Exploitation 3/30/22**

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-Looming Economic Crisis

**Millions of Lives at Risk as Afghanistan Donor Conference Falls Short 4/1/22**

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**UN: World can End ‘Downward Humanitarian Spiral’ of Afghanistan 3/31/22**

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-Food

**In Afghanistan People Selling Babies, Young Girls to Survive 3/31/22**

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**The People of Afghanistan Must Not be Forgotten 3/31/22**

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