**Afghan Country Conditions Update 3/18/22**

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**WEEKLY UPDATE:**

FAMILY MEMBERS LEFT IN AFGHANISTAN

**Flashback: Ukraine War Revives Painful Memories for Afghans 3/17/22**

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UNACCOMPANIED MINORS/SEPARATED FAMILIES

**Let’s Stand with Afghan Refugee Women 3/17/22**

<https://www.chicagoreporter.com/lets-stand-with-afghan-refugee-women/>

AFGHANS AWAITING RELOCATION OVERSEAS

**Some Afghan Evacuees Head Home after Months of Waiting for US Entry 3/16/22**

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AFGHANS FLEEING TO PAKISTAN, IRAN, AND CENTRAL ASIA

**Freedom’s Choice for Afghans: Over the Wall or Through the Desert 3/16/22**

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**Afghan Refugees Face Harsh Rules in Iran and Taliban Persecution at Home 3/12/22**

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/iran-afghanistan-refugees-tightens-policies-taliban-persecution>

RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

**New Videos Put Spotlight on Taliban Retribution Killings in Afghanistan 3/15/22**

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-Christians

-Sikhs and Hindus

**WSO Welcomes Arrival of Sikh and Hindu Refugees, Fears for Those Left Behind 3/17/22**

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-Hazaras (Shia)

-Salafists

-Uzbek, Turkmen, and Tajik

**Islamic State in Afghanistan Seeks to Recruit Uzbeks, Tajiks and Kyrgyz 3/17/22**

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WOMEN AND GIRLS

**Women War Refugees have to Struggle Twice as Hard for Basics 3/17/22**

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**Taliban Leaders Continue to Reject Broad Participation in Government 3/17/22**

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**Taliban Resurrects Gender Segregation in Public Offices, Transport in Afghanistan 3/16/22**

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**Recommendations to UN Security Council Members from Afghan Women for a Robust and Inclusive UNAMA Mandate Renewal 3/15/22**

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TARGETED PROFESSIONS

-Educators

-Journalists/Media

**Taliban Release 3 Afghan TV Staffers Detained over Media Ban 3/18/22**

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**What Happened to Afghan’s Journalists after the Government Collapsed 3/17/22**

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**Taliban Imposes More Restrictions of Afghan Media 3/17/22**

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**Violence against Journalists Increases in Afghanistan: Report 3/16/22** (Scroll down to view article)

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-Human Rights Defenders

**She’s Endured Threats, Attacks and Now Exile 3/18/22**

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2022/03/18/this-afghan-womens-rights-activist-wants-to-come-to-canada-but-the-rules-keep-her-from-applying.html>

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**Former Mayor’s Return to Kabul Sparks Controversy 3/10/22**

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-Arts

**First Ever TV Drama Screened in Post-US Afghanistan 3/16/22**

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-Former Police, Government Workers, Military

**Ex-Police Officer in Taliban Detention Since Three Weeks 3/13/22**

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-Legal Professions

-Farmers

-Athletes

ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS

-Education

**UN Hales Taliban Plan to Reopen Afghan Girls’ Schools 3/18/22**

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**‘Robbed of Hope’: Afghan Girls Denied an Education Struggle with Depression 3/10/22**

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-Healthcare

**More than $250 Million Needed to Sustain Humanitarian Response in Afghanistan 3/17/22**

<https://reliefweb.int/report/afghanistan/more-250-million-needed-sustain-humanitarian-response-afghanistan>

**The Tragedy of Afghanistan’s Malnourished Children 3/16/22**

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-Looming Economic Crisis

**Afghans Turn to Cryptocurrencies Amid US Sanctions 3/16/22**

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-Food

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**Food Security Deteriorates as Unemployment Rises 3/16/22**

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**Afghanistan: Food Insecurity and Malnutrition Threaten an Entire Generation 3/15/22**

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**Taliban Provides Opening for Aid Workers in Afghanistan 3/14/22**

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LGBTQ+

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

**Afghanistan: Evaluation for Physical Rehabilitation, Psychosocial Support and Mine Risk Education Services for Communities, IDP, Returnee 3/15/22**

<https://reliefweb.int/job/3827412/contract-conduct-final-evaluation-physical-rehabilitation-psychosocial-support-and-mine>

INTERNALLY DISPLACED

**Six Million Afghans are Internally Displaced: IOM 3/13/22**

<https://avapress.com/en/259345/Six-million-Afghans-are-internally-displaced-IOM>

GENERAL/OTHER

**Reporting on America’s Longest War: Eight Journalists Who Covered the War in Afghanistan over Two Decades 3/17/22**

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