

Chronology of Women’s Protests Inside Afghanistan Since the Taliban Took Over Kabul: August 15, 2021 through August 2023¹

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2021

August 2021

Women Protest in Afghanistan

Women’s protests in Kabul.

August 30, 2021

Appeal to the World for Nonrecognition of Taliban

¹ For the second part of this chronology, which covered period November 2022 to August 2023 we relied on a timeline produced by Feminist Majority, entitled “A Timeline of Horror: 100+Taliban Edicts, Orders, and Directives Denying Afghan Women and Girls their Human Rights and Existence ” and published in Ms Magazine on August 15, 2023. <https://msmagazine.com/2023/08/15/list-timeline-taliban-orders-women-girls-afghanist/#:~:text=Violence%20%26%20Harassment-.A%20Timeline%20of%20Horror%3A%20100%2B%20Taliban%20Edicts%2C%20Orders%20and,Their%20Human%20Rights%20and%20Existence&text=The%20Taliban%20has%20issued%20over,putting%20them%20under%20house%20arrest.>

Retrieved on 9/22/ 2023.

Afghan women demand that the Taliban government not receive diplomatic recognition by the world.

Sept. 2, 2021

March in Herat and Mazar-e Sharif

Unprecedented women's march in Herat and protest in Mazar-e Sharif.

Sept. 4, 2021

'We Are Not the Women of the 1990s'

Taliban attack women's peaceful protests in Kabul and other cities.

Women want to be recognized as equal citizens. Hold placards which say: 'We are not the women of the 1990s.'

Sept. 19, 2021

Ministry of Women Becomes Ministry of Promotion of Virtue

Afghan women gather in front of the former ministry of women's affairs in Kabul to protest its closing and being renamed as Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prohibition of Vice. They demand 'jobs, education and freedom'; 'women's rights', 'human rights.'

Oct. 10, 2021

Global Solidarity Day

Women protested in Kabul against educational and employment restrictions set by the Taliban. They demanded their previous rights and security as well as rights for ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities. This day has now been named 'Solidarity with Afghan Women Day' by women in over 100 countries.

Oct. 2021

Start of Secret Online Schools for Girls

Some secret online schools for girls ages twelve and over are started.

Oct. 26, 2021

Women Protest by UN Office in Kabul

Women protest near the office of the United Nations in Kabul, demanding the rights to employment, education, and freedom. They ask the United Nations and world nations to pay attention to their demands and not recognize the Taliban.

Nov. 2021

Protests Against Abduction of Women

Women protest against the abduction and murder of four women's rights activists in Mazar-i Sharif. Women's rights activists hold an underground conference in Kabul, defend the rights of women and ethnic minorities, and demand that world governments not recognize the Taliban.

Reporters, including many women, protest the lack of freedom of speech and media.

Four women's rights activists executed by Taliban in Mazar-i Sharif (5 November 2022). Forouzan Safi was a professor at Balkh University. The identities of the other three female victims have not been revealed.

Nov. 2021

Return of Forced Marriage to Avoid the Taliban

Many women's rights activists are being forced by their families to enter arranged marriages in order to have a male guard at all times.

Nov. 25, 2021

Global Day of Fighting Violence

Women protest on the global day of fighting violence against women.

December 6, 2021

Mobile Library Returns

Fereshteh Karimi, founder of the mobile library of Kabul, returns to Kabul's streets with her mobile library.

Dec. 2021

Demands by Female Educators

Female educators start book discussion groups for girls and women in Kabul, Herat, and other cities. Teachers warn that in addition to the Taliban's bans on education for girls beyond the sixth grade, the intense poverty, starvation, and lack of heat in the winter are making the prospects of reopening girls' schools impossible. 'Justice Seeking Women' and the 'Unity and Solidarity Team of Women' in Kabul protest the dire economic situation and secret government-run assassinations.

2022

Jan. 4, 2022

Paravan Province

Women in Parvan Province issue a statement to protest lack of access to higher education.

Jan. 5, 2022

Ba'lan Women Protest

Women in Ba'lan protest against the closing of universities and the increasing poverty.

Jan. 7, 2022

Women Will Dress as Men

Women protest in Kabul and demand the right to employment and education. They say that if the inhuman laws of the Taliban are not abolished, they will appear on the streets in men's clothing.

Jan. 8, 2022

Taliban Steal Humanitarian Aid

Women protest the Taliban's expropriation of humanitarian aid for use by its cronies.

Jan 9, 2022

Women Create Graffiti

Women create graffiti in the dark of the night as a means of protest. Some examples of their graffiti: 'Bread, Work, Freedom', 'We Women Do Not Recognize the Taliban Government.'

Jan. 13, 2022

Release Alieh Azizi

Protest to demand the release of Alieh Azizi, former head of the women's ward of the Herat prison.

Jan. 16, 2022

Protest Murder and Abduction of Women

Women in Kabul protest the murder of Zeynab Abdullahi and the abduction of Alieh Azizi.

Jan. 19, 2022

More Abductions of Women

Two female activists in Kabul are abducted by the Taliban. They are Tamana Zaryab Paryani and Parvaneh Ebrahim Kheyli. Tamana's sisters, Zarmineh, Shafiqeh, and Karimeh, were also arrested after the Taliban

forcibly entered their home in the dark of the night. There is no news of their whereabouts.

Jan. 23, 2022

Protests by Afghan Women at Oslo

Afghan women protest at site of Oslo negotiations with the Taliban. Hoda Khamosh, a journalist, is spokesperson for women in the negotiations. ‘The invitation led to different reactions from Afghanistan’s various women’s rights activists, with some welcoming it as a chance for Afghan-to-Afghan negotiations. Others felt that Taliban rule should not be normalized by holding such meetings and cast doubts on the trustworthiness of their promises.’

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/afghanistans-womens-rights-activists-tested-taliban-oslo-expect/story?id=82584874>

Jan. 2022

Female Bookseller’s Protest

Protesting female bookseller continues to walk around Kabul streets with books to sell.

Feb. 3 2022

Arrest of Female Activists

Women’s rights activists, Mercel Ayar and Zahra Mohammadi arrested.

Feb. 6, 2022

Film: *Hava, Maryam, Ayesha* Released

A film about Afghan women, *Hava, Maryam, Ayesha*, by Sahraa Karimi, wins the Italian film festival’s Women’s Perfection award.

March 28, 2022

Taliban's backtrack on school re-opening for girls irreversibly impacts their future. (Amnesty International)

On 23 March, female students of secondary schools were returning to classrooms for the first time in seven months. While many girls were waiting to start their lessons, at 9 a.m. the Taliban leadership announced it had decided to keep girls' schools closed 'until school uniforms are designed in accordance with the Afghan customs, culture, and Sharia, and all these girls were told to immediately leave the schools.

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2022/03/afghanistan-talibans-backtrack-on-school-re-opening-for-girls-irreversibly-impacts-their-future>

March 28th, 2022

Afghan women's rights groups vow mass protests if Taliban keep girls' schools shut. (France 24) Article + Video

Women's rights activists pledged Sunday to launch a wave of protests across Afghanistan if the Taliban fail to reopen girls' secondary schools within a week.

<https://www.france24.com/en/asia-pacific/20220328-afghan-women-s-rights-groups-vow-mass-protests-if-taliban-keep-girls-schools-shut>

March 29, 2022

Taliban denies Afghan women solo air travel, segregates parks by sex, and sends home men with short beards. (CBS NEWS)

The Taliban have ordered airlines to stop women from flying without a male relative.

In December, the ministry banned women from making any journey of over 45 miles without a male chaperone.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan/kabul-university-attack>

Charity Provides Free Education for Over 200 Afghan Girls. (ToloNews)

A charity foundation in western Kabul has provided free education to more than 200 female students.

The charity provides food and education.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177322>.

EU: Decision on Girls' Schools Impacts Engagement (ToloNews)

The European Union on Monday in a statement said the decision on girls' education by the Islamic Emirate violates the fundamental right to education and called for the immediate re-opening of secondary schools for girls in the country.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177318>

50% of Private Education Centers Closed Nationwide Since Takeover. (ToloNews)

Over 50 percent of private education centers have been closed within the past three months across the country, the Union of Private Education Centers said on Sunday.

The union said the deteriorated economic status of families is the main reason for the closure of these educational centers.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-175668>

March 31, 2022

US Women's Delegation Calls to Reopen Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

The American Women's Peace and Education Delegation at a press conference in Kabul called for the reopening of schools for female students beyond sixth grade.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177356>

Afghan Clerics Call to Reopen Girls' Schools. (ToloNews)

Islamic scholars at an Ulema gathering in Kabul on Thursday called on the Islamic Emirate to reopen schools for girls in grades 7–12.

According to the clerics, there is no sharia justification for banning girls from education and girls can go to school while respecting the Islamic hijab.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177351>

April 2, 2022

If Ordered, Ministry Ready to Open Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

The Ministry of Education said on Saturday that the reopening of girls' schools above grade six in the country is based on the authority of the Islamic Emirate's leadership.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177388>

April 3, 2022

وقت کثی طالبان در بازگشایی مدارس متوسطه دخترانه؛ آموزش خصوصی و آنلاین راه حل است؟

(BBC Persian)

<https://www.bbc.com/persian/afghanistan-60967646>

April 4, 2022

-نظرسنجی گالوپ: ۹۴ درصد مردم افغانستان به زندگی 'نمره رنج' دادند

(BBC Persian)

بنا به این نظرسنجی برای اولین بار از سال ۲۰۱۲، درصد زنانی که رنج می‌کشند کمی بیشتر از مردان افغان شده است. در سال ۲۰۰۶ که این موسسه نظرسنجی خود در افغانستان را آغاز کرد، زنان درصدی‌های متفاوت احساس توام با رنج در زندگی داشته‌اند. اما این بالاترین میزان بدبینی مردم نسبت به زندگی از ۲۰۰۶ به این طرف است.

<https://www.bbc.com/persian/afghanistan-60981574>

April 6, 2022

**International Criticism of Closed Girls' Schools Remains Strong.
(ToloNews)**

The closing of schools for girls above grade six continues to face reactions by various countries and international organizations.

The UN Assistant Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) called the ban on girls' access to education 'shocking' and said Afghanistan is the only country where girls are being denied access to education.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177457>

April 7, 2022

UNAMA: Closing of Girls' Schools 'Discriminatory' (ToloNews)

Speaking to the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA), the deputy special envoy of the UN for Afghanistan, Mette Knudsen, called the decision over the ban of girls' schools 'discriminatory,' saying that its impact will deeply affect the future generation in 'terms of literacy and numeracy and will contribute to the cycle of poverty.'

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177470>

Clerics Again Call to Reopen Girls' Schools. (ToloNews)

Religious scholars in a conference under the name of National Dialogue of Afghan Scholars in Kabul once again called on the Islamic Emirate to reopen all girls' schools in the country.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177472>

April 9, 2022

HRW Calls For Inquiries Into Fate of Female Protestors. (ToloNews)

Human Rights Watch expressed concerns about the fate of female protestors who may be held by the Islamic Emirate in the central province of Bamiyan.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177496>

April 10, 2022

Aid Dependent on Girls Access to Education: Envoys (ToloNews)

The envoys and representatives of the European Union, United States, and European countries in a joint statement stressed that the type and scope of 'international donor assistance will depend, among other things, on the right and ability of girls to attend equal education at all levels.'

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177514>

Afghan Refugees Turned Back at Greek Border: HRW (ToloNews)

Human Rights Watch's report indicated that Afghan asylum seekers and migrants are being pushed back summarily to Turkey via the Evros River, in some cases by 'non-Greeks' but with Greek police nearby.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177513>

April 11, 2022

Assembly of Religious Scholars Calls to Reopen Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

Over two hundred days have passed since the closing of girls' schools above the sixth grade in the country.

Following domestic and international reactions to the closing of schools for girls above the sixth grade, the Assembly of Religious Scholars in Afghanistan issued a statement calling for the lifting of all restrictions on girls' education and the reopening of girls' schools.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177524>

Activist Matiullah Wesa Calls to Reopen Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

Wesa visited twenty of thirty-four provinces after the Islamic Emirate came into power, providing thousands of students with education resources.

The well-known human rights activist Matiullah Wesa, founder of the PenPath campaign and advocate for girls' education and education

generally, called on the Islamic Emirate to reopen schools for female students above grade six.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177527>

Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Reopens in Herat (ToloNews)

After months of delay, the Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry resumed its activities in the western province of Herat.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177520>

April 12, 2022

French MPs Call for Sanctions on Afghan Officials Over School Ban

Meanwhile, UNHCR has expressed grave concerns over the closing of secondary schools for Afghan girls.

More than fifty members of the French parliament have called for travel sanctions on Islamic Emirate officials in response to the closing of girls' schools, restrictions imposed on women, and reported human rights abuses in Afghanistan.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177546>

April 14, 2022

Calls to Allow Schooling for Afghan Girls Persist (ToloNews)

The ban on schooling for female students beyond grade six continues to face strong national and international condemnation.

The Islamic Emirate said a plan is underway to facilitate the reopening of schools for female students in grades 7–12.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177579>

UNHCR Deputy Shares Hope That Both Girls, Boys May Learn (ToloNews)

'We ask the Islamic Emirate to allow girls above the sixth grade to continue their education,' said Fahmida, a student.

While opening a school in Kandahar on Thursday, the deputy commissioner of the UNHCR (UN High Commissioner for Refugees) said that the international community was continuing its efforts to open girls' schools above the sixth grade.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177575>

April 15, 2022

Data Project Reports Surge in Violence Against Civilians, Women (ToloNews)

The Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project Afghanistan (ACLED) reported that rate of violence against women and civilians has surged in Afghanistan.

The report was released by ACLED in cooperation with the Afghan Peace Watch and covered the rate of violence against civilians and women in Afghanistan.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177594>

April 16, 2022

Employees of Women's Outreach Organization Demand Unpaid Salaries (ToloNews)

Dozens of employees of the organization Women for Afghan Women held a protest on Saturday in the capital city of Kabul, where they accused the organization of being irresponsible toward its employees.

The organization was providing legal aid, accommodation, and financial services to the women and children in Afghanistan.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177606>

MoE, UNESCO Discussing Literacy Program (ToloNews)

The Ministry of Education (MoE) said that, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), a literacy program is being planned for citizens.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177602>

April 17, 2022

Women In Kabul Call for Reopening of Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

A number of women at a home protest in the capital Kabul called on the Islamic Emirate to reopen schools for female students above grade six. This comes as the Ministry of Education says it is optimistic about efforts to reopen schools for girls in grades 7–12.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177618>

April 21, 2022

Prominent Pakistani Cleric Calls to Reopen Afghan Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

The MoE said that negotiations are underway regarding girls' education and that there is optimism that girls' schools will be reopened in the near future.

Muhammad Taqi Usmani, a well-known Pakistani Islamic scholar, in a statement urged the leaders of the Islamic Emirate to reopen schools for female students above grade six.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177680>

Activists, Political Parties Demand Reopening of Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

In a resolution, they called on the Islamic Emirate to reopen girls' schools in the country as soon as possible.

Civil society groups, political parties and ethnic councils on Thursday in Kabul at a press conference called for the reopening of all girls' schools in the country.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177679>

April 23, 2022

New Timetable Scheduled for Kabul University Students. (ToloNews)

The academic council of Kabul University said that the plan will come into effect in other universities across the country.

The Ministry of Higher Education announced it has allotted three days a week for female students and three days for male students at Kabul University and Kabul Polytechnic University.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177707>

April 24, 2022

UN Agency Concerned over Delay in Reopening of Girls' Schools. (ToloNews)

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education said that the schools for girls in grades 7–12 will be reopened in the near future.

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) expressed its concerns over the closure of schools for female students beyond grade six, saying that over one million children are facing an uncertain future.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177720>

April 25, 2022

Karzai Reiterates Call to Reopen Schools for Girls (ToloNews)

The Islamic Emirate's decision to close schools for girls above grade six has faced repeated reactions inside and outside Afghanistan.

Former President Hamid Karzai said that the people of Afghanistan want their girls to return to schools, and there 'is no way that the country can live without our girls going to school'.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177733>

April 26, 2022

Private Universities Say Students Dropping Out (ToloNews)

According to the Ministry of Higher Education, there are 140 private universities in the country that teach students in various subjects. Officials at private universities in Kabul claim that the number of students attending private universities has dramatically dropped in recent months.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177750>

UN Experts: Frozen Assets Worsen Afghan Women's Plight (ToloNews)

Afghan central bank funds have been frozen since August, when the Islamic Emirate took over, and foreign forces withdrew. (Reuters) The United States as well as the Islamic Emirate authorities are contributing to the suffering of women in Afghanistan through asset freezes, UN independent experts said on Monday.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177747>

May 1, 2022

Clerics in Paktia Call for Girls' Schools to Reopen (ToloNews)

The MoE said more than twenty thousand schools are currently opened across the country.

Islamic scholars at a gathering in Paktia called for the reopening of schools for girls beyond grade six.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177818>

May 2, 2022

Video (YouTube):

Meet the Afghan female journalist who refuses to give in to the Taliban

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMH4gflo4_Y

Video (YouTube):

South Asia Diary | Afghan women's football team reunites

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NalXtkRyMKs>

May 3, 2022

Schools in Balkh Lack Teachers, Textbooks: Officials (ToloNews)

Afghan girls have been denied education in most parts of Afghanistan since the takeover of the Islamic Emirate in August 2021.

Officials at the education department in Balkh said that province schools lack about fifteen hundred professional teachers and textbooks.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177845>

Rina Amiri: Muslim Nations Must Champion Rights of Afghan Girls (ToloNews)

The banning of girls from going to school has faced strong reactions inside and outside the country.

The US special envoy for Afghanistan's women, girls and human rights, Rina Amiri, said that at an Iftar dinner, ambassadors from Muslim-majority countries 'agreed that the Muslim world must champion the rights of Afghan women and girls.'

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177841>

(BBC News) آیا طالبان 'خبر خوش' بازگشایی دبیرستان‌های دخترانه را به زودی اعلام می‌کند؟

انس حقانی، یکی از اعضای ارشد طالبان در یک نشست عمومی در ولایت خوست، در جنوب شرق افغانستان گفته است که 'در روزهای آینده' روحانیان نشستی درباره بازگشایی دبیرستان‌های دخترانه در این کشور برگزار خواهند کرد.

حتی یک هفته پیشتر از تاریخ اعلام‌شده، وزارت معارف طالبان اعلام کرده بود که مدارس سراسر افغانستان برای همه دانش‌آموزان از جمله دختران در روز چهارشنبه باز می‌شوند.

<https://www.bbc.com/persian/afghanistan-61298163>

Afghan women defend right to drive as Taliban stops issuing licenses for women. (Alarabia)

Taliban officials in Afghanistan's most progressive city have told driving instructors to stop issuing licenses to women, professionals from the sector told AFP.

While Afghanistan is a deeply conservative, patriarchal country, it is not uncommon for women to drive in larger cities—particularly Herat in the northwest, which has long been considered liberal by Afghan standards.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/world/2022/05/03/Afghan-women-defend-right-to-drive-as-Taliban-stops-issuing-licenses-for-women>

Statement by Friends of Afghan Women Ambassadors' Group on World Press Freedom Day. (UNaMa)

On World Press Freedom Day this year, we recognise that everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers. These freedoms are also contained in Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

<https://unama.unmissions.org/statement-friends-afghan-women-ambassadors%e2%80%99-group-world-press-freedom-day>

May 4, 2022

UNICEF Concerned by Impact of School Ban on Girls' Learning (ToloNews)

The Ministry of Education said that the reopening of schools for girls is an important issue for the Islamic Emirate.

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) is concerned about the impact on girls' learning from the decision to ban schooling for females over the sixth grade, a senior UNICEF official said.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177863>

Afghan Girls Banned from School Suffer Psychologically: Experts

The students said they are counting the seconds until school will be reopened.

Female students above grade six say the closing of their schools is causing them mental health trouble.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177853>

VIDEO (Twitter):

Women in Heart—Afghanistan's most progressive city—defend the right to drive after Taliban officials said they would stop issuing licenses to women.

<https://twitter.com/AFP/status/1521811877742870528>

Taliban Stops Issuing Driving Licence to Afghan Women: Reports (NDTV)

The ban comes at a time when the country is suffering from a devastating humanitarian crisis with severe shortage of food and other essential supplies.

<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/taliban-to-stop-issuing-driving-licence-to-women-in-kabul-reports-2947030>

May 5, 2022

Clerics Call to Include Women in Girls' School Discussion. (ToloNews)

Islamic scholars and female instructors called on the Islamic Emirate to include women in the gathering expected to be held over the fate of schooling for girls beyond grade six.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177877>

May 6, 2022

Female Teachers Called Back to Nimroz Schools. (ToloNews)

The Nimroz education department said that female teachers who lost their jobs following the fall of the previous government will be reinstated.

Meanwhile, teachers who lost their jobs praised the Ministry of Education's decision.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177890>

May 7, 2022

Afghanistan: Women's faces become latest Taliban restriction after face veil rule (BBC)

At the Lycee Mariam market in Kabul, known for its long row of stalls selling women's clothing, news of the Taliban's latest decree that women must wear a face veil had not yet filtered down by the afternoon.

Some of those browsing the shops wore the all-encompassing blue burka that the Taliban enforced during their first stint in power in the 1990s.

Others, however, had scarves covering their hair, but their faces uncovered.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-61363969>

Taliban to force Afghan women to wear face veil. (BBC)

Afghan women will have to wear the Islamic face veil for the first time in decades under a decree passed by the country's ruling Taliban militants.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-61361826>

Taliban orders women to cover up head to toe in Afghanistan: 'We want our sisters to live with dignity' (CBS News)

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers on Saturday ordered all Afghan women to wear head-to-toe clothing in public—a sharp, hard-line pivot that confirmed the worst fears of rights activists and was bound to further complicate Taliban dealings with an already distrustful international community.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/taliban-order-women-cover-up-afghanistan/>

May 8, 2022

Rules for Women's Covering Sparks Reactions. (ToloNews)

The Islamic Emirate's announcement of new rules regarding women's covering or hijab triggered reactions at an international level.

The UN Sec-Gen Guterres said he is 'alarmed' that 'women must cover their faces in public and leave home only in cases of necessity.'

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177918>

May 9, 2022

**استفاده اجباری از برقع در افغانستان؛ واکنش‌های داخلی و جهانی به دستور جدید طالبان
(BBC Persian)**

شماری از زنان و دختران افغان در داخل و خارج از افغانستان به واکنش‌های خود در مورد دستور تازه طالبان مبنی بر استفاده اجباری زنان از روبنده (برقع) ادامه داده و آن را تلاشی برای سلب آزادی‌های نسبی زنان و دخترانی خوانده‌اند که در افغانستان تحت حاکمیت طالبان، زندگی، کار و تحصیل می‌کنند.

وزارت امر به معروف طالبان دو روز پیش اعلام کرد که از این بعد زنان و دختران در افغانستان باید چشم‌ها، بدن و صورتشان را بپوشانند و زنان از روبنده که چهره آن‌ها را کاملاً می‌پوشاند، استفاده کنند.

<https://www.bbc.com/persian/afghanistan-61378379>

May 10, 2022

Women and Girls Drive in Herat City (ToloNews)

Even though women's driving licenses have been suspended in Herat province, some women and girls are driving freely in Herat city.

But local officials in Herat said there are still no restrictions on women and girls driving in the province.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177942>

U.N. Security Council to discuss Taliban ordering women to cover faces again. (Reuters)

The United Nations Security Council will meet on Thursday to discuss an order by Afghanistan's Taliban for women to cover their faces in public, a return to a signature policy of the Islamist group's past hardline rule and an escalation of restrictions.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/un-security-council-discuss-taliban-ordering-women-cover-faces-again-2022-05-10/>

U.S. says it will increase pressure on Taliban if it does not reverse decisions on women, girls. (Reuters)

The United States will take steps to increase pressure on Afghanistan's Taliban government to reverse some of its recent decisions restricting the rights of women and girls if the hardline group shows no sign of rescinding the actions on its own.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/us-says-it-will-increase-pressure-taliban-if-it-does-not-reverse-decisions-women-2022-05-09/>

May 11, 2022

Many Afghan women pushing back against Taliban orders to cover up. (Reuters)

Many women in the Afghan capital are delaying a return to fully covering their faces in public in defiance of orders from Islamist Taliban rulers; others are staying at home, and some have been wearing COVID-19 face masks anyway.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/many-afghan-women-pushing-back-against-taliban-orders-cover-up-2022-05-11/>

Afghan women train in Australia after fleeing Taliban rule. (Reuters)

Eight months after fleeing Kabul as the Taliban swept to power in Afghanistan, Farida trains at a suburban Melbourne pitch, dreaming of one day playing soccer for her country while lamenting the fate of fellow women players back home.

<https://www.reuters.com/lifestyle/sports/afghan-women-train-australia-after-fleeing-taliban-rule-2022-05-11/>

May 12, 2022

Video: Afghan women protest against the Taliban order to cover faces. (YouTube – CNN)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9DM1VHsNZY>

May 13, 2022

**Prevented from Attending School, Afghan Girls Learn Handicrafts.
(ToloNews)**

Following the closing of girls' schools above sixth grade, a number of female students above sixth grade in Herat province have turned to sewing and other handicrafts instead of staying at home.

Many of these students, like Aziza, did not stay home and turned to learning foreign languages, computers, and handicrafts.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178000>

**UK at UN: Afghan Women, Girls Will Not Accept Life on Sidelines.
(ToloNews)**

Barbara Woodward, the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the UN expressed deep concern over the imposed restrictions against women and girls in Afghanistan.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177998>

**G7 Condemns Restrictions on Women and Girls in Afghanistan.
(ToloNews)**

The Foreign ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States, and representatives of the European Union stated they deplored and opposed the increasing restrictions on the rights and freedom of Afghan women and girls.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177993>

May 14, 2022

In the Taliban's Afghanistan, control of women begins at home. (The Washington Post)

The Taliban decreed May 7 that Afghan women must cover themselves from head to toe in public. The blue burqa is the Taliban's garment of choice; ideal, however, would be for women to never leave the house unless absolutely necessary.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/05/14/taliban-afghanistan-women-covering-burqa-control/>

Govt Female Employees Call for Freedom to Work. (ToloNews)

Female employees of the government called on the Islamic Emirate to allow them to continue working at their jobs in government departments.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178013>

May 15, 2022

Afghanistan face veil decree: 'It feels like being a woman is a crime'. (BBC)

Soraya, who owns a small business in Kabul, never believed that she would be made to wear a burqa like the one the Taliban enforced during their first stint in power in the 1990s. But on 7 May, women's faces became the latest restriction, after Afghanistan's ruling Taliban announced that women must wear an all-covering veil in public for the first time in decades.

Taliban officials described the face veil decree as 'advice' but laid out a specific set of escalating steps for anyone not complying.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-61402309>

**15 Foreign Ministers Issue Statement on Afghan Women's Rights.
(ToloNews)**

The Foreign Ministers of fifteen countries in a statement expressed their 'deep' concerns over restrictions on girls' access to education in Afghanistan and called on the 'Taliban to respect the right to education and adhere to their commitments to reopen schools for all female students.'

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178027>

May 16, 2022

**Taliban Say, 'Good News ' Coming On Girls' Education In Afghanistan.
(NDTV)**

Washington: Afghanistan's interior minister promised 'very good news ' soon on the return of girls to secondary schools, in a rare interview broadcast Monday by CNN.

<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/taliban-say-good-news-coming-on-girls-education-in-afghanistan-2982037>

Taliban promise 'good news' on girls' education in Afghanistan. (al-Arabiya)

The unexpected reversal, ordered by Hibatullah Akhundzada, the supreme leader of the Taliban and of the country, outraged many Afghans and the international community.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/world/2022/05/17/Taliban-promise-good-news-on-girls-education-in-Afghanistan>

Taliban Dissolve Afghanistan's Human Rights Commission, Other Key Bodies. (U.S. News)

KABUL (Reuters) - Taliban authorities in Afghanistan dissolved five key departments of the former U.S.-backed government, including the country's Human Rights Commission, deeming them unnecessary in the face of a financial crunch, an official said on Monday.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2022-05-16/taliban-dissolve-afghanistans-human-rights-commission-other-key-bodies>

May 18, 2022

Video: We feel suffocated': Afghan women open up about life under the Taliban. (CNN)

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2022/05/18/afghanistan-girls-education-work-taliban-amanpour-dnt-lead-vpx.cnn>

Students say Taliban blocked them from college for wearing wrong color hijabs as Afghan women see their rights fade to black. (CBS NEWS)

Taliban forces prevented female college students from attending classes on Wednesday in Kabul, apparently turning them away because their headscarves were deemed too colorful. It was the latest evidence of the Islamist group's steady erosion of human rights since it seized power almost a year ago after the US military's withdrawal from Afghanistan.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/taliban-sends-afghanistan-female-students-home-wrong-color-hijab-headscarf/>

Afghanistan: The secret girls school defying the Taliban. (BBC)

Hidden away in a residential neighbourhood is one of Afghanistan's new 'secret' schools—a small but powerful act of defiance against the Taliban. Around a dozen teenage girls are attending a math class.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-61470748>

May 19, 2022

Afghanistan's female TV presenters must cover their faces, say Taliban. (BBC)

The Taliban have ordered female Afghan TV presenters and other women on screen to cover their faces while on air.

Media outlets were told of the decree on Wednesday, a religious police spokesman told BBC Pashto.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-61508072>

Video/article: Family shares their story about escaping Afghanistan and finding hope in Indiana (WRTV- abc)

<https://www.wrtv.com/news/working-for-you/family-shares-their-story-about-escaping-afghanistan-and-finding-hope-in-indiana>

Afghan Women Hold Book Fair in Kabul (ToloNews)

To celebrate the last day of the week of the International Day of Book, several women held a book exhibition on a street in Kabul.

The visitors welcomed the holding of the exhibition and urged the citizens to incorporate book reading as a daily habit.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178088>

May 20, 2022

State Dept Wants 'Action' Not 'Rhetoric' on Afghan Schools. (ToloNews)

The United States Department of State again criticized what it called the ban on schools for girls above sixth grade in Afghanistan.

However, the Islamic Emirate said that it has set up a commission to allow female students above sixth grade to go to school.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178099>

May 21, 2022

60 Women graduated from Trade School in Kabul (ToloNews)

More than sixty female students have graduated from a professional training center in Kabul.

Many young women turned to learning craft skills after the girls' schools above grade six were closed.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178111>

Ministries Repeat Call for Female News Presenters to Cover Faces (ToloNews)

The Ministry of Vice and Virtue emphasized once again that female presenters on television should cover their faces. According to the ministry spokesperson, women presenters are obliged to use masks during television programs, starting tomorrow, Sunday.

The ministry spokesperson also told ToloNews that the decision was final and that there was no room for discussion on this issue.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178113>

Karzai Tells CNN Burqa is Not Afghan Tradition (ToloNews)

Former President Hamid Karzai in an interview with CNN said that covering faces is not Hijab, and the use of the Burqa is not Afghan tradition, but ‘Burqa has come to Afghanistan probably 200–300 years ago, and countryside women don’t wear’ it.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178107>

US envoy meets Taliban foreign minister, raises women’s rights. (Al Jazeera)

The US special envoy on Afghanistan has met the Taliban’s acting foreign minister in the Qatari capital, Doha, and stressed international opposition to the group’s expanding curbs on women and girls.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/5/21/us-envoy-meets-taliban-diplomat-presses-womens-rights>

May 22, 2022

Deputy Foreign Minister Calls for Girls’ Education. (ToloNews)

Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai, the deputy minister of Foreign Affairs, called for women’s rights to be provided and said it is the responsibility of the government to provide safe education for girls in the country.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178128>

**All ToloNews Presenters, in Solidarity With Women, Cover Faces
(ToloNews)**

ToloNews and other TV channels in Kabul on Sunday followed an order of the Ministry of Vice and Virtue regarding covering female presenters' faces.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-178027>

**US's West, Amiri Speak to Muttaqi on Restrictions of Women.
(ToloNews)**

The US special envoy for Afghanistan, Thomas West, said that he and Rina Amiri, US envoy for Afghan women and human rights, spoke with acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Amir Khan Muttaqi, during which they 'conveyed unified international opposition to ongoing and expanding restrictions on women and girls' rights and role in society.'

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-178122>

May 23, 2022

Artists Protest Over Restrictions on Women (ToloNews)

A number of artists protesting against the latest restrictions imposed on women held a painting competition in Kabul, featuring artwork by women. They say their artwork depicts the current situation of women in the country and the restrictions on women in Afghanistan.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-178142>

**Afghan Women 'Systematically Discriminated Against': Amnesty Intl
(ToloNews)**

Amnesty International said that despite the Islamic Emirate's continued assurances that they respect the rights of women and girls, 'millions of women and girls have been systematically discriminated against since the Taliban became the de-facto authorities,' the organization said.

<https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-178144>

Afghanistan's Taliban mandate face coverings for women news anchors (FOX News)

Afghanistan's Taliban have mandated a new rule requiring all women news anchors to cover their faces while on TV. The Taliban's Virtue and Vice ministry announced the change on Thursday and began enforcing it over the weekend.

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/afghanistan-taliban-mandate-face-coverings-women-news-anchors>

May 24, 2022

Afghan female journalists defiant as Taliban restrictions grow (Al Jazeera)

Taliban decree ordering female news anchors to cover their faces on air is the latest in a series of escalating restrictions.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/5/24/afghan-female-journalists-defiant-as-taliban-restrictions-grow>

Male Afghan TV anchors cover faces in solidarity with women after a Taliban order (NRP)

TV anchor Khatereh Ahmadi bows her head while wearing a face covering as she reads the news on ToloNews, in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday. The Taliban has started enforcing an order requiring female anchors to cover their faces while on air.

<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/24/1100957881/free-her-face-afghan-tv-anchors-face-coverings-taliban>

May 25, 2022

UNSC Urges Kabul to Lift Restrictions on Women, Girls. (ToloNews)

The United Nations Security Council on Tuesday called on the Islamic Emirate to 'swiftly reverse' policies and practices that are 'restricting the human rights and freedoms of Afghan women and girls in Afghanistan.'

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178170>

May 26, 2022

Video (YouTube): Afghan woman on directives: 'We live in a big prison with very restrictive rules.' | ABCNL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usQcvewgyGk>

Committee Formed to Reopen Girls' Schools: Islamic Emirate (ToloNews)

The Islamic Emirate said it has formed a committee of eight members to facilitate the reopening of girls' schools.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178190>

May 27, 2022

Islamic Emirate Says UN's Concerns Over Women's Rights 'Unfounded' (ToloNews)

The statement welcomed the decision by the UNSC to revive Afghanistan's banking and financial system.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178204>

US State Dept: Kabul's Legitimacy Depends on Women's Rights (ToloNews)

Kabul has always said that the rights of women and girls are ensured within the framework of Islamic law.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178205>

Girls in Farah Voice Growing Discontent as Schools Remain Closed (ToloNews)

The female Afghan students above grade six have been banned from going to school for more than 250 days.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178207>

May 28, 2022

Girls at Badakhshan University Say Covering Faces Unhealthy (ToloNews)

The students said that they have been struggling with heat because of being obliged to wear black clothes and masks in the university.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178221>

Twitter 'FreeHerFace' Campaign Gained Intl Attention (ToloNews)

The Twitter hashtag was used by foreign TV presenters and some famous figures to offer their solidarity with the Afghan female presenters.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178220>

May 29, 2022

Afghan Women Protest Over Closed Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

They also stated that they would continue to demonstrate until their demands were met.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178230>

May 31, 2022

No Details Yet from Committee on Girls' Schooling: Spokesperson (ToloNews)

The female students above sixth grade expressed concerns over the closed schools.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178262>

UN Rapporteur Spotlights Human Rights Crisis, Women's Exclusion (ToloNews)

Meanwhile, Human Rights Watch called on the Islamic Emirate to respect the rights of girls and women in order to gain global legitimacy.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178261>

June 2, 2022

Herat Artists Hold Exhibition to Protest Restrictions on Women. (ToloNews)

The decree was issued on May 7, prompting harsh criticism from the international community as well as Afghans across the country.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178295>

June 4, 2022

Calls to Reopen Afghan Girls' Schools Continue (ToloNews)

The Noor Capacities Development and Training Institute was founded in 2001 and presently works in twenty-two provinces in human rights.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178319>

June 5, 2022

Questions Raised About Firing of 3 Female Professors (ToloNews)

Meanwhile, Badakhshan University's chancellor said that these professors have been fired for their persistent absenteeism.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178330>

OSCE Concerned by Situation in Afghanistan (ToloNews)

But the Islamic Emirate denied the report and said that the human rights and women's rights are observed in Afghanistan.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178334>

June 6, 2022

Facing Closed Schools, Badghis Girls Learn Tailoring (ToloNews)

They expressed serious concerns over the uncertain fate of secondary schools for girls across Afghanistan, especially in Badghis province.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178345>

Islamic Emirate Denies Reports of Reopening Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

The Islamic Emirate announced a committee to facilitate the reopening of the girls' schools beyond grade six, but there has yet to be any ...

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178351>

June 8, 2022

Women at Kabul Exhibition Display Handmade Products (ToloNews)

Their products are handmade materials made from precious stones, textile, and other materials.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178381>

Students in South Call for All Girls' Schools to Reopen (ToloNews)

'I am a student of the 12th grade, our lessons are ongoing, and we come to the class every day,' said Shukria, a student.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178391>

HRW Reiterates Concerns Over Closed Girls' Schools (ToloNews)

Although the Islamic Emirate has formed a committee to facilitate the reopening of girls schools, there has yet to be any progress in ...

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178393>

June 9, 2022

Women in Kabul Call for Right to Work, End of Restrictions (ToloNews)

They urged the Islamic Emirate to allow women to return to work.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178401>

June 11, 2022

Girls Say Closed Schools Causing Mental Stress (ToloNews)

They called on the Islamic Emirate to reopen the schools as soon as possible.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178429>

June 13, 2022

Teachers in Nangarhar Cross River with Inner Tubes to Reach School

Based on available numbers, around eight hundred girls and boys are studying at Bili school.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178465>

June 14, 2022

Islamic Scholars in Badghis Call to Reopen Girls' Schools

A gathering was held on Monday evening to inaugurate the council of Ulema in Badghis.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178475>

Ministry of Information Celebrates National Mother's Day

The Ministry of Information and Culture held a gathering on Tuesday to mark the National Day of Mother.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178483>

June 15, 2022

Employees of Ex-Govt's Supreme Court Hold Protest.

According to protestors, there are 150 administrative employees not allowed to attend work after the Islamic Emirate swept into power.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178490>

Top UNHCR Official Voices Concerns Over Closed Girls' Schools

It has been over 270 days that the girls' schools above grade six have remained closed in Afghanistan.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178492>

June 16, 2022

UN Human Rights Session Discusses Afghan Women's Condition

The Islamic Emirate's spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, denied there were violations of human rights in Afghanistan.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178502>

Specific Reasons Not Given for Closed Girls' Schools: UN's Bennett

Recently, a gathering in the western province of Badghis called for the reopening of schools for female students in grade 6–12.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178507>

June 17, 2022

Schools Remain Closed In Pamir District Of Badakhshan

Meanwhile, due to a lack of female teachers in the Pamir district of Badakhshan, girls have been left out of school.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178525>

June 19, 2022

Kabul University Faculties Lack Professors: Students

Meanwhile, officials at the Ministry of Higher Education and Kabul University say that they are working to solve these problems.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178547>

'We Must Facilitate Education for Men, Women': Stanekzai

The schools for female students beyond grade six have remained closed for more than 270 days.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178555>

June 28, 2022

Voices Call for Inclusion of Women, All Ethnic Groups in National Gathering

One of the main demands of the international community is the formation of an inclusive government.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178693>

Clerics in Kabul Called for Inclusion of Women in Coming Gathering

The international community linked the recognition of the current Afghan government to the upholding of human rights and women's rights...

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178694>

June 29, 2022

Afghan Girls Ask That Schooling Be Discussed at National Gathering

They also said that due to the closure of schools, they have suffered a lot of psychological harm.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178696>

June 30, 2022

Calls Raised for Inclusion of Women, Journalists at Clerics' Gathering

Meanwhile, women called on the participants at the gathering to decide on the reopening of girls' schools above 6th grade in the country.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178721>

Women Demand Inclusion in Clerics' Gathering

The exclusion of women from this Islamic Clerics' Gathering has drawn strong criticism from a number of women in the west of the country.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178724>

July 1, 2022

Women's Absence at Clerics' Gathering Criticized

Recognition of the Islamic Emirate by the international community is conditional upon upholding human rights and the role of women in ...

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178739>

Only 2 Participants at Clerics' Gathering Called to Reopen Girls' School

This comes as no Islamic Emirate official has so far talked about the reopening of girls' schools at the gathering.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178740>

July 2, 2022

US's Amiri Chooses Not to Meet With Islamic Emirate in Doha

The statement issued by the State Department also highlighted the 'expanding restriction' on the rights of Afghan women and girls.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178748>

Bachelet: Women, Girls Face 'Progressive Exclusion'

The Islamic Emirate has yet to comment on this event, but previously said Kabul is bound to uphold the rights of women within the ...

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178751>

Hekmatyar Asks Why Women Not Included in Gathering

They added that without the presence of women, the gathering is incomplete.

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-178756>

July 3, 2022

Religious School Students in Baghlan Call to Reopen Girls' Schools

According to the students, every Muslim has the right to education, and girls' schools should be opened again.

Women Demand Reopening of Girls' Schools

It has been 289 days since girls above sixth grade have not been allowed to attend school, and it is not clear what will happen to their ...

Female Students, Teachers Concerned by Results of Clerics' Gathering

Schools for female students from grade 7–12 have remained closed for over nine months.

July 5, 2022

Islamic Emirate Policies Keeping 'Sanctions in Place': Amiri

Afghan female activists believe that the Islamic Emirate will not be recognized if it does not provide women with their rights.

July 7, 2022

Female Writers Call for Reopening of Girls' Schools

In a resolution, they said that the closure of girls' schools has no religious justification.

Stanezkai Calls for Inclusion of Women in Govt. Departments

Stanezkai called on the Afghan academic figures abroad to return to the country, saying they would be provided with security.

July 8, 2022

Activists: Rise in Forced Marriages Linked to Closed Girls' Schools

The majority of girls in the province engage in carpet weaving, beekeeping, and the production of handicrafts.

Islamic Emirate Leader Not Opposed to Girls' Schools, Says Top Cleric

Faiq said that the only reason for delaying the reopening of the schools is the need to segregate the classes of male and female students.

July 11 , 2022

Afghan Citizens Call to Reopen Girls' Schools

Meanwhile, some families in the country urged the Islamic Emirate to reopen girls' schools as soon as possible.

Deprived of Tailoring, Female Students Turn to Tailoring

Nearly seventy girls and women work at shop visited by TOLONews.

July 12, 2022

Campaign for Girls' Education Continues on Social Media

The campaigners warned about the negative outcomes of illiteracy for the country.

July 14, 2022

Kapisa Parents Concerned by Effects of Closed Girls' Schools

The female students above grade six have not been allowed to attend their schools for the past 300 days.

Afghanistan Ranked Worst Country for Gender Gap

But the Islamic Emirate said that it included women—based on necessity—in the government bodies.

July 16 , 2022

Afghans Renew Call for Reopening of Girls' Schools

They said that the closure of girls' schools will lead the country towards a 'dark future.'

July 20, 2022

UNAMA Releases Human Rights Report on Past 10 Months

Islamic Emirate spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid, in reaction to the UNAMA report on the human rights situation in Afghanistan.

July 26, 2022

Clerics, Tribal Elders in Paktia Call to Reopen Girls' Schools

Meanwhile, participants urged the international community to interact with Afghanistan and release Afghan's foreign assets.

July 29, 2022

Blinken Announces 'Consultative Mechanism' for US to Reach Afghan Women

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken further added that since the Islamic Emirate took over, they've silenced civil society and ...

Local Officials in Parwan Call to Reopen Girls' Schools

Eleven months have passed since the closure of girls' schools above the sixth grade, and it is still unknown when these schools will reopen.

July 31, 2022

Afghan Refugees in Iran, Pakistan Call for UNHCR to Act

Meanwhile, some of the Afghan refugees who are living in Iran talked about the problems they face living in that country.

August 2, 2022

Students Call for Girls' Schools to Be Reopened

Girls' schools above sixth grade were shut down for about a year, and the Islamic Emirate has not decided whether or not to reopen them.

August 4, 2022

Anas Haqqani Says Closed Girls' Schools Not Permanent

High-ranking Islamic Emirate officials have consistently made promises to reopen schools, but these promises have not yet been fulfilled.

August 8, 2022

Officials: Girls' Schools Closed Due to 'Cultural Constraints'

On Sunday, the Deputy Minister of Education said that the delay in reopening girls' schools was caused by problems in the curriculum for ...

August 12, 2022

Afghan Girls Describe Despair Over Lack of Access to Education: AP

Even if the young woman gets a university degree, 'What is the benefit?' asked Qaderi, a 58-year-old retired government employee.

August 13, 2022

Protesters in Kabul Call for Women's Rights

The protestors chanted the slogan 'Bread, Work and Freedom,' and urged the caretaker government to observe the rights of women and girls.

Taliban break up rare protest by Afghan women in Kabul. (BBC News)

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-62532839>

August 14, 2022

Human Rights in Afghanistan Since Political Change

Women's rights restrictions, hijab decrees, and civil protests were a few of the changes that sparked domestic and international ...

August 15, 2022

Closed Girls' Schools Sparked Domestic, Intl Reactions Since March

The Islamic Emirate's decision to ban girls above grade six from going to their schools faced widespread reactions.

Taliban Mark a 'Black Day' for Afghanistan With More Violence Against Women.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/08/15/afghanistan-taliban-women-one-year-anniversary-kabul-protest/>

August 16, 2022

Intl Calls to Support Afghan Women Remain High

The Islamic Emirate said that significant steps have been taken to ensure human rights in Afghanistan.

Karzai Calls for Reopening of Girls' Schools

The officials of the Ministry of Education said that the leadership of the Islamic Emirate has yet to reach an agreement on the reopening ...

August 17, 2022

Ministry: Girls' Schools Closed to 'Cultural Constraints'

UN Envoy for Global Education, Gordon Brown, asked the Islamic Emirate to listen to the people of Afghanistan.

Human Rights Watchdogs Concerned by Women's Situation in Afghanistan

The human rights watchdogs called on the United States to ban the Islamic Emirate officials from traveling abroad.

August 17, 2022

Institution in Kabul Provides Free Education to 1000 Girls

Over a year has passed since the closing of girls' schools, which raised national and international concerns.

August 20, 2022

Girls Continue Education Amidst Schools Closure

Secondary schools are closed for nearly a year. The Islamic Emirate has vowed to announce a new mechanism for the return of girls to ...

EU Official Emphasizes Need for Girls' Education in Afghanistan

But the deputy head of the European Union delegation in Afghanistan said it is not intervention.

August 23, 2022

UN's Griffiths: Women, Girls Face 'Alarming Rollback on Their Rights'

Previously, Amnesty International has said that women and girls have been stripped of their rights and face a bleak future.

August 24, 2022

Afghan Activists Establish 'Women's Library'

Participants at the opening welcomed the creation of the library.

August 27, 2022

Afghan Women Leaders Conference Held in Istanbul

However, the Islamic Emirate said that the rights of women and girls are respected within the framework of Islamic laws in the country.

August 29, 2022

Women's Gathering in Turkey Urges World to Focus on Afghan Human Rights

Meanwhile, the Islamic Emirate said that it has ensured the rights of women across the country.

August 31, 2022

Celebrations Held Around Country to Mark Anniversary of US Pullout

Despite one year passing since the Islamic Emirate swept into power, no countries have yet to recognize its interim government.

September 2022

Attending religious classes is mandatory for public servants. They must also **pass the test of faith.**

Girls are banned from secondary and high schools in east Afghanistan that had briefly opened. Women students are banned from taking videos and photos on university campus.

Media outlets are ordered that female guest speakers must cover faces appearing on TV.

October 2022

Women students cannot choose subjects that are **"too difficult"** to study, including agriculture, mining, and civil engineering.

Male teachers and students are ordered to sign a **pledge of observing** Sharia.

Women **can no longer** serve on the Commission of Media Violations.

November 2022

Women **can no longer** go to public baths in Badghis. Women **can no longer** go to parks and gyms.

Taliban supreme leader has ordered **Sharia law punishment**, including public amputations and stoning.

Women hold placards during a protest calling for their rights to be recognized, near the Shah-e-Do Shamshira mosque in Kabul on Nov. 24, 2022. Afghan women have been pushed of public life since the Taliban's return to power in August last year, but small groups continue to stage protests though these are usually immediately shut down by the Taliban, sometimes violently. (AFP via Getty Images)

December 2022

Taliban says women students can **no longer attend** public or private universities until further notice.

Girls beyond sixth grade are **not allowed** to attend private courses.

Girls can pursue education in religious subject matters only.

Taliban **bans women** from working with I/NGOs.

2023

January 2023

Women are banned from visiting historic sites. Poets are told not to compose musical prose.

High school graduate girls are told they are not permitted take the university entrance exam.

The sale of **contraceptives is banned** and labeled a 'Western conspiracy.'

February 2023

Taliban order women **medical staff members to observe** full black hijab with mask at all times.

Women in the medical field in Kandahar are told they must be **escorted by a male family member.**

Women's karate clubs are forced to close. Intermarriages among Sunni and Shia are forbidden in the north of Afghanistan, in Badakhshan province.

Dental clinics run by women are forced to close in the central Ghazni province because they supposedly treated male male patients.

Women medical students are not allowed to take their exit exam. Only male students were allowed.

March 2023

New laws are announced, making it impossible for women to escape and divorce abusive husbands. **Many women fear their divorces under the previous republic government could be voided,** forcing them to return to their former husbands.

Girls are barred from starting the new academic year in universities. Only boys are allowed.

Men and women are ordered to visit shrines on different days.

New orders are issued to beauty salons in the central province of Parwan, demanding that women cleanse themselves before applying makeup.

Restaurants in Takhar province should not serve women who are not escorted by a close male relative.

New year celebrations are forbidden. The order also prohibits celebrating birthdays, Valentine's Day and Women's Day. The Afghan people celebrate the Afghan new year (first day of spring) widely throughout the country.

In the northern province of Balkh, banking services become segregated by sex.

The attorney general's office is abolished and renamed the General Directorate for Monitoring and Follow-up of Decrees and Directives.

Courts must reexamine cases settled by the courts under the republic government. It must invalidate cases that did not meet the Taliban Sharia.

Planting hashish (marijuana) is prohibited.

April 2023

The Taliban orders the U.N. that Afghan national females are barred from work at the U.N. Some four hundred women work for the U.N. in Afghanistan.

Women are barred from going to restaurants in Herat. Previously, restaurants were segregated.

The Shia community is ordered to celebrate Eid, a religious holiday in Islam, per the Taliban court announcement. The Shia community often celebrates Eid a day later.

May 2023

Women are barred from visiting health clinics and graveyards. The men in the family must be arrested and punished if the women disregard the ruling.

Men and teachers must keep their beards long if they want to keep their positions in the education department in the eastern province of Khost.

Health workers are not allowed to carry smartphones while on duty in the southern Helmand province.

June 2023

A letter from the Ministry of Higher Education orders teachers to refrain from using certain words in their lectures and research. Many of the examples are in Farsi, or Dari.

Taliban orders [international organizations to stop all education](#) programs in Afghanistan and hand them over to the Taliban.

The Ministry of Vice and Virtue announces that [music is not allowed at weddings](#) anymore. The ministry, which serves as the morality police, says the regime will be scouring wedding halls to enforce the ban.

July 2023

All female-run [beauty salons are forced](#) to close.

Taliban's director of preaching and propagation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a letter to its representatives in provinces and overseas, instructs them to perform daily prayers collectively and to adjust their appearance according to Shariah and the Prophet's *sunnah*.

The [Taliban abolishes the attorney general's office](#) and replaces it with the Directorate of Supervision and Prosecution of Decrees and Orders, designed to ensure the implementation of the Taliban's orders in public and private life.

In a new order, NGOs must hire Taliban-approved applicants to new positions.

August 2023

In over a dozen provinces, girls above age 10, or fifth grade, are no longer allowed to pursue education. Before this change, girls could go to school until grade six.

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