

Afghan Country Conditions Update 2/4/22

LINK TO ARCHIVED AFGHAN COUNTRY CONDITIONS UPDATES from 10/22/21

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13hoYfZDXEmcVBZps7RPcwIhKmYK0IkJaI4W8xiB1wqo/edit#>

LINK TO ASYLOS, ARC, Clifford Chance COI REPOSITORY REPORT Afghan Country Conditions (9/1/21 – Present)

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WEEKLY UPDATE

FAMILY MEMBERS LEFT IN AFGHANISTAN

'A Moral Obligation to Get Them Out of There' 2/4/22

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From Afghanistan to America 1/31/22

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Afghan Evacuation Flights to Resume with Streamlined Process 1/27/22

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UNACCOMPANIED MINORS/SEPARATED FAMILIES

Most Public Orphanages in Afghanistan Now Closed 2/1/22

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AFGHANS AWAITING RELOCATION OVERSEAS

Thousands of Afghans Face Narrow Path to Gain Entry to U.S. 2/1/22

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White House Working to Expedite Afghan Resettlement 1/30/22

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/01/30/white-house-working-to-expedite-afghan-resettlement-as-at-least-12500-remain-on-military-bases.html>

AFGHANS FLEEING TO PAKISTAN, IRAN, AND CENTRAL ASIA

Over a Million Flee as Afghanistan's Economy Collapses 2/3/22

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RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

Afghanistan: Religious Minorities on the Run or in Hiding 2/4/22

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-Christians

Christians in Afghanistan Live in Constant Fear, Even of Their Own Families 2/1/22

<https://baptistnews.com/article/the-few-remaining-christians-in-afghanistan-live-in-constant-fear-even-of-their-own-families/#.Yf1QmvXMLYI>

Afghanistan: The Most Dangerous Place in the World to be a Christian 1/28/22

<https://religionmediacentre.org.uk/news/afghanistan-the-most-dangerous-place-in-the-world-to-be-a-christian/>

-Hazaras (Shia)

Persecuted Hazara Minority Whose Hard Lives Just Got Harder 1/31/22

<https://news.sky.com/story/afghanistan-hazara-group-that-worked-with-foreigners-now-on-the-run-and-in-hiding-from-taliban-who-want-revenge-12527650>

-Uzbek, Turkmen, and Tajik

Uzbek Commander [who] Fought for Taliban... was Arrested Anyway 2/1/22

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

Taliban's Arrest of Ethnic Uzbek Commander Sparks Clashes in Northern Afghanistan 1/29/22

<https://www.rferl.org/a/taliban-arrest-uzbek-commander-clashes/31677178.html>

WOMEN AND GIRLS

Professional Women in Kabul Rail Against Taliban-Imposed Restrictions 2/4/22

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Life-Arts/Life/Professional-women-of-Kabul-rail-against-Taliban-imposed-restrictions>

Afghan Women Face Increasing Violence and Repression after Spotlight Fades 2/4/22

<https://theconversation.com/afghan-women-face-increasing-violence-and-repression-under-the-taliban-after-international-spotlight-fades-176008>

Threatened and Beaten, Afghan Women Defy Taliban with Protests 1/26/22

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The World Left These Afghan Women Behind, Now They are Fending for Themselves 1/17/22

<https://www.macleans.ca/longforms/the-world-left-these-afghan-women-behind-now-theyre-fending-for-themselves/amp/>

TARGETED PROFESSIONS

-Journalists/Media

Afghan Journalists Increasingly Harassed by Taliban Intelligence and New Ministry 2/4/22

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Taliban Arrest Ariana News Journalists 2/4/22

<https://www.ifj.org/media-centre/news/detail/category/press-releases/article/afghanistan-taliban-arrest-ariana-news-journalists.html>

Taliban Forces Beat, Interrogate Afghan Journalist Zahid Samadzai in Kabul 2/3/22

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Taliban Reportedly Releases Two Journalists Held for Unknown Reasons 2/2/22

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Taliban Detains Two Kabul Journalists Colleagues and Relatives Say 2/1/22

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Under Taliban Number of Women Journalists Halves 1/30/22

<https://pajhwok.com/2022/01/30/under-taliban-number-of-women-journalists-halves/>

-Human Rights Defenders

Despite Brutal Repression, Afghan Women Demand Right to Go to School and Work 2/3/22

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/despite-brutal-repression-afghan-women-demand-the-right-to-go-to-school-and-work>

UN, Women Demand Answers over More Missing Activists 2/3/22

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Taliban Accused over Abducted Women's Rights Protestor 2/3/22

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-60239525>

Six Women's Rights Activists Still Missing in Afghanistan 2/1/22

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For Afghanistan's New Enemies of the State, a Life in Hiding 2/1/22

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2022/0201/For-Afghanistan-s-new-enemies-of-the-state-a-life-in-hiding>

-Former Police, Government Workers, Military

UN Claim Taliban Killed Scores of Former Govt. Officials 1/31/22

<https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/01/31/675865/Taliban-allegedly-killed-100-ex-gov--staff,-others,-UN-claims>

UN Chief Accuses Taliban of Scores of Revenge Killings 1/30/22

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-Legal Professions

International Day of the Endangered Lawyer: Afghanistan 1/24/22

<https://www.jurist.org/features/2022/01/24/international-day-of-the-endangered-lawyer-voices-from-afghanistan-myanmar/>

-Athletes

Afghan Athletes Who Thought They were Headed to Canada Plead with Ottawa 2/2/22

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ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS

-Education

Dire Political and Economic Situation is Undermining Fight against Child Labor 2/4/22

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Afghanistan Women: 'I Felt Anxious Going Back to University' 2/4/22

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-60236826>

Afghan Universities Reopen with Strict Rules for Female Students 2/3/22

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Afghan Universities Open to Female Students but with Strict Rules on Mixing 2/3/22

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Female Students Join Male Peers as Afghan Universities Reopen 2/2/22

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Afghan Public Universities Reopened with Few Women in Class 2/2/22

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Afghan Public Universities Opened in Warm Zones 2/2/22

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Afghan Students with Indian Scholarships Protest Lack of Visas 2/2/22

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Who Gets to Go to School? Taliban and Education through Time 1/31/22

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How Serious are the Taliban about Full Education for Girls 1/31/22

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-Healthcare

Afghanistan Emergency Situation Report January 16-31, 2022 2/4/22

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Soaring Pneumonia and Starvation are Killing Thousands of Children in Afghanistan 2/2/22

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-Looming Economic Crisis

US Keeping \$10 Billion Afghan Assets Frozen, Banks Allowed to Send Hum. Aid 2/3/22

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Afghanistan's Safety Net Collapsed after Taliban's Takeover 1/30/22

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NRC Warns Millions at Risk Due to Economic Measures 1/27/22

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-Food

Australia Urged to Ramp up Aid as Afghanistan Humanitarian Crisis Unfolds 2/1/22

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The Situation is Dire: Inside Afghanistan's Rapidly Deteriorating Humanitarian Crisis 1/31/22

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Afghan Children Starving to Death as Hunger Rapidly Spreading 1/28/22

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'No One Has Food': In Bleak Afghan Winter, a Fight for Survival 1/25/22

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LGBTQ+

LGBTQ People in Afghanistan Face Violence, Rape, and Extortion 2/1/22

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Taliban is Targeting LGBT Afghans 1/31/22

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Petition and Report Aim to Help LGBT Afghans Targeted by Taliban 1/27/22

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LGBTQ Afghans Face Surge of Rape, Torture after Taliban Takeover 1/25/22

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PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

UN: High Risk in Conflicts for Children with Disabilities 2/1/22

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INTERNALLY DISPLACED

While Displaced Afghans Starve, International Help is Nowhere to be Found 1/31/22

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Nangarhar: 1000s of War-Displaced Families Return Home 1/31/22

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