AFGHANISTAN CRISIS HORIZON (22 - 03 Apr 2022)



KEY EVENTS

1 Chinese FM Chairs 3rd Foreign Ministers' Meeting Among Afghan Neighbors

2022-04-01 Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi Thursday chaired the third foreign ministers' meeting among the neighboring countries of Afghanistan in Tunxi, east China's Anhui Province. 新华网

2 Russia Accredits IEA Official As Moscow 'Envoy' For Kabul | Ariana News

2022-03-31 Russia has accredited an Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) official to work in Moscow on behalf of the new Kabul administration but remains concerned about the threat of Islamist groups spilling over into Russia via Central Asia, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Thursday. ARIANA NEWS

3 Taliban Bars Government Employees Without Beards From Work

2022-03-28 Afghanistan's Taliban has instructed all government employees to wear a beard and adhere to a dress code or risk being fired, three sources told Reuters, the latest of several new restrictions imposed by the hardline Islamist administration.

REUTERS

4 Taliban Ban BBC's Local Language Services In Afghanistan - Broadcaster

 $2\overline{0}22-03-28$ The Taliban have banned BBC television news in three main languages of Afghanistan from being broadcast, the British news organisation said. REUTERS

5 China's Foreign Minister Makes Surprise Afghanistan Trip

2022-03-24 Beijing's top diplomat Wang Yi has met with top Taliban leaders in Kabul for the first time since the fundamentalist group took power in August. Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Ghani Baradar and Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi were two top Taliban officials present at the meeting. During the visit, China's top diplomat reportedly expressed concern that Afghanistan could become a staging ground for attacks by Muslim Uyghur separatists. Although China has not recognized the Taliban as Afghanistan's legitimate leaders since the group returned to power, Beijing has shied away from criticizing the Taliban. DEUTSCHE WELLE

6 Taliban Nixes Girls Higher Education Despite Earlier Pledges

2022-03-23 In a surprise decision the hardline leadership of Afghanistan's new rulers has decided against opening educational institutions to girls beyond Grade six, a Taliban official said Wednesday on the first day of Afghanistan's new school year. AP NEWS

7 IEA Blocks Unaccompanied Women From Flights | Ariana News

2022-03-27 Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) rulers refused to allow dozens of women to board several flights, including international flights, because they were traveling without a male chaperone, two Afghan airline officials said Saturday. ARIANA NEWS

8 Taliban Hits DW, BBC With Broadcast Bans In Afghanistan

2022-03-28 The Taliban is cracking down on foreign media in Afghanistan. DW programming rebroadcast by partners in Pashto and Dari will be banned. The BBC said that bulletins in Pashto, Persian and Uzbek have been removed. DEUTSCHE WELLE

9 UN Pushes For Pledges, Seeks \$4.4 Billion For Afghanistan | Ariana News

2022-03-31 The United Nations announced on Thursday it is seeking \$4.4 billion for Afghanistan in the largest ever humanitarian appeal launched for a single country, Reuters reported. ARIANA NEWS

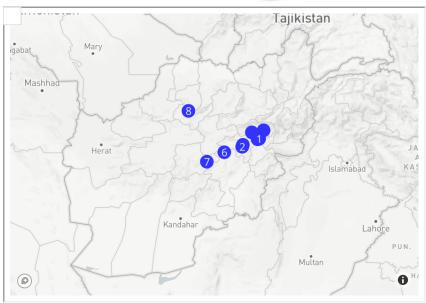
10 Rival Sept. 11 Victims Near Potential Deal To Divide Afghan Central Bank Assets

 $2\overline{022}$ -03-22 At least six major groups of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks have struck a tentative deal to divide about \$3.5 billion in Afghan central bank assets they are trying to seize to pay off legal claims against the Taliban. NYT

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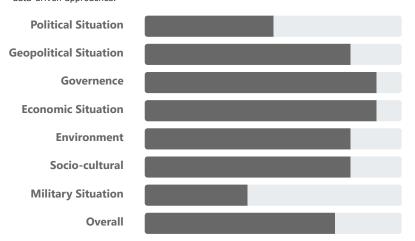
Political Islamists exploit pain, including those that they caused, rule with slogans and symbols to polarize the society, give empty promises about a not-so-distant future in order to hide both the present misery and poverty that they bring to their people and the kleptocracy that they formed. Poorly educated masses form the natural habitat of a political Islamist regime. The conspiracy rhetoric called foreign interference is one of the defaults. So-called Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is a perfect example of its kind and it is now emerging as a sunni version of Iran, in the heart of Asia. By banning girls from schools, making beard compulsory for government officials, preventing free media from broadcasting in Afghanistan Taliban returns to its factory settings by refusing to cooperate with the civilised world. Instead of solving problems most of which they caused, they now create fresh new ones.

China and Russia take coordinated steps towards recognizing the Taliban.



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