

Afghanistan Human Rights Center

Human Rights Situation Report

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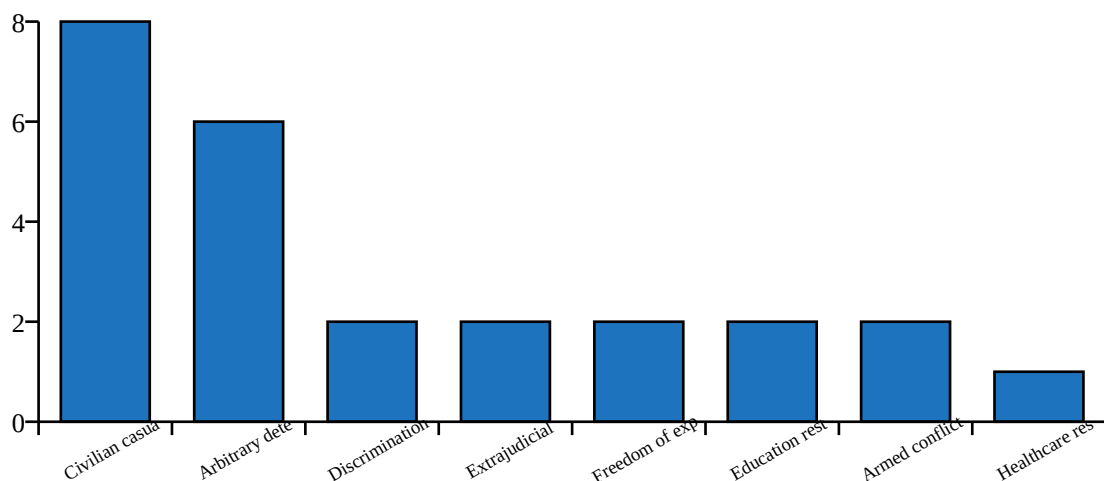
Executive summary

During the reporting period (past 30 days), the Afghanistan Human Rights Center documented **25** human-rights incident(s) across Afghanistan: **0** confirmed by a human reviewer and **25** provisional (classified with AI assistance and awaiting human review). The most frequently documented category was **Civilian casualties**, and the most affected province was **Kabul**. Of these, **4** incident(s) were assessed as critical severity. Figures are de-duplicated and coded to international human-rights and humanitarian law; they include provisional entries, which may change on review.

Methodology

Incidents are gathered from Afghan and international media, verified reports, and vetted contributor submissions. Each item is classified with AI assistance. An entry is marked confirmed once a human reviewer has accepted it; an entry that meets the automated confidence threshold but has not yet been reviewed is published as provisional and is labelled “under review” on the site. Duplicate reports of the same event are merged. Counts represent distinct events, not article volume.

Incidents by type



By incident type

Type	Count
Civilian casualties	8
Arbitrary detention	6
Discrimination	2
Extrajudicial execution	2
Freedom of expression	2
Education restriction	2
Armed conflict	2
Healthcare restriction	1

Geographic distribution

Province	Count
Kabul	8
Khost	3
Kunar	3
Kandahar	2
Ghazni	2
Helmand	2
Herat	2
Nangarhar	1
Paktia	1
Takhar	1

Severity breakdown

Severity	Count
Critical	4
High	17
Medium	4

Notable incidents (critical & high severity)

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2026-10-02 · Kunar · Civilian casualties · severity: critical

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2026-10-01 · Helmand · Civilian casualties · severity: high

A Pakistani airstrike struck a civilian family in the Safar area of Garmser district, Helmand province, killing four family members and wounding seven others. The family, originally from Ghazni province, operated a small restaurant in the area. The dead and wounded were transported by helicopter to Ghazni for burial and medical treatment.

Pakistani airstrikes hit three locations in the Safar area of Garm Sir district, Helmand province, at approximately 3:30 a.m. on October 1, 2026. Taliban provin

2026-10-01 · Helmand · Civilian casualties · severity: critical

Pakistani airstrikes hit three locations in the Safar area of Garm Sir district, Helmand province, at approximately 3:30 a.m. on October 1, 2026. Taliban provincial information chief Hafiz Abdul Bari Rashid Helmandi reported that 4 women and children were killed and 8 civilians injured. Two residential homes and an Eid prayer site were struck. Pakistan claimed the strikes targeted terrorist hideouts under its "Ghazab lil-Haq" operation and asserted 22 militants were killed; the Taliban disputed this, maintaining the victims were civilians.

UNAMA confirmed at least 10 civilians — most of them children — were killed and 9 wounded in Pakistani airstrikes on Shultan district in Kunar and Garmser distr

2026-09-30 · Kunar · Civilian casualties · severity: critical

UNAMA confirmed at least 10 civilians — most of them children — were killed and 9 wounded in Pakistani airstrikes on Shultan district in Kunar and Garmser district in Helmand. Three homes were also destroyed. Pakistan said its strikes targeted militant hideouts and claimed 22 militants killed; civilian and militant casualty figures could not be independently reconciled. The strikes are the third reported round of Pakistani air attacks inside Afghanistan in 10 days.

Three children aged 7–10 were killed in the Zawa area of Khugiani district, Nangarhar province, after a mortar shell they found while playing exploded on Tuesda

2026-09-30 · Nangarhar · Civilian casualties · severity: high

Three children aged 7–10 were killed in the Zawa area of Khugiani district, Nangarhar province, after a mortar shell they found while playing exploded on Tuesday evening. The incident reflects the ongoing danger of unexploded ordnance (UXO/ERW) from decades of armed conflict in Afghanistan. No current armed actor is directly responsible; the deaths result from legacy explosive contamination. UNMAS has documented ERW contamination in Khugiani district and has supported demining operations there.

The Taliban's justice ministry, led by Abdul Hakim Sharaee, closed three Shiite community institutions in western Kabul — Al-Zahra Clinic (healthcare), the Teby

2026-09-28 · Kabul · Discrimination · severity: high

The Taliban's justice ministry, led by Abdul Hakim Sharaee, closed three Shiite community institutions in western Kabul — Al-Zahra Clinic (healthcare), the Tebyan Center (cultural/religious), and the Resalat religious school (education) — without providing any stated reason. The closures are described as part of an expanding series targeting Shiite-linked institutions in the capital, indicating discriminatory enforcement on religious and ethnic grounds.

Taliban authorities confirmed the detention of women and girls in both Kabul and Herat for alleged violations of mandatory dress (hijab) requirements. In Herat,

2026-09-27 · Herat · Arbitrary detention · severity: high

Taliban authorities confirmed the detention of women and girls in both Kabul and Herat for alleged violations of mandatory dress (hijab) requirements. In Herat, eight women were arrested in the Jebrael township and along the 64-Meter Road, held overnight, and released only after guarantees and payment of money. A Taliban Ministry for Virtue spokesperson stated that failing to observe hijab is a "serious crime." Women in both cities reported that fear of arrest has made daily life increasingly difficult. International officials at the 81st UN General Assembly described the situation as "gender

Taliban personnel from the Ministry of Justice forcibly shut down the Hazrat Fatima al-Zahra Cooperative Hospital in Dasht-e Barchi, Kabul, on September 27–28,

2026-09-27 · Kabul · Healthcare restriction · severity: high

Taliban personnel from the Ministry of Justice forcibly shut down the Hazrat Fatima al-Zahra Cooperative Hospital in Dasht-e Barchi, Kabul, on September 27–28, 2026, removing all patients and staff and sealing the facility. The hospital provided low-cost healthcare to low-income residents, largely from the Hazara/Shia community. No reason was given. The closure is part of a broader two-week campaign by the Taliban targeting Shia community institutions in Kabul, including religious schools, a university, a TV station, and a sports complex.

Pakistani airstrikes hit areas in Kandahar, Paktia, and Khost provinces of Afghanistan, killing at least four civilians according to Taliban spokesperson Zabihu

2026-09-24 · Kandahar · Civilian casualties · severity: high

Pakistani airstrikes hit areas in Kandahar, Paktia, and Khost provinces of Afghanistan, killing at least four civilians according to Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid. Pakistan confirmed conducting air and drone strikes against 10 locations, claiming the sites were used to launch/store drones. The strikes are the latest in an escalating series of cross-border incidents; earlier strikes earlier in the week killed three more civilians. Mujahid condemned the strikes as "blatant aggression."

Pakistani Forces conducted multiple waves of airstrikes inside Afghanistan targeting locations in Kandahar, Khost, Paktia, Kunar, and Paktika provinces. Afghan

2026-09-23 · Khost · Civilian casualties · severity: high

Pakistani Forces conducted multiple waves of airstrikes inside Afghanistan targeting locations in Kandahar, Khost, Paktia, Kunar, and Paktika provinces. Afghan officials reported 4 civilians killed in the latest overnight strikes (September 24), while the UN confirmed 3 Afghan civilians (a man, a woman, and a girl) killed and 4 injured in earlier strikes in Kunar and Paktika. Pakistan claimed it targeted drone launch and storage sites and described the strikes as responses to drones launched from Afghan territory. Afghanistan's de facto authorities denied launching the drones and condemned the

Pakistani air and drone strikes hit multiple districts across at least five Afghan provinces — Khost, Kandahar, Paktia, Kunar, and Paktika — amid escalating cro

2026-09-22 · Khost · Armed conflict · severity: critical

Pakistani air and drone strikes hit multiple districts across at least five Afghan provinces — Khost, Kandahar, Paktia, Kunar, and Paktika — amid escalating cross-border tensions. UNAMA confirmed three civilians (a man, a woman, and a girl from the same family) were killed and four others wounded in Kunar. Homes were damaged in Paktia's Zazi Aryub district during a five-hour border exchange of fire between Taliban and Pakistani troops, prompting some residents to flee. Pakistan acknowledged striking 10 locations inside Afghanistan, claiming they targeted militant infrastructure linked to alleg

The Taliban's Justice Ministry closed the Khatam al-Anbia Shiite religious school and cultural complex in western Kabul, citing vague "anti-emirate activities,"

2026-09-22 · Kabul · Discrimination · severity: high

The Taliban's Justice Ministry closed the Khatam al-Anbia Shiite religious school and cultural complex in western Kabul, citing vague "anti-emirate activities," and detained at least four people including the head of a Shiite community commission, Mohammad Ali Akhlaqi. The ministry also dissolved the commission itself, required members to pledge to cease activities, and allegedly confiscated detainees' homes and membership cards. The closures are part of a broader pattern of Taliban actions targeting Shiite and Hazara institutions, including the closure of Khatam al-Nabieen school, Khatam al-N

Pakistani military fighter jets conducted an airstrike at approximately 3 a.m. on a camp housing earthquake victims in Nurgal district, Kunar province. The stri

2026-09-21 · Kunar · Civilian casualties · severity: high

Pakistani military fighter jets conducted an airstrike at approximately 3 a.m. on a camp housing earthquake victims in Nurgal district, Kunar province. The strike killed 3 civilians and injured 4 others, according to Kunar police spokesperson Farid Dehqan.

Taliban Education Ministry officials and intelligence agents ordered six named Kabul schools to halt a UNICEF-backed enrollment process for girls in grades 10–1

2026-09-20 · Kabul · Education restriction · severity: high

Taliban Education Ministry officials and intelligence agents ordered six named Kabul schools to halt a UNICEF-backed enrollment process for girls in grades 10–12, effectively barring secondary-school-age girls from registration. The affected schools include Om al-Banin, Naswan Amini, Sayed al-Shuhada, Mehrabuddin, Sardar Kabuli, and Asif Mayel High Schools.

Taliban forces in Nawur district, Ghazni province arrested four civilians from Khawat and Gorg Koshteh villages on unsubstantiated weapon possession charges. Th

2026-09-18 · Ghazni · Arbitrary detention · severity: high

Taliban forces in Nawur district, Ghazni province arrested four civilians from Khawat and Gorg Koshteh villages on unsubstantiated weapon possession charges. The detainees were tortured and subsequently extorted: two were forced to pay money equivalent to two firearms for their release, while the other two were released on bail with a one-week ultimatum to hand over two weapons or an equivalent monetary sum. None of the individuals have a military background. Similar extortion incidents have previously been reported in Nawur, Jaghori, and Malistan districts.

A Taliban fighter shot and killed two brothers, Abdul Basit and Abdul Rahim, in the Torkhail area of Deh Sabz district, Kabul, on the evening of September 18, 2

2026-09-18 · Kabul · Extrajudicial execution · severity: high

A Taliban fighter shot and killed two brothers, Abdul Basit and Abdul Rahim, in the Torkhail area of Deh Sabz district, Kabul, on the evening of September 18, 2026, following a land ownership dispute. No legal process was involved. The article also references a separate incident in Farah province four days earlier, in which a local Taliban commander killed a debtor.

Taliban forces from the Justice Ministry surrounded and raided the Shiite Commission's office in Kabul on approximately 13 September 2026, detaining the commiss

2026-09-13 · Kabul · Arbitrary detention · severity: high

Taliban forces from the Justice Ministry surrounded and raided the Shiite Commission's office in Kabul on approximately 13 September 2026, detaining the commission's head, Mohammad Ali Akhlaqi, and four named members (Sayed Nader Shah Bahr, Mohammad Amir Bazel, Sayed Mohsen Hosseini, Sayed Abdullah Hashemi), as well as questioning visitors on-site. The detainees were taken to the Justice Ministry and held without any publicly stated charges or legal justification. Human rights activists raised concerns about the broader pattern of pressure on Afghanistan's Shiite and Hazara communities, includ

Taliban intelligence forces, acting on orders from Taliban leader Mullah Hibatullah Akhundzada, arrested former senior Taliban member Mullah Muttasim Aghajan at

2026-09-13 · Kandahar · Arbitrary detention · severity: high

Taliban intelligence forces, acting on orders from Taliban leader Mullah Hibatullah Akhundzada, arrested former senior Taliban member Mullah Muttasim Aghajan at his madrasa in Aino Mina, Kandahar City, on Sunday evening (September 13, 2026). He was taken to a Taliban intelligence interrogation facility near the group's police headquarters; his whereabouts are subsequently unknown. Several visiting religious scholars — Nazar Mohammad Afghani, Najibullah Muneeb, and Zahid Rashidi — are reportedly being held at the madrasa. No charges or official explanation were provided. The arrest appears link

The Taliban's Higher Education Ministry revoked the operating license of Khatam al-Nabieen University, closing its main campus in Kabul and a second campus in G

2026-09-12 · Kabul · Education restriction · severity: high

The Taliban's Higher Education Ministry revoked the operating license of Khatam al-Nabieen University, closing its main campus in Kabul and a second campus in Ghazni province. Nearly 4,000 students enrolled in undergraduate and master's programs now face uncertainty about continuing their studies. The university's owner rejected the Taliban's stated justifications — failure to implement ministry policies, disrespect for Islamic values, misuse of standing, and conduct contrary to principles — as unsupported by evidence or documentation. A former prosecutor noted the legal grounds for the revoca

Taliban morality enforcers detained at least 20 women and girls in Kabul's Taimani area on September 12, 2026, holding them overnight without lawful basis. Seve

2026-09-12 · Kabul · Arbitrary detention · severity: high

Taliban morality enforcers detained at least 20 women and girls in Kabul's Taimani area on September 12, 2026, holding them overnight without lawful basis. Several detainees reported being physically beaten during arrest, including a pregnant woman who was allegedly struck and dragged away. Women were released only after families provided guarantees. Taliban authorities did not respond to requests for comment.

Taliban morality police detained 12 journalists in Khost city while they were covering a public book fair, confiscating their cameras and recording equipment be

2026-09-09 · Khost · Freedom of expression · severity: high

Taliban morality police detained 12 journalists in Khost city while they were covering a public book fair, confiscating their cameras and recording equipment before releasing them several hours later. RSF and AFJC condemned the arrests as a violation of press freedom, linking them to the Taliban's ban on publishing images of living beings under the Law on the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice.