

AFGHANISTAN

Weekly Report

(7th July - 13rd July)



07th July 2025

1. According to a report by the British media outlet "Unheard," the black market for weapons has flourished in Afghanistan since the US withdrawal, and advanced Western weapons are now available to terrorists in the region. Citing statistics, the outlet said that the Taliban have about 400,000 NATO military weapons.
2. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the Hezb-e-Islami Afghanistan, says that if the news of the arrest of the perpetrators of the bloody events in Khash district of Badakhshan is true, these individuals should be tried and punished according to "Shariah rulings."
3. Zalmay Khalilzad, the former US envoy to Afghanistan, has warned against China's push to control mineral resources in the region and said that its advance must be stopped.
4. According to an official document received by Afghanistan International, the Taliban's Ministry of Interior has confirmed that members of the group are using military vehicles for personal purposes.
5. Türkiye's representative warned at the UN General Assembly on Monday about the threats of terrorism, ISIS, drugs and illegal migration from Afghan soil.
6. China's ambassador to the United Nations General Assembly said that ISIS, Al-Qaeda and Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan are in Afghanistan and pose a regional and global threat.
7. The US representative to the UN General Assembly strongly criticised the international community's cooperation and engagement with the Taliban, stating that four years of engagement with the group have not brought any improvement in the situation in Afghanistan and that the Taliban must be held accountable.
8. Russia's deputy UN representative said at the organisation's General Assembly that Western countries are rejecting engagement with the Taliban by ignoring "constructive proposals" from regional governments.
9. General Haibatullah Alizai, the last former chief of staff of the Afghan army, said in an interview published on Monday that Taliban prisons are full of former soldiers and officers of the security forces.
10. Abdulaziz Al-Wasil, Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations, says that achieving security and stability in Afghanistan is vital for the stability of the region and the world.

11. The National Resistance Front of Afghanistan has condemned the killing of two people by the Taliban in Panjshir province.

8 July 2025

1. Pakistan's Deputy Foreign Minister on Monday urged the Taliban Foreign Ministry delegation to take practical steps in the fight against terrorism.
2. The World Health Organisation has warned that large numbers of mothers, children and the elderly are homeless at Afghanistan's borders, suffering from wounds, infections, dehydration and malnutrition.
3. Taliban and Pakistani Foreign Ministry officials agreed to coordinate efforts to finalise the Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan railway project as soon as possible. Pakistani and Taliban officials stressed the importance of regional connectivity, trade, and border security.
4. The Taliban Foreign Ministry says the UN resolution was drafted based on pressure and orders from some countries and denies the realities in Afghanistan.
5. The President of Iran has said that strengthening and expanding relations with neighbouring and Islamic countries is one of the principles of the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and his government also emphasises this approach.
6. Mohammad Omar Daudzai, a member of the leadership of the National Assembly for the Salvation of Afghanistan, says the assembly is committed to freeing the country from "occupation" and saving Afghanistan from isolation and the threat of terrorism.
7. The International Criminal Court has announced that it has issued arrest warrants for Haibatullah Akhundzada, the leader of the Taliban, and Abdul Hakim Haqqani, the head of the group's judiciary, on charges of "crimes against humanity."
8. Regarding Russia's recognition of the Taliban regime, the US State Department told Afghanistan International that Washington was aware of the reports. "It is not surprising that Russia has decided to continue to cooperate with the rogue actors," the US State Department spokesperson said.
9. The Afghan Freedom Front says it attacked a Taliban intelligence base in Charikar city, the capital of Parwan province.

10. The Reform and Growth Movement of Tajikistan has called the mass deportation of Afghan refugees from Iran a cruel act and strongly condemned it.

9 July 2025

1. Pakistani media reported that the country's security forces killed eight members of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) as they tried to enter the country from Afghanistan.
2. The European Union said on Wednesday that the International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant for the Taliban leader and chief judge for harassing and suppressing Afghan women, and that the Union supports the court's rulings.
3. In response to Russia's move to recognise the Taliban, a UN spokesman said the issue was a bilateral issue between Moscow and the Taliban.
4. As the number of returnees from Iran increases and international organisations warn of a lack of basic services at the Islam Qala border, the Taliban's Ministry of Refugee Affairs has announced that it has "resolved the problems" of the returnees.
5. US President Donald Trump has said again that the US should have kept Bagram Airfield, which he called "the most powerful air base in the world," because it is close to China's nuclear facilities.
6. Shahabuddin Delawar, head of the Taliban's contact commission with Afghan political figures, called on former jihadi and political leaders to return to the country.
7. Several Afghan refugees sent messages and photos to Afghanistan International, complaining about the mistreatment of Taliban staff at the Afghan embassy in Tehran.
8. The Taliban Supreme Court announced that the group's primary courts in Kapisa and Faryab publicly flogged two people on charges of "illicit relations and transporting alcoholic beverages."
9. The Taliban-controlled Central Bank of Afghanistan announced that it has increased the monthly withdrawal limit from individual Afghan accounts to one million Afghani.
10. 10. Mohammad Rahman, the Taliban ambassador to Kazakhstan, called on Astana to recognise the group, as Russia has done. According to the Taliban, Kazakhstan's special envoy Yerkin Tokumov emphasised the expansion of bilateral relations and announced his country's commitment to political, economic and cultural cooperation with the Taliban.

10 July 2025

1. UNICEF announced that the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre of Saudi Arabia has implemented a series of key activities to strengthen health services in Afghanistan.
2. According to Afghanistan International, a Taliban military base in Deh Salah Andrab district was targeted by a rocket attack. The Azadi Front claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it killed three Taliban members and wounded two others.
3. Sami Sadat, a military commander in the former government, says the Taliban has close ties with India and receives money from the country to support the operations of the TTP and Baloch militants in Pakistan. |
4. Nooruddin Turabi, head of the Taliban's Disaster Management Department, met with Dmitry Zhirnov, Russian Ambassador to Kabul, to discuss climate change in Afghanistan.
5. German Foreign Minister Johann Wadful announced that Berlin is only in contact with the Taliban at a technical level and that there is no further communication beyond that.
6. Tajikistan has launched a massive campaign of arrests and deportations of Afghan migrants, giving them 15 days to leave the country in a new move that has sparked a wave of frustration and concern among thousands of Afghan migrants, including those with legal residency and valid asylum documents.
7. Zalmay Khalilzad, the former US special representative for Afghanistan, called the recent UN General Assembly resolution on the human rights situation in Afghanistan "shameful." "Without a plan to truly support Afghanistan, this resolution is not only useless but shameful," he said.
8. The Taliban announced on Thursday that it had signed a memorandum of understanding with Kazakhstan to launch the Herat-Torghandi railway project. According to the Taliban, Kazakhstan has promised to invest \$500 million in the project.
9. Michael McCain, former chairman of the US House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee, condemned Russia's decision to recognise the Taliban, calling it an attempt to legitimize "an oppressive regime."
10. Japan has donated \$5 million to eradicate polio and boost vaccination in Afghanistan, UNICEF announced on Thursday. The UN children's fund has warned that the risk of deadly but preventable diseases in Afghanistan remains worryingly high.

11. Anti-racism campaigners on social media called for the closure of the Iranian embassy in Kabul and the expulsion of the Islamic Republic's ambassador, Alireza Bekdali, from the country.

11 July 2025

1. Sources told Afghanistan International that Taliban Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani and his deputy Mohammad Nabi Omari met with Haibatullah Akhundzada in Kandahar last week.
2. The Tehran Times newspaper reported that in the first three months of 1404 AH, Iran exported non-oil goods worth \$520 million to Afghanistan. According to the report, Afghanistan has become Iran's fifth-largest export market.
3. Shafqat Ali Khan, spokesman for the Pakistani Foreign Ministry, once again expressed concern about the existence of safe havens for terrorists in Afghanistan, saying that this issue is a major challenge for his country.
4. Nuruddin Azizi, the Taliban's Minister of Industry and Trade, discussed expanding trade and economic relations between the two countries in a conversation with Nur Teleo, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan.
5. The Norwegian Refugee Council says 40,000 Afghans are returning to Afghanistan from Iran every day, and there are insufficient resources to meet their needs.
6. Human Rights Watch expressed concern over the United States' decision to revoke the temporary protected status of thousands of Afghan refugees, warning that returning women and girls to Afghanistan would expose them to serious risks.
7. German Interior Minister Alexander Dobrindt says he is willing to reach an agreement with those "responsible" in Afghanistan to pave the way for the repatriation of criminal Afghans from Germany.
8. Pakistan's Special Representative for Afghanistan and the Director General for South Asia at the Iranian Foreign Ministry reviewed the latest developments in Afghanistan in an online meeting.
9. The Afghan Journalists Centre announced that at least 140 cases of violations of media freedom and journalists were recorded in Afghanistan in the first six months of 2025, a 56 per cent increase compared to the same period last year.

12 July 2025

1. The head of foreign relations for the National Resistance Front says there are credible reports that China has been present at Bagram Air Base.
2. Former US envoy to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad has dismissed reports and statements by US President Donald Trump that China is now controlling Bagram Air Base.
3. Roza Otunbayeva, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, has travelled to Herat along with Arafat Jamal, the Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Afghanistan.
4. The Taliban Interior Ministry's Inspection Directorate has ordered that all administrative correspondence be conducted in Pashto, apart from "Dari-speaking provinces."
5. The Taliban Foreign Minister met with the Qatari Embassy Chargé d'Affaires in Kabul to discuss enhancing diplomatic relations and regional issues.
6. The Afghanistan Analysts Network wrote in a report that the bureaucracy and procedures for obtaining documents required by citizens in Taliban-controlled offices are fraught with costly hassles.

13 July 2025

1. The Afghan Liberation Front has claimed to have killed three Taliban fighters in two attacks in Kabul city.
2. Continuing their corporal punishment of individuals, the Taliban whipped a woman and a man in Balkh on charges of "illicit relations and running away from home."
3. Abdullah Hassanzadeh, the police chief of the city of Sari in Mazandaran, Iran, says that 221 Afghan migrants who "lacked legal residence permits" have been arrested in the area. Iranian authorities call Afghan migrants "unauthorised foreign nationals."
4. The Taliban High Commission for Addressing Refugee Problems says that Iran and Pakistan have deported 20,735 Afghan refugees.
5. Local sources in Kandahar province say that a drone has been patrolling the skies of the province.

6. Sediq Sediqqi, former spokesman for former Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, joined the campaign to boycott Iranian goods and called on the Afghan people to refrain from buying Iranian goods.
7. The US Secretary of Defence described the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan as a “catastrophic and tragic” withdrawal. Pete Hegsett called the event an example of a failure in US foreign policy and said the withdrawal from Afghanistan should have been conditional.
8. The German Foreign Minister has said that the country's government will stick to its previous commitments to issue visas to Afghan citizens who have already received admission, even if new refugee admission programs have been suspended