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Security situation

According to their own statements, the Afghanistan Freedom Front and the National Resistance Front (NRF) made several attacks on the Taliban in Kabul on 24.06.24. According to the NRF, three of the group's fighters died in a clash with the Taliban at an undisclosed location on 28.06.24.¹

Prosecution situation

According to the U.S. State Department's latest human trafficking report, the Taliban are recruiting child soldiers and practising bacha bazi (sexual exploitation of minors). The report also emphasises the violation of women's rights and the Taliban's restrictions of the work of NGOs.

In the provinces of Ghazni, Paktika, Parwan, and Herat, the Taliban publicly flogged eight people between 24.06. and 30.06.24, accusing them of adultery, "absconding from home" or theft.

After the Afghan team reached the semi-finals of the Cricket World Cup on 25.06.24, the Taliban announced in several provinces, including Kandahar, that people celebrating this success would be arrested. The Taliban did not offer any justification for this announcement. On 25.06.24, the Taliban used water cannons against people celebrating in the streets after the cricket victory in Khost province.

In a village in Badakhshan province, the Taliban and local residents clashed violently on 26.06.24, several people were injured. The villagers claimed that the Taliban had entered their homes without any reason.²

Government business

A UN-organised meeting of delegations from 25 countries, five international organisations and the Taliban will be held in Doha on 30.06. and 01.07.24. The exclusion of Afghan civil society and women's rights activists gave rise to much criticism already in the run-up to the meeting. The Taliban delegation in Doha stressed that restrictions on women were an internal matter. The delegation also called for the lifting of international sanctions in order to stabilise the Afghan economy.

On 24.06.24, the Taliban reportedly summoned owners of photo studios to prohibit them to photograph and film at wedding ceremonies in Ghazni province.³

Humanitarian situation

In the province of Bamiyan, at least 19 people died in floods on 26.06.24. Villages in other provinces are still cut off from the outside world after numerous heavy rainfalls in recent weeks. A total of nine people died in landslides in the provinces of Paktia and Badakhshan on 24.06. and 29.06.24.

According to IOM figures of 28.06.24, 34,000 Afghan nationals from Iran and Pakistan entered Afghanistan within a week.⁴