

Flygtningenævnets baggrundsmateriale

Bilagsnr.:	1404
Land:	Afghanistan
Kilde:	Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)
Titel:	Briefing Notes
Udgivet:	16. januar 2023
Optaget på baggrundsmaterialet:	25. april 2023



Briefing Notes

Group 62 – Information Centre for Asylum and Migration

16 January 2023

Afghanistan

Security situation: surge in ISKP attacks against the Taliban continues

According to media reports, a suicide attack was carried out in front of the Foreign Ministry in Kabul on 11.01.2023. At the time, a Chinese delegation was reportedly visiting the Foreign Ministry. About 20 persons were killed and about 40 were injured in the blast. The Islamic State of Khorasan Province (ISKP) has claimed responsibility for the attack. Just recently, the ISKP had carried out an attack on the military section of Kabul airport (cf. BN of 02.01.23 and 09.01.23) and on a hotel in Kabul that is frequented mainly by Chinese tourists (cf. BN of 19.12.22). According to a report by journalists of the Afghan press medium Hasht-e Subh living in exile, three Taliban fighters were killed and another was injured in a car bomb explosion in Kandahar city on 09.01.23. The National Resistance Front (NRF) has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Persecution events and women's rights

On 11.01.2023, a woman was shot dead by the Taliban in Baharak, the capital of Badakhshan province, for going to the market without being accompanied by a male relative (mahram). According to media reports issued on 10.01.23, the Taliban Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice of Afghanistan in Baghlan Province issued a ten-day ultimatum to owners of beauty salons and hair salons to close their businesses because they were allegedly violating Sharia law. At the same time, land and homeowners were warned not to lease any premises to women for these type of businesses in future. Previously, women reportedly closed hair salons in Kunduz, Takhar and Badakhshan provinces. On 11.01.2023, according to a report issued by journalists of the Afghan press medium Hasht-e Subh living in exile, the Taliban curtailed the order, saying that beauty salons and hair salons would now be allowed to remain open in Balkh and Baghlan provinces, but they would need to be moved to another location. According to a report issued on 10.01.23, the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue in Daikundi province arrested three boys and four girls and sentenced them to jails terms and lashings for partying together in a house without supervision and for performing forbidden acts. One of the boys was sentenced to one year in prison and is to receive 35 lashes, the others received between one month and 10 days in prison and between 15 and 25 lashes. On 16.01.23, it was reported that former Member of Parliament Mursal Nabizada and her bodyguard were shot dead by unknown gunmen at her home in Kabul. The Taliban have said they want to clarify the circumstances of the crime.

Humanitarian situation

After many NGOs suspended their operations because Afghan female employees were forbidden to work (cf. BN of 02.01.23), it is being reported that urgently needed humanitarian aid is not being provided. In addition, villages or entire districts have been cut off from the outside world and thus from humanitarian aid due to heavy snowfall in several provinces. In Ghor province, for instance, it was reported that snowfall was hindering access for medical personnel and was preventing medicine from the provincial capital reaching the districts, putting human lives at risk.