

Flygtningenævnets baggrundsmateriale

Bilagsnr.:	791
Land:	Gaza-Vestbredden
Kilde:	BAMF – Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge
Titel:	Briefing Notes
Udgivet:	10. juni 2024
Optaget på baggrundsmaterialet:	25. september 2024



Briefing Notes

Group 62 – Information Centre for Asylum and Migration

10 June 2024

Afghanistan

Governance and persecution situation

According to a report on 31.05.24, the Taliban have replaced the incumbent health minister – the trained doctor, non-Taliban and ethnic Hazara Qalandar Ebad – with the conservative Pashtun Taliban cleric Noor Jalal. Ebad had been appointed to the cabinet on 22.09.21 to make it more ethnically inclusive.

The deputy police chief of the 15th Kabul police district, where the airport and the interior ministry are located, has announced the installation of more than 7,000 security cameras. In addition to these cameras, around 100 more surveillance cameras with facial recognition functions are to be installed. Around 80,000 surveillance cameras were last installed in the city of Kabul in April 2024.

According to media reports on 03.06.24, the Kazakh government has officially removed the Taliban from its terror list in order to improve economic relations. The Russian government had previously initiated an internal review of such a removal (cf. BN of 08.04.24).

The Taliban's justice ministry has shut down Tamadon TV, which is seen as an extension of the Islamist political party Harakat-e-Islami (cf. BN of 22.04.24 on further closures of TV stations). The station is run by ethnic Hazara and broadcasts, among other things, programmes for Shiites. The Taliban stated that the operators had illegally acquired the premises from which the station operated. The same apparently also applied to the properties of the Khatam al Nabieen University, which is also linked to Harakat-e-Islami, and the Khatam al Nabieen religious school. In the city of Pul-e-Khumri (Baghlan province), the Taliban have confiscated a residential area of Shiite Ismailis as state property and submitted plans to build a "bus station" on the site. The approximately 70 families living there have been requested to leave the area. The Taliban have denied this, saying that the families had offered the land voluntarily.

Media reports on 07.06.24 say that the previous week, the Taliban ordered all residents of Nowabad, a Hazara area in the 6th security district of Ghazni city, to present their property documents. According to the Taliban, the area had been usurped by the Hazara population, and the documents were declared invalid. The residents were then ordered to leave their homes and hand over the land to the Taliban.

According to a report dated 07.06.24, the Taliban in Bamiyan province have ordered all schools to collect religious books on Jafari jurisprudence and remove them from the curriculum.

The Norwegian Refugee Council has stated that the Taliban have begun demolishing informal settlements for internally displaced people in Kabul, leaving more than 800 families, or some 6,000 people, at risk of homelessness. On 04.06.24, the Taliban publicly flogged 52 people in the stadium of Sar-e-Pul city (province of the same name). According to a report on 05.06.24, a former employee of the U.S. embassy in Kabul was abducted by the Taliban and died as a result of torture. His relatives said that at the time of his arrest he was carrying documents relating to an application for a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) to the U.S.¹

Humanitarian situation: suspension of pension payments

According to media reports on 03.06.24, pensioners in Afghanistan are still not receiving any pension payments. Since taking power in 2021, the Taliban have stopped paying pensions. This has forced thousands of people to return to work, often as street vendors, to feed their families. In April 2024, Taliban leader Emir Akhundzada ordered his government to stop deducting pension contributions from the salaries of state employees. This effectively destroyed the pension system. Akhundzada claimed that the system was "un-Islamic". A demonstration against these measures had been held on 20.04.24 but was dispersed by the Taliban.²

Benin**Seven soldiers killed**

According to media reports, unknown assailants killed seven members of the army in the Pendjari National Park in northern Benin on 4.06.24. The authorities regularly attribute such incidents to Islamist groups active in neighbouring Burkina Faso and Niger. Other violent groups and smugglers also pose a threat to security in northern Benin. Extremist violence, smuggling and other illegal activities in Benin's north are interrelated (cf. BN of 25.09.23). Defence and security forces have repeatedly launched offensive operations against armed groups in the region and the military presence has been increased (cf. BN of 19.06., 13.11. and 18.12.23 and 29.01.24).³

Egypt**Sharp price increase of subsidised bread**

Following the government's announcement on 29.05.24, the price of subsidised bread was raised sharply from 01.06.24, with a loaf of subsidised bread costing around four times as much as before. The North African country is one of the world's biggest wheat importers. The increase in the subsidised price of bread, the first in decades, comes amid rising costs for food in general and for wheat imports in particular. According to media reports, more than 70 million people in Egypt depend on subsidised bread.⁴

Ethiopia**Media workers arrested**

Media reports say that 201 journalists have been arrested since Abiy Ahmed came to power in 2019. Many have been arrested several times in the past and sometimes sentenced to several years in prison. Charges often include terrorism offences or accusations of spreading hate speech. Reporters Without Borders ranked Ethiopia 141 out of 180 in the World Press Freedom Index 2024; down from 130 last year.⁵

End of state of emergency in Amhara

The state of emergency declared in Amhara as part of the military campaign against the Amharic Fano, among others, ended on 06.06.24 after ten months. Since August 2023, there have been numerous arbitrary arrests of ethnic Amhara, which are reportedly still continuing. People taking part in anti-war rallies are particularly targeted. Meanwhile, violent clashes continue in Amhara. In early June 2024, two local government representatives were reportedly killed by armed groups in the North Shewa Zone.⁶

Georgia**Controversial law against foreign influence enters into force**

The controversial law against foreign influence entered into force on 03.06.24 after being signed by parliament president Papuashvili. Two weeks earlier on 18.05.24, President Zurabishvili had vetoed the law, but her veto was overridden by the ruling party MPs. Mass protests against the controversial law have been taking place in Georgia for two months (cf. BN of 22.04. and 27.05.24). Both the opposition and Western governments have sharply criticised the new law as a means of tightening control over civil society and as incompatible with key fundamental

rights such as freedom of expression. The new law stipulates that organisations and media that receive at least 20 percent of their funding from abroad will be required to register as entities pursuing the interests of foreign powers. Critics see parallels with the law against foreign agents in Russia, which enables the authorities there to take massive action against critical media and NGOs in particular. The critics accuse the ruling party of pursuing an increasingly authoritarian course ahead of the parliamentary elections in October 2024 and see the country's future accession to the EU at risk (cf. BN of 29.04. and 06.05.24). Online registration of NGOs will begin two months after the law entered into force. Organisations that fail to comply with the accountability obligation will initially face fines. Organisations that fail to register will have their assets confiscated and then be closed down. Many NGOs have announced that they will not comply with the law and will not register. They have also announced that they will appeal to the Georgian Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights.⁷

India

Third consecutive term for Prime Minister Modi

On 09.06.24, Narendra Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister of India for a third consecutive term. He relies on coalition partners, as his party, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), failed to win an outright majority in this year's general elections. According to the election commission, the party and its allies won 293 of the 543 seats in parliament. The BJP alone has 240 seats, down from 303 seats in the last general election in 2019. The opposition INDIA Alliance, led by the resurgent Congress Party of the Gandhi dynasty, improved its performance significantly compared to the last elections, securing 232 seats. To remain in power, Modi's coalition government is now largely dependent on two key regional allies, the Telugu Desam Party in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh and the Janata Dal (United) in the eastern state of Bihar.⁸

Iran

Prominent online activist arrested

Media reported on 04.06.24 that prominent media activist and blogger Hossein Shanbehzadeh was arrested in Ardebil (province of the same name), according to his family. The activist, who works as a publishing editor and translator, had gained media fame for his repeated criticism of the government and authorities. His recent comment on a post by revolutionary leader Ali Khamenei on the social network site X (formerly Twitter) attracted widespread interest. In his comment, he simply added a full stop to a sentence posted by the revolutionary leader's account and received more likes than Khamenei's post itself. According to Iranian media, the activist is accused of insulting Shiite imams and being in contact with high-ranking officers of the Israeli secret service Mossad. Shanbehzadeh had already been sentenced to prison in 2018/19 for comments critical of the government.⁹

Press freedom: Reporting requirements announced ahead of presidential election

Media reports on 06.06.24 say that in the run-up to the early presidential elections, the press regulator has issued guidelines for reporting and publishing media content on the elections. It was announced that all content aimed at negatively influencing voter turnout and any form of organising protest rallies would be considered a criminal offence. The guidelines apparently also apply to social media in particular. Violators may reportedly face sentences of up to 74 lashes.

Following the death of President Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter crash on 19.05.24, the constitution stipulates that new presidential elections must be held within 50 days. Around 80 people had applied to stand as candidates in the run-up to the elections. According to media reports on 09.06.24, only six candidates were admitted to the election on 28.06.24. In particular, candidates considered moderate or reform-oriented were excluded.¹⁰

Supreme court upholds death sentence and long prison term

Persian-language foreign media report that the death sentence against a Sunni cleric from Bukan (West Azerbaijan province) who is critical of the government was confirmed on 06.04.24. Citing a Kurdish human rights network, it was reported that the 45-year-old cleric had been arrested in the course of the nationwide protests in November 2022 for his participation and speech at the funeral of a protester killed in Bukan. The defendant was indicted and convicted in 2023 on charges including spreading corruption on earth and propaganda against the system. In

addition to the death penalty, a sentence of 16 years was reportedly imposed against him. Reports citing the convict's relatives say that he had allegedly confessed after physical and psychological torture. This information cannot be independently confirmed.¹¹

Several-months' imprisonment for a rapper and an activist

On 06.06.24, media reported that a rapper and an activist began serving their prison sentences of eight and ten months in Tabriz (East Azerbaijan province). Both men had previously been temporarily arrested and were then released on bail. They were apparently arrested in connection with the publication of a song in support of prisoners of Iranian-Azerbaijani origin (Azeri). Among other things, the defendants were accused of propaganda activities against the government.¹²

Iraq

Türkiye-PKK conflict

The Turkish government has stated that on 07.06.24, two PKK fighters were killed in air strikes by the Turkish military in the Metina Mountains (Dohuk province). The airstrikes sparked a fire near several villages; no injuries were reported.

In the two days before the air strike, PKK fighters reportedly attacked a Turkish military base in Dohuk. According to the PKK, eleven Turkish soldiers were killed in the incident.¹³

Genocide against the Yazidi population: death penalty for IS supporters

On 04.06.24, a criminal court in Baghdad sentenced an IS supporter to death for genocide against the Yazidis. The court found that the defendant had participated in the killing of several Yazidi people, filmed the acts and then disseminated them on IS channels on the internet.

From 2014, IS had conquered large areas of Iraq and has been responsible for the genocide against Yazidis. IS has been considered territorially defeated in Iraq since 2017.¹⁴

New attacks on US companies

On 03.06.24, three branches of the U.S. fast-food chain Kentucky Fried Chicken were attacked in Baghdad by groups of armed individuals. There is no information on injuries or damage to property.

At the end of May 2024, attacks had been launched on branches of Kentucky Fried Chicken, a branch of the U.S. company Caterpillar and the British Cambridge Institute (cf. BN of 03.06.24). Several suspects have already been arrested in this context.

Before the attacks, Shiite militias and other political groups had called for a boycott of U.S. and British companies.¹⁵

Jordan

WFP partially suspends food aid for refugees

After the WFP was forced to reduce its assistance to thousands of refugees in Jordan in July 2023 due to lack of funding, excluding some 50,000 people, it has now announced the suspension of food aid to another 100,000 refugees from July 2024, according to media reports. The impact of the cuts already imposed have led to negative coping strategies, such as reducing daily meals or purchasing cheaper, less favoured food by refugee families, and an increase in food insecurity.¹⁶

Lebanon

Situation in the Lebanese-Israeli border area

Intense shelling between Hezbollah and the Israeli army has continued.

At least 458 people have now been reported dead on the Lebanese side, including at least 90 civilians, and 15 soldiers and eleven civilians on the Israeli side.¹⁷

Morocco

Suspected IS members arrested for involvement in attack plans

Media report that on 30.05.24, security forces in the cities of Salé, Tangier and Tétouan arrested four suspected IS members for possible involvement in planning terrorist operations against important and sensitive state facilities. During searches of the suspects' homes, the security forces seized weapons, an IS flag and other items.¹⁸

Myanmar

Security situation

On 22.05.24, members of the Pyu Saw Htee militia, which is allied with the Myanmar military, abducted 23 people from several villages in Pale Township (Sagaing Region) and killed four of them. Eight women and eleven men were released for ransom after two days of interrogation on suspicion of supporting resistance groups and reported being tortured. On 03.06.24, the military carried out an air strike on Ma Taw village in Mingin municipality (Sagaing), killing 28 guests at a wedding ceremony, including two children, and injuring around 40 others. According to military sources, the groom was the leader of a local resistance group (People's Defence Force).

In Rakhine State, soldiers apparently arrested hundreds of civilians in Byian Phu village near Sittwe between 29.05. and 31.05.24 and, according to various media reports, tortured at least 50 and up to 76 of them to death, including minors. In a press release on 30.05.24, the military stated that it was carrying out "peace and security measures" in the village. On 01.06. and 02.06.24, around 2,000 people were displaced by fighting between the military and the Arakan Army in Thandwe community (Rakhine). Ten civilians were reportedly killed in attacks by the military.

In northern Shan State, around 300 people fled fighting between the military and the Kachin Independence Army near Momeik on 04.06.24.

Also on 04.06.24, three children were killed and 25 others injured in a bomb explosion on the premises of a primary school in Dawei (Tanintharyi region).¹⁹

Compulsory military service extended to women

On 25.05.24, the military in the Ayeyarwady and Bago regions began conscripting women for military service. At the end of February 2024, a military spokesperson had announced that women would initially not be included in the recruit pool.²⁰

Nigeria

General strike called off after wage offer

On 04.06.24, Nigeria's main trade unions suspended an indefinite nationwide strike to negotiate an increase in the minimum wage that had only begun the previous day. According to media reports, the strike had shut down the electricity grid, airports, industrial ports, banks, schools, government offices and many other public facilities. The government's promise to increase the monthly minimum wage from the current NGN 30,000 (approx. EUR 18.50, as at 10.06.24) to at least NGN 60,000 (approx. EUR 37, as at 10.06.24) led to the suspension of the strike. The government has also promised to meet with the unions for a week of daily talks.

The continent's largest country by population is experiencing an economic crisis with high inflation. Many blame President Tinubu's economic reforms for the soaring cost of living. The doubling of fuel prices, rising food and transport costs and a significant increase in the price of imported goods are reportedly the consequences of these reforms (cf. BN of 04.03. and 22.04.24).²¹

Pakistan

Attack on security forces in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

On 09.06.24, six Pakistani security forces were killed in an explosion and subsequent gun battle with armed militants at a security post near Sultan Khel in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. The government and the military are carrying out counter-terrorism operations in the region.²²

Palestinian Autonomous Territories / Israel

Gaza Strip: Current developments; humanitarian situation

On 07.06.24, the Hamas-led health ministry stated that more than 36,731 Palestinians have been killed and 83,530 others wounded in the Gaza Strip since the start of the war. The ministry does not officially distinguish between combatants and civilians.

In addition, the Israeli military says that a total of 294 military personnel have been killed and 1,902 others wounded since the start of the ground offensive.

Fighting in Gaza, including airstrikes by the Israeli military, continues. Prior to 07.06.24, an intensification of airstrikes was recorded in central Gaza, including in al-Bureij, al-Maghazi, eastern Deir al-Balah and the Nuseirat refugee camp. Ground fighting continued to be recorded, particularly in Rafah.

On 08.06.24, the Israeli military freed four of the hostages held by Hamas in the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza. Many Palestinians were apparently killed in the operation. While the Hamas-led authorities put the death toll at 274 and the wounded at around 700, the Israeli military estimated fewer than 100 dead. Although the Hamas-led authorities did not attribute the death toll directly to the hostage rescue, media reports speculated that the deaths were caused by the heavy fighting. One Israeli soldier was also killed. The four freed hostages were taken to Israel for further treatment.

On 09.06.24, the WFP announced the suspension of food aid deliveries via the temporary floating port built by the U.S. military. This was due to security concerns after two warehouses had come under fire, leaving one of the organisation's staff injured.

Since 07.05.24, it has not been possible to evacuate people for medical reasons. The WHO estimates that more than 14,000 people are currently in need of medical treatment outside Gaza.

A preliminary report by the satellite observation programme of the UN Training and Research Institute UNOSAT says that 55 percent of the buildings in the Gaza Strip have been (possibly) damaged or destroyed. According to the report, damage has increased most in the Deir al-Balah and Gaza governorates since 01.04.24.

Surveys conducted by UNICEF between December 2023 and April 2024 found that nine out of ten children in Gaza were experiencing severe food poverty, living on two or fewer of the eight food groups per day.²³

West Bank: Several dead and injured

On 04.06.24, two armed Palestinians opened fire on Israeli military personnel near the Israel-West Bank border west of Tulkarem. The two Palestinians were subsequently shot dead by the forces present.

On 29.05.24, two Israeli military personnel were killed after being run over by a vehicle at a checkpoint near Nablus. The driver later surrendered to the Palestinian security forces, claiming it was an accident.

On 30.05.24, one Palestinian was killed and four others wounded during military operations in Ramallah and al-Birah. On 01.06.24, two underage Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli military personnel. The circumstances were not fully clarified at first. During a military raid on a wedding in Nablus on 03.06.24, a Palestinian was killed trying to escape. During further raids in Nablus on the same night, two people were killed and nine others wounded in clashes between armed groups and the Israeli military. Those killed were reportedly bystanders.

On 03.06.24, three Palestinians were reportedly killed and 13 others wounded during a military raid in Jenin.

This brings the total number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank between 07.10.23 and 03.06.24 to 508. A further 5,150 people were reportedly wounded. Twelve Israelis, among them five settlers and seven military personnel, were also killed and 105 others were wounded during the same period.²⁴

Senegal

Detention for criticising Sonko's statements on homosexuality

On 03.06.24, a Senegalese court sentenced activist Bah Diakhate and imam Cheikh Ahmed Tidiane Ndao to three months in prison and a fine of 100,000 CFA francs each (approx. 150 EUR, as of 10.06.24) for "spreading false news" after they had voiced their outrage at Prime Minister Ousmane Sonko's recent remarks about homosexuality on social media and accused him of tolerating homosexuality. According to media reports, the two are close to the opposition. Among other things, they criticised Sonko for allegedly allowing French politician Jean-Luc Mélenchon to express his support for same-sex marriages in a joint speech on relations between Africa and Europe to students

at Cheikh-Anta-Diop University on 16.05.24. According to Sonko, issues related to homosexuality continue to be regulated in accordance with local socio-cultural norms in Senegal. He was also reportedly quoted as saying that homosexuality is "not accepted but tolerated" in Senegal. Members of the Senegalese police had already arrested the two men in Dakar on 20.05 and 21.05.24 (cf. BN of 27.05.24).²⁵

Serbia

Results of local elections

Elections were held in cities and municipalities across the country on 02.06.24. The ruling Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) of President Aleksandar Vučić was the strongest party almost everywhere. According to the municipal election commission, the SNS won 53 percent of the votes in Belgrade, giving it 64 seats in the 110-seat Belgrade city assembly which then elects the mayor. The previous incumbent, Aleksandar Šapić (SNS), can look forward to another term in office based on the election results. According to an OSCE statement, the elections were conducted in an orderly manner and freedom of expression and assembly were respected.²⁶

Somalia

Violent clash between rival clans in Galmudug

Local sources report that on 08.06.24, fighting broke out between the militias of the rival Marehan and Dir clans over territorial control and water access in Landhere, Galgaduud (Galmudug region). At least 50 people were reportedly killed and at least 60 others injured. Local authorities said they had sent government officials, clan elders and religious leaders to the conflict region to mediate between the rival groups.²⁷

Attacks by al-Shabaab

On 08.06.24, five Somali government soldiers were reportedly killed in fighting with al-Shabaab in Ceeldheer (also named El-Dheer, Galmudug region).

Also on 08.06.24, four Kenyan construction workers were reportedly killed by al-Shabaab members. The incident took place near the Dadaab camp on the Somali-Kenyan border.²⁸

Sudan

Ongoing fighting

According to media reports, the Sudanese Army (SAF) has broken the encirclement of the 22nd infantry division after several months of siege by forces of the paramilitary militia Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and subsequently regained control of several neighbourhoods in Babanusa town in West Kordofan. The 22nd Infantry Division has been besieged by the RSF since January 2024. More than 50,000 people have been displaced as a result of the fighting in West Kordofan. SAF representatives attribute the success partly to disputes within the Misseriya tribe, from which many RSF recruits come.

Following an attack by the RSF on 09.06.24, the last functional hospital in the town of El Fasher, the South Hospital, was forced to cease operations, at least for the time being. During the attack, RSF soldiers stormed the building, attacked patients, visitors and staff and stole money, mobile phones, medication and an ambulance. An undisclosed number of visitors were apparently abducted. After fierce fighting, the attackers were driven back. The number of dead and injured is unknown. Since 10.05.24, the South Hospital has repeatedly been the scene of fighting between the SAF and RSF, although no weapons have so far been used inside the hospital.

North of El Fasher town, a camp for internally displaced people was shelled with artillery by RSF forces on 06.06.24. According to media reports, four people were killed in the incident. The camp had been repeatedly under fire for several weeks. As a result of the ongoing attacks, an estimated 85 percent of the population of El Fasher's northern parts have fled their neighbourhoods and sought shelter either in the south of the town or towards Libya.²⁹

Syria

Northwestern Syria: Dead in Israeli airstrikes

Syrian state media and Iranian media portals report that on 03.06.24, several people, including an Iranian military advisor, were killed in suspected Israeli airstrikes on targets near the city of Aleppo in northwestern Syria. The sources did not give an exact number of the victims. It was also not explained what material damage was caused by the airstrikes. The Israeli military did not initially comment on the accusations.³⁰

Southern Syria: Bombs found before protests in Suwayda

On 07.06.24, bombs with remote detonators were found in Suwayda City's al-Karama Square, which has been the central location of ongoing protests since August 2023, before the demonstrators gathered there again. The protest organisers removed the bombs. At the protests that followed, the participants once again demanded the overthrow of the government, political change, the release of prisoners and freedom rights for the people. It was not initially clear who planted the bombs. However, the organisers attributed the act to the Syrian government.³¹

Türkiye

40 women murdered in May

Media report that a total of 40 women were murdered in the month of May. In the first five months of 2024, a total of 159 women have been murdered so far and, according to media reports, the perpetrators were all men. In the first five months of 2023, a total of 127 women had been killed.

Of the 40 women murdered in May 2024, 18 women were killed because they wanted to leave their partners. At least 23 women were killed by their husbands or boyfriends and eight women by relatives such as fathers, sons or brothers. Twelve women were murdered outside their home and 28 women were murdered inside their home. Of the total of 42 suspects, 18 have been arrested so far, five have been detained and two suspects managed to escape. According to the platform "We Will Stop Femicide", at least 315 women were murdered by men and 248 women died under suspicious circumstances in 2023 (cf. BN of 04.03.24). Of the 315 murdered women, 39 had reported their attackers to the police or public prosecutor's office prior to their murder and applied for protection from the relevant authorities.³²

Pro-Kurdish mayor arrested and replaced by trustee in Hakkari province

Media report that on 02.06.24, police raided the city administration of Hakkari in southeastern Türkiye, resulting in the arrest of mayor Mehmet Sıddık Akış and the subsequent installation of a government-appointed trustee. In the local elections held on 31.03.24, the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Emancipation and Democracy Party (DEM) had won the election in Hakkari and thus had nominated the mayor. The state news agency Anadolu News said that an arrest warrant was issued against mayor Mehmet Sıddık Akı as part of the investigation by the Hakkari chief public prosecutor's office. Akış, who was in Van province at the time, was detained by security forces and taken to Hakkari for trial.

In a written statement, the interior ministry said that a government-appointed trustee would replace mayor Akış. The ministry also accused Akış of holding a high-ranking position in the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), adding that Akış was under investigation for "leading an armed terrorist organisation", "membership of an armed terrorist organisation" and "propaganda for an armed terrorist organisation". On 05.06.24, Akış was sentenced to 19 years and six months in prison for "leading an armed terrorist organisation".

Following the arrest, the DEM party published statements on its social media channels condemning the government's actions as anti-democratic and calling for early elections. On 03.06.24, the governor's office declared on its website that all protests and gatherings in the province would be banned for the next ten days. Despite this, sit-ins were held before the governor's office in Hakkari, which were attended by DEM party deputies and also a delegation from the Republican People's Party (CHP). Vigils and sit-ins also continued to take place in other parts of the country, such as in Istanbul on 08.06.24. On 04.06.24, people gathered in Hakkari to protest against the trustee. Police reportedly intervened with pepper spray and rubber bullets, injuring some of the demonstrators. On 09.06.24, protests were also held in Ankara and Diyarbakir over the appointment of the trustee for Hakkari.

In addition, on 09.06.24 the DEM party called for a rally against the trusteeship to be held on 13.06.24 in the centre of Hakkari.³³

Uganda

Situation of LGBTIQ people

Since the introduction of the Anti-Homosexuality Act, LGBTIQ people have been subjected to human rights violations. There have apparently been over a thousand officially reported cases of arrests, torture, extortion, sexual assaults and evictions since September 2023. There have also been family expulsions and denial of access to medical services. The violations have been committed by both state and non-state actors.³⁴

Ukraine

Civilian victims

Media reported on 03.06.24 that one person died in a Russian attack in the Kharkiv region. According to regional governors, two people were killed in Russian attacks in the Donetsk region and one person each in the Kharkiv and Kherson regions on the night of 03.-04.06.24. On 08.06.24, two more deaths were reported in the Kharkiv and Kherson regions following Russian attacks. From the Russian-controlled areas, the heads of the regional occupation authorities reported 22 deaths in the southern Kherson region and six fatalities in the city of Luhansk following Ukrainian missile attacks on 08.06.24. According to UN figures, a total of more than 600 children have been killed and over 1,400 injured since 24.02.22. These are only the cases verified by the UN.³⁵

Wartime events, recruitment and conviction for betrayal of secrets

According to Ukrainian military figures, around 80 Russian attacks were launched on the city of Kharkiv in May 2024. President Zelenskyy stated that the Russian armed forces are currently concentrating more on the Avdiivka-Pokrovsk sector in the Donetsk region. According to the responsible governor, the intensity of Russian shelling is increasing there, and a partial evacuation focussing on families with children has been ordered for several villages. According to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), Ukrainian field commanders have begun to address training difficulties that have arisen during mobilisation by training newly deployed personnel at the front before they take part in combat operations. According to ISW estimates, the overall quality of the Ukrainian armed forces is thus likely to remain higher than on the Russian side in the short to medium term. Andriy Demchenko, spokesman for the Ukrainian border guard, announced that Ukrainians of military age living abroad and visiting the country must be prepared to be banned from leaving the country and be obliged to serve in the armed forces. Anyone who has left Ukraine for more than three months no longer falls into the category of people excluded from the conscription register and must report to the army within 30 days, Demchenko said.

A former Ukrainian soldier was sentenced to five years in prison for passing on military secrets to the Russian intelligence service FSB, according to the Kharkiv public prosecutor's office.³⁶

Attacks on energy infrastructure

Following renewed Russian missile and drone attacks, the state energy supplier Ukrenergo has ordered temporary power cuts in twelve regions due to critical shortages. The power cuts are to end as soon as the specified consumption levels are restored. Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal says the situation is very serious, with a total of nine gigawatts of power plant capacity destroyed.³⁷

United States of America

President imposes upper limit for migrants

On 04.06.24, U.S. President Joe Biden issued a decree to tighten asylum policy and introduce an upper limit for migrants. The White House spokesman said the new measures are intended to exclude migrants who cross the border illegally from receiving asylum. With the signing of the order, authorities will now be able to deport people who illegally entered the country without first processing their asylum claims as soon as the number of irregular

border crossings reaches 2,500 per day. The order will terminate once unauthorized crossings drop to 1,500. Unaccompanied minors, the seriously ill and victims of human trafficking are exempt from the regulation. In 2023, more than 2.4 million migrants crossed the southern US border, with a peak of 10,000 daily border crossings in December 2023. Since then, the numbers have dropped significantly. Nevertheless, migration is one of the biggest challenges facing the administration, according to election polls.³⁸

Yemen

Houthis: Eleven UN staff arrested

A UN spokesman has informed that on 07.06.24, the Houthi authorities arrested eleven Yemeni UN employees. There is no information yet on the exact circumstances or charges.

Among those arrested are nine men and two women; six of those arrested work for OHCHR, one each for WFP, UN Development Programme, UNICEF, UNESCO and the UN Special Envoy. Several NGOs also reported the arrest of employees by Houthi authorities. The arrests came a few days after 44 people were sentenced to death, among them the head of a company developing systems for the registration and distribution of humanitarian aid (cf. BN of 03.06.24).³⁹

Group 62 - Information Centre for Asylum and Migration
Briefing Notes
BN-Redaktion@bamf.bund.de

-
- 1 RFE: The Azadi Briefing: Taliban's New Pick For Health Minister Triggers Criticism, 31.05.24; ICG: Afghanistan's Taliban Expand Their Interim Government, 28.09.21; Tolonews: Kabul's Fifteenth District Installs Over 7,000 Security Cameras, 05.06.24; Tolonews: Over 80,000 CCTV Cameras Installed in Kabul, 12.04.24; Tolonews: Tamadon TV to Be Shut Down Over Political Affiliation and Seized Land Use, 07.06.24; Afghanistan International: Taliban Declares Baghlan Ismaili Area State Property, Plans Bus Station, 02.06.2024; AmuTV: Taliban denies reports of forcible eviction of Ismaili families in Baghlan, 02.06.24; AmuTV: Taliban evicts thousands of internally displaced people in Kabul, NRC reports, 04.06.24; AmuTV: Afghanistan: 52 people flogged in public by Taliban in Sar-e-Pul, 04.06.24; 8am: Land Seizure Allegations: Taliban Declare Hazara Neighborhood Property Documents Invalid in Ghazni Province. 09.06.24; AmuTV: Sources: Former U.S. embassy employee in Kabul dies under 'Taliban torture', 05.06.24; KabulNow: In an Effort to Create a Monolithic Sunni Afghanistan, the Taliban Removes Shia Textbooks from Bamyān Schools, 07.06.24.
 - 2 Tolonews: Retired Couple Struggles to Make Ends Meet by Selling Street Food, 03.06.24; RFE: With Pensions Scrapped, Afghan Retirees Forced To Work As Street Vendors, 04.06.23; RFE: The Azadi Briefing: Afghans Protest Taliban's Decision To Abolish Pension System, 26.04.24.
 - 3 Reuters: Seven soldiers killed in attack in northern Benin park, 05.06.24; France 24: Seven Benin soldiers killed by gunmen in national park attack, army source says, 05.06.24; Le Monde: Au Bénin, sept soldats tués dans le parc national de la Pendjari, 05.06.24.
 - 4 Reuters: Why Egypt's price rise on subsidised bread matters, 05.06.24; Reuters: Egyptians struggle with first bread subsidy cut in decades, 05.06.24.
 - 5 African Arguments: In Abiy's Ethiopia, 200 journalists have been arrested since 2019, 03.06.24; RSF: Ethiopia, 2024.
 - 6 Borkena: Unlawful Arrest Continues Despite End Of State Of Emergency, 08.06.24; Addis Standard: News: Two local gov't officials killed in a series of assassinations in Amhara region this week, 07.06.24.
 - 7 DerStandard.de: Umstrittenes Gesetz gegen ausländische Agenten tritt in Georgien in Kraft, 03.06.24; tagesschau.de: Georgien setzt "Agentengesetz" in Kraft, 03.06.24; sueddeutsche.de: Agenten-Gesetz tritt in Kraft, 03.06.24.
 - 8 Deutschlandfunk: Premier Modi ist Wahlsieger – Opposition legt überraschend zu, 04.06.24; Associated Press News: Relying on coalition partners, Modi is sworn in for a rare third term as India's prime minister, 09.06.24.
 - 9 BBC News Farsi: است شده باز داشت اجتماعی های شبکه فعال و ویراستار، زاده شنبه حسین [Hossein Shanbezadeh, an editor and social network activist, has been arrested], 04.06.24; RFE/RLs Radio Farda: Iranian Blogger detained after posting only a period in response to Ayatollah's picture, 05.06.24; Iran International: Iranian blogger accused of spying for Israel, 06.06.2024.
 - 10 RFE/RLs Radio Farda: Iran sets restrictive media conditions in run-up to presidential election, 07.06.24; Deutsche Presseagentur: Sechs Kandidaten im Rennen bei Irans Präsidentschaftswahl, 09.06.24.

- 11 Iran International: Iran confirms death sentence for sunni cleric, 06.06.24; Kurdistan Human Rights Network: Iran's Supreme Court upholds death sentence for kurdish sunni cleric, 06.06.24; BBC News Farsi: دیوان «توسط سنت اهل روحانی، خضرنژاد محمد اعدام حکم» [The death sentence of Mohammad Khizranjad, a sunni cleric, was confirmed by the Supreme Court], 06.06.24.
- 12 BBC News Farsi: یک رپر و یک فعال در تبریز از پس تیریز ترانه یک پخش از پس تیریز در فعال یک و رپر یک [A rapper and an activist were imprisoned in Tabriz after playing a protest song], 06.06.24; Iran International: شد منتقل زندان به، حبس حکم اجرای برای، رپر خواننده، جلیلی میلاد [Milad Jalili, a rapper, was taken to prison to serve his sentence], 06.06.24.
- 13 Rudaw: Turkish bombs spark fire on Duhok mountain: Local, 07.06.24.
- 14 Rudaw: Iraq hands death sentence to ISIS suspect for genocide against Yazidis, 04.06.24.
- 15 Rudaw: American businesses attacked in Baghdad, 04.06.24.
- 16 Enab Baladi: WFP suspends food aid for 100,000 refugees in Jordan, 03.06.24; Syria Direct: Aid cuts leave Ramadan tables sparse in Jordan's Zaatari camp, 05.04.24; The Jordan Times: WFP cuts aid to refugees in Kingdom amid funding shortages, 07.04.24.
- 17 Voice of America: Israeli strikes spark fires in Lebanon, leave 2 dead, state media reports, 08.06.24.
- 18 Maghreb Arabe Presse: Morocco Arrests Four Daesh Supporters, 06.06.24; Morocco World News: Morocco's BCII: 4 ISIS-Affiliated Suspects Arrested for Planning 'Extremely Dangerous' Terror Plots, 06.06.24.
- 19 The Irrawaddy: Myanmar Junta Allies Torture Sagaing Villagers, 30.05.24; Radio Free Asia: Mass arrests in Myanmar's Rakhine state ends in interrogations, beating, 30.05.24; Radio Free Asia: Dozens dead following junta's mass arrests in Myanmar: ethnic army, 03.06.24; BBC News: Myanmar soldier cut off tattoos and give detainees urine to drink, witnesses tell BBC, 06.06.24; Der Spiegel: Myanmar's Militär verübt offenbar "schlimmste Gräueltaten" an Dorfbewohnern, 06.06.24; Courrier international: Birmanie. Deux jours d'horreur dans un village de l'Arakan: l'armée accusée d'avoir exécuté 76 civils, 06.06.24; Radio Free Asia: Myanmar beach town rocked by heavy clashes, 04.06.24; The Irrawaddy: Myanmar Junta Forces Launch Fierce Attack on Coastal Rakhine Village, 06.06.24; Radio Free Asia: Junta bombs dropped on wedding party in Myanmar leave 28 people dead, 03.06.24; The Irrawaddy: Myanmar Military, Kachin Independence Army Clash in Northern Shan State, 07.06.24; The Irrawaddy: Primary Students Killed, Maimed by Bomb Blast as School Year Begins in Myanmar, 05.06.24.
- 20 The Irrawaddy: Myanmar Junta Begins Forced Conscription in Some Areas, Residents Say, 31.05.24; Burma News International: Junta Exempts Women from Military Recruitment for Now, 21.02.24.
- 21 dpa: Nigeria – Generalstreik legt Afrikas bevölkerungsreichsten Staat lahm, 04.06.24; BBC: Nigeria unions suspend strike after wage offer, 04.06.24; CNN: Nigeria plunged into darkness as union workers shut down national grid in minimum wage protest, 04.06.24; RFI: Nigeria – la grève générale suspendue le temps de négociations sur le salaire minimum, 04.06.24.
- 22 RFE/RL's Radio Mashaal: Six Pakistani Soldiers Killed In Clash With Militants, 09.06.24.
- 23 Reuters: Israel rescues four hostages in Gaza raid that Hamas says kills 210 Palestinians, 09.06.24; UN OCHA oPt: Humanitarian Situation Update #176 | Gaza Strip, 07.06.24; UNOSAT: UNOSAT Gaza Strip 7th Comprehensive Damage Assessment - May 2024, 31.05.24; DPA: Welternährungsprogramm stoppt Hilfsgüterverteilung über Pier vor Gaza, 10.06.24; DPA: Hamas-Behörde. Mehr als 200 Tote bei israelischen Einsätzen in Gaza, 08.06.24; UNICEF: 1 in 4 children globally live in severe child food poverty due to inequity, conflict, and climate crises – UNICEF, 05.06.24; Associated Press: How an Israeli raid freed 4 hostages and killed at least 274 Palestinians in Gaza, 10.06.24.
- 24 UN OCHA oPt: Humanitarian Situation Update #175 | West Bank, 05.06.24; DPA: Palästinenser. Ein Toter nach Armeeeinsatz im Westjordanland, 08.06.24; Reuters: Israeli forces kill three Palestinians, wound over 10 in West Bank raid, Palestinians say, 07.06.24.
- 25 BBC News: Two jailed in Senegal for criticising PM on gay rights, 04.06.24; RFI: Sénégal: deux opposants condamnés à trois mois de prison pour diffusion de fausses nouvelles, 03.06.24; Le Monde Afrique: Au Sénégal, un militant politique et un prêcheur condamnés à trois mois de prison ferme pour « diffusion de fausses nouvelles » et « offense », 03.06.24.
- 26 Reuters: Serbia's ruling SNS party wins elections in capital Belgrade, 03.06.24; OSCE: Serbia's local elections were well organized but marred by unlevel playing field and reduced competitiveness, international observers say, 03.06.24; Swissinfo: Regierungspartei von Vucic gewinnt Lokalwahl in Belgrad, 03.06.24.
- 27 Garowe Online: Deadly Clan Clashes Claim Over 50 Lives in Central Somalia, 09.06.24; Horn Observer: Death Toll of Central Somalia Clan Fight Rises to 50, Authorities Call for Ceasefire, 09.06.24.
- 28 Kenyans: Al-Shabaab Militants Kill 4 Kenyan Construction Workers Near Kenya-Somalia Border, 08.06.24; Garowe Online: Al-Shabaab launches pre-dawn attack in Somalia, 08.06.24; Barron's: Somalia Says 5 Soldiers Killed In Battle With Jihadists, 08.06.24.
- 29 Sudan Tribune: El Fasher's last hospital forced to close after RSF attack, 09.06.24; Radio Tamazuj: El Fasher hospital out of service after attack, 10.06.24; Sudan Tribune: Sudanese army breaks siege of 22nd infantry division in Babanusa, 09.06.24; Dabanga: Hospital, camp hit in lethal North Darfur shelling, 09.06.24.
- 30 Associated Press: Israeli airstrikes near Syria's Aleppo kill several, including an Iranian adviser, reports say, 03.06.24; Reuters: Several killed in Israeli attack in Syria, state media reports, 03.06.24; Reuters: Iranian military adviser killed in Syria in Israeli attack, Iran's news agency SNN reports, 03.06.24.
- 31 Enab Baladi: Two bombs found in Al-Karama Square in As-Suwayda before demonstration begins, 07.06.24.

-
- 32 Bianet English: Men killed 40 women in May, 06.06.24; Turkish Minute: 40 women killed by men, 20 more died under suspicious circumstances in Turkey in May: report, 05.06.24; Kadın Cinayetlerini Durduracağız Platformu: 2024 Mayıs Ayında Erkekler Tarafından 40 Kadın Öldürüldü, 20 Kadın Şüpheli Şekilde Ölü Bulundu [In May 2024, 40 women were killed by men and 20 women were found dead under suspicious circumstances], 03.06.24; Stockholm Center for Freedom: 40 women killed by men, 20 more died under suspicious circumstances in Turkey in May: report, 04.06.24; ANF News: Men kill at least 40 women in May, 03.06.24.
- 33 Deutsche Welle Türkçe: Hakkari Belediyesi'ne kayyum atandı [Trustee appointed to Hakkari Municipality], 03.06.24; Bianet English: Pro-Kurdish mayor arrested and replaced in Hakkari province, 03.06.24; Bianet English: DEM Party calls for early elections, 06.06.24; Bianet English: Tensions mount as pro-Kurdish mayor in Hakkari replaced, 04.06.24; Birgün: DEM Parti'den miting çağrısı: Kayyuma karşı Hakkari'de buluşulacak [DEM party calls for a rally: Rally in Hakkari against the trusteeship], 09.06.24; Balkan Insight: Kurdish Mayor in Turkey Dismissed, Arrested on Terrorism Charges, 03.06.24; Tagesschau: Kritik an willkürlicher Haft in der Türkei, 08.06.24; ANF News Deutsch: Proteste in der Türkei: „Zwangsverwalter raus“, 09.06.24; ANF News Deutsch: Colemêrg: „Kurdistan wird zum Grab des Faschismus!“, 06.06.24; ANF News Deutsch: Menschen halten Wache vor Rathäusern, 08.06.24; Fokus: Mehmet Siddik AkisTürkei: Abgesetzter pro-kurdischer Bürgermeister zu fast 20 Jahren Haft verurteilt, 06.06.24; Die Presse: Festgenommen und gleich verurteilt: 20 Jahre Haft für gewählten prokurdischen Bürgermeister, 05.06.24; Frankfurter Rundschau: Erdogan verschärft Kurs: Zwangsverwalter ersetzen gewählte kurdische Bürgermeister in der Türkei, 04.06.24; ANF News Deutsch: Bürgermeister Mehmet Siddik Akış zu zwanzig Jahren Haft verurteilt, 05.06.24; Voice of America Türkçe: DEM Parti'den Hakkari'de erken seçim çağrısı; Ankara'da İçişleri Bakanlığı'na yürüyüş eylemi [DEM Party calls for early elections in Hakkari; march to Interior Ministry in Ankara], 06.06.2024; Rudaw: Vekiller sabaha kadar nöbet tuttu: CHP heyeti Hakkari'ye gidiyor [MPs kept watch until morning: CHP delegation to Hakkari], 04.06.24; Gazete Duvar: İstanbul'da Hakkari protestosu: Kürdün seçme-seçilme hakkı elinden alınıyor, [Hakkari protest in Istanbul: Kurdish right to vote is being taken away], 03.06.24; Stuttgarter Zeitung: Pro-kurdischer Bürgermeister zu fast 20 Jahren Haft verurteilt, 05.06.24; Rudaw: Hakkari'ye kayyum atanması bir kez daha protesto edildi [Appointment of a trustee in Hakkari once again protested], 09.06.24; Cumhuriyet: Adalet nöbeti yapıldı! Hakkari Belediyesi'ne kayyum atanması İstanbul'da protesto edildi: 'Belediyeleri geri alana kadar mücadele edeceğiz' [Justice vigil was held! The appointment of trustees to Hakkari Municipality was protested in Istanbul: 'We will fight until we take back the municipalities'], 09.08.24; TRT Haber: Hakkari'de görevden uzaklaştırılan Akış'a 19,5 yıl hapis cezası [Akış suspended in Hakkari, sentenced to 19.5 years in prison], 05.06.24.
- 34 Reuters: Rights violations for Uganda's LGBTQ community escalating - pressure group, 03.06.24.
- 35 Tagesschau.de: Behörden: Ein Toter bei russischem Angriff auf Charkiw [Liveblog], 03.06.24; Tagesschau.de: Drei Tote bei russischen Angriffen im Osten der Ukraine [Liveblog], 03.06.24; The Guardian: Ukraine war briefing: Biden to meet Zelenskiy beside D-day shore of Normandy, 05.06.24; Tagesschau.de: Zwei Tote bei Angriffen auf die Ukraine [Liveblog], 08.06.24; The Guardian: Ukraine war briefing: Biden pledges \$225m in new military aid while vowing US backs Kyiv 'completely', 08.06.24; The Guardian: Ukraine war briefing: Biden and Macron release joint 'roadmap' backing efforts to use frozen Russian assets to aid Kyiv, 09.06.24; Tagesschau.de: Ukraine gedenkt der getöteten Kinder [Liveblog], 04.06.24.
- 36 Tagesschau.de: "Die Angst ist immer da" [Liveblog], 07.06.24; The Guardian: Ukraine war briefing: Biden to meet Zelenskiy beside D-day shore of Normandy, 05.06.24; Tagesschau.de: Ukraine evakuiert Familien aus mehreren Orten in Donezk [Liveblog], 06.06.24; The Guardian: Ukraine war briefing: US HIMARS rockets 'likely' used in Ukrainian attack on Russian soil, 04.06.24; Tagesschau.de: Nach Ukraine-Besuch dürfen Ukrainer im wehrfähigen Alter nicht mehr ausreisen [Liveblog], 05.06.24;
- 37 The Guardian: Ukraine war briefing: Russian oil refinery burns again in drone attack, 06.06.24; The Guardian: Ukraine war briefing: France to send Mirage fighter jets and train pilots, 07.06.24; Tagesschau.de: Russland zerstört neun Gigawatt Kraftwerksleistung in der Ukraine [Liveblog], 04.06.24.
- 38 Der Standard: US-Präsident verfügt Obergrenze für Migranten, 05.06.24; Reuters: Mexico nearing deal with US for direct deportations to home countries, 06.06.24; Zeit Online: Joe Biden verschärft Regeln für Migranten an mexikanischer Grenze, 04.06.24; The Guardian: Biden's migrant order is recipe for chaos at US border: 'It will only cause suffering', 05.06.24; The New York Times: In Shift, Biden Issues Order Allowing Temporary Border Closure to Migrants, 04.06.24.
- 39 Associated Press: Yemen's Houthi rebels detain 11 UN staffers as well as aid workers in sudden crackdown, 08.06.24.

Imprint

Published by

Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge,
90461 Nürnberg

ISSN

2943-0690

Valid as of

CW 24/2024

Printed by

Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge

Design

Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge

Reference source

Publikationsstelle Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge
www.bamf.de/publikationen

You can also download this publication as an accessible PDF document.

This publication is issued by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees as part of its public relations work. The publication is distributed free of charge and is not intended for sale. It may not be used by political parties or by election campaigners or election workers during an election campaign for the purpose of election advertising. This applies to federal, state and local elections as well as to elections to the European Parliament.

www.bamf.de