



The Taliban: Unrecognized And Unrepentant

Richard Weitz | 01 April 2022

“Afghanistan’s neighbouring countries have not gone beyond limited diplomatic engagement, economic detachment, and security containment.”

Read More: <https://www.mei.edu/publications/taliban-unrecognized-and-unrepentant>

Is China Looking For A Greater Role In Taliban-Ruled Afghanistan?

Dr. Anwesha Ghosh | 20 April 2022

“Although Beijing has refrained from outright recognising the Taliban government so far, China has hosted ministers of the Afghan Taliban’s caretaker government.”

Read More: https://www.icwa.in/show_content.php?lang=1&level=1&ls_id=7255&lid=4908

Afghanistan's Public Intellectuals Fail To Denounce The Taliban

Omar Sadr | 23 March, 2022

“Currently, political fragmentation and polarization under the Taliban have become an existential conflict over culture and ethnicity.”

Read More: https://www.fairobserver.com/region/central_south_asia/omar-sadr-afghanistan-taliban-rule-totalitarianism-human-rights-news-2441/

Pakistan, Afghanistan Teeter Toward A Border War

FM Shakil | 18 April 2022

“Taliban government denies it is sheltering Pakistani militants while at the same time has carped about Pakistan's moves to build a 2,700-kilometer border fence along the colonial-era Durand Line.”

Read More: <https://asiatimes.com/2022/04/pakistan-afghanistan-teeter-toward-a-border-war/>

The Great Rethink: A Discussion On Redefining The Military's Role

Adnan Rafiq | 25 April 2022

“Beyond the social media trends and proliferation of slogans against the military, there are a number of structural trends that warrant serious reconsideration of institutional power equation.”

Read More: <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/2022/04/25/the-great-rethink-a-discussion-on-redefining-the-militarys-role/>

Did The United States Really Try To Overthrow Pakistan's Imran Khan?

Touqir Hussain | 12 April 2022

“Washington played a particularly important role in the power imbalances and structural weakness of Pakistan's elite-based system, eventually becoming an external pillar to sustain the system.”

Read More: <https://nationalinterest.org/feature/did-united-states-really-try-overthrow-pakistan%E2%80%99s-imran-khan-201770>

Why Imran Khan Isn't Going Away

James Schwemlein | 12 April 2022

“One implication of Khan’s removal is that Bajwa will likely be replaced on schedule, which in many ways would be a welcome return to normal. But much can change in the next six months.”

Read More: <https://carnegieendowment.org/2022/04/12/why-imran-khan-isn-t-going-away-pub-86880>

Negev Summit Plays Out The Highs And Lows of Arab-Israeli Rapprochement

Kabir Taneja | 02 April 2022

“Negev summit is led by Israel’s view, and fear, that the current momentum of the Arab–Israel rapprochement is both, an opportunity for a historic do-over in the region, but also fragile enough that it can be lost away in regional turmoil.”

Read More: <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/the-negev-summit-plays-out-the-highs/>

Strikes on Iraq Reveal Iran’s Embrace of Missile Operations

Behnam Ben Taleblu | 27 March 2022

“Pattern of strikes reveals an important dyad driving Iran toward more missile use: real advancements in its ballistic missile program and sticky perceptions of declining U.S. resolve to counter Iran.”

Read More: <https://nationalinterest.org/feature/strikes-iraq-reveal-iran%E2%80%99s-embrace-missile-operations-201431>

Turkey and Central Asia : Ukraine War Will Strengthen Ties

Bruce Pannier | 15 April 2022

“The caveat to warmer ties is that much of Turkey’s foreign policy hinges on its president, Erdogan, who has been the driving force in boosting cooperation with Central Asia.”

Read More: <https://eurasianet.org/perspectives-turkey-and-central-asia-ukraine-war-will-strengthen-ties>

A Tough Road Ahead For ASEAN Special Envoy to Myanmar

Sreeparna Banerjee | 28 March 2022

“Given the hardness that some ASEAN member states, like Malaysia, Singapore, display towards the Myanmar Junta, only time will tell what initiatives are best suited to advance future endeavours.”

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Years of Policy Failure and COVID Throw Sri Lanka Into Deep Crisis

Chulanee Attanayake | 24 April 2022

“Country is witnessing one of the worst economic and political crises in its history, with massive protests demanding President Gotabaya Rajapaksa’s resignation.”

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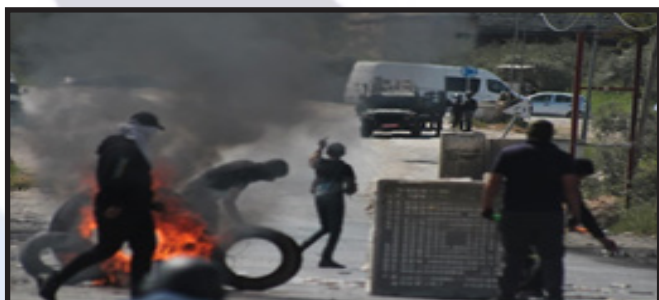
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There were wide spread street protests in Afghanistan against Pakistani air raids in Khost province in which over forty people including women and children were killed.



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