

# BERTHOLLET'S PRESS REVIEW

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## The situation in Afghanistan as of 2024

*The Diplomat, January 13, 2024*

### **Alarm Over Hijab Enforcement Exposes Afghanistan's Dire Need for Direct Engagement**

An article from The Diplomat emphasizes the lack of effective direct engagement with the Taliban by international actors, particularly the United States. The article argues that special envoys and discussions outside of Afghanistan are insufficient, as they often don't reflect the firsthand realities on the ground. The absence of direct engagement is seen as overlooking opportunities for dialogue with the Taliban, who have become the ruling authority. This situation has allowed other regional actors like China and Russia to fill the void, potentially influencing Afghanistan's future path and contributing to the country's geopolitical complexity.

<https://thediplomat.com/2024/01/alarm-over-hijab-enforcement-exposes-afghanistans-dire-need-for-direct-engagement/>

*HRW, January 11, 2024*

### **Afghanistan: Worsening Taliban Repression Erodes Rights**

Human Rights Watch reports a broadening crackdown on human rights in Afghanistan, especially concerning the rights of women and girls. The Taliban's policies and actions have led to increased repression and have exacerbated the country's economic crisis. The restrictions on Afghan women working with international organizations have hindered humanitarian aid efforts, further deepening the crisis. The report highlights the need for coordinated international support to pressure the Taliban to end abuses while addressing the humanitarian needs of Afghans.

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/01/11/afghanistan-worsening-taliban-repression-erodes-rights>



*AL Jazeera, 23 Mar 2023*

### **The Taliban in government: A grim new reality is settling in**

An opinion piece on Al Jazeera offers an analysis of the Taliban's governance since their takeover. It notes that while the Taliban have managed to maintain certain government functions and provide basic services, they have significantly violated human rights and clamped down on dissent. The country is facing a massive economic shock, deepening poverty, and a lack of political inclusivity. The article also discusses the Taliban's approach to the political system, the legal system, and the economy, painting a picture of Afghanistan under the Taliban as a repressive theocracy with concentrated power in the hands of a few leaders.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2023/3/23/taliban-in-government-a-grim-new-reality-is-settling-in>

