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Abbreviations and glossary

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A

ACC	Afghan Citizen Card
ACLED	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project
AFF	Afghanistan Freedom Front
AGEs	See ‘anti-government elements’
ALM	Afghan Liberation Movement
ALP	Afghan Local Police, a security initiative to include armed militias in the police force, under the auspices of the Ministry of the Interior.
ANA	Afghan National Army
ANDSF	Afghan National Defence and Security Forces, see also ANSF
ANP	Afghan National Police
ANSF	Afghan National Security Forces, including Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (ANP) and National Directorate of Security (NDS)
Anti-government elements	Armed opposition fighters, or insurgents, who are fighting against the Afghan government and its international allies. Examples of such groups of fighters are the Taliban, the Haqqani network and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan.
Asylum Procedures Directive	Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection

B

baad	The practice of exchanging women/girls to resolve a dispute; exchanging daughters between families for marriage to avoid bride price costs.
Badal/ badaal	The concept of revenge or retribution in the Pashtunwali.
bacha bazi	Dancing boys: boys or young men who are sexually exploited by men for entertainment. They are made to dance in female garb and provide sexual favours. This practice is often associated with men in power.

C

CAT	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
COI	Country of origin information
complex attack	A deliberate and coordinated attack that includes a suicide device, more than one attacker and more than one type of device. All three elements must be used for an attack to be considered complex.

E

ECHR	Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention on Human Rights), as amended by Protocols Nos. 11 and 14, 4 November 1950
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EU	European Union
EU+	Member States of the European Union plus Norway and Switzerland
EUAA	European Union Agency for Asylum

F

fatwa	A ruling or opinion given by the head of religious community in Islam.

G

GDI	General Directorate of Intelligence
ground engagement	Ground engagements include kinetic ground operations, stand-off attacks, crossfire and armed clashes between parties to the conflict. Ground engagements include attacks or operations in which small arms, heavy weapons and/or area weapons systems, i.e. mortars and rockets are fired.

H

***haad* (plural: *hudud*)**	A category of crime under Islamic Law. Punishment for crimes against God prescribed in the Qura
Hanafi	Sunni jurisprudence in use in Afghanistan; one of the four schools of Sunni jurisprudence.

I

ICC	International Criminal Court
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDP(s)	Internally displaced person(s)
IED	Improvised Explosive Device. A bomb constructed and deployed in ways other than in convention
IFRP	Illegal Foreigners' Repatriation Plan
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMU	Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPA	Internal protection alternative
ISKP	Islamic State Khorasan Province

J

jirga	A council or assembly of tribal elders held for dispute resolution; jirgamar refers to elders whose profession is dispute settlement

L

LGBTIQ	LGBTIQ people are people: who are attracted to others of their own gender (lesbian, gay) or any gender (bisexual); whose gender identity and/or expression does not correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth (trans, non-binary); who are born with sex characteristics that do not fit the typical definition of male or female (intersex); and whose identity does not fit into a binary classification of sexuality and/or gender (queer).

M

mahram	A close male relative: either a husband or a male relative whom a woman cannot marry, such as a brother, father, son or uncle
madrassa	Islamic religious school

MoI	Ministry of Interior Affairs of Afghanistan
MPVPV	Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice
mujahideen	Islamic 'holy warriors'. In the context of the conflict of Afghanistan, the term dates back to the 1980s, when it referred to Islamic fighting groups opposed to the communist regime and the military forces of the former Soviet Union in Afghanistan. Its fighters have since been called mujahideen. Currently, the Taliban refer to their fighters as *mujahideen*.

N

NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NDS	National Directorate of Security, Afghanistan's intelligence service
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NLFA	National Liberation Front of Afghanistan
NRF	National Resistance Front

P

Pashtunwali	A traditional social, cultural, and quasi-legal code regulating the Pashtun way of life.
PoR	Proof of Registration
PDPA	People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan
PGM	Pro-government militia

Q

qisas	Under Islamic Law, *qisas* are crimes against the bodily integrity of a person; when one person harms or kills another, an alternative to 'eye for an eye' punishment (*qisas*) is the payment of *diyya/diyat* ('blood money').
QD (Qualification Directive)	Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted

S

sharia	The religious law of Islam; Islamic canonical law.

shura	A decision-making community council; often formed for non-State dispute settlement; made up of a group of people with community authority (elders) to discuss and find solutions to a problem.

T

targeted/ deliberate killing	Intentional, premeditated and deliberate use of lethal force by States or their agents acting under colour of law or by an organised armed group, party to an armed conflict against a specific individual who is not in the perpetrator's physical custody.
TTP	Tehrik-i Taliban Pakistan

U

UCDP	Uppsala Conflict Data Program
Ulema	Body of Muslim scholars who are recognised as having specialist knowledge of Islamic law and theology.
UN	United Nations
UNAMA	UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNHCR	UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNOCHA	UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
US	United States of America
USDOS	US Department of State

W

WHO	World Health Organisation

Z

zina	A criminal offence in Islamic law referring to unlawful sexual intercourse, fornication or adultery.

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