



# List of abbreviations and glossary

Term	Definition
<b>ACLED</b>	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data
<b>AFF</b>	Afghanistan Freedom Front
<b>ALM</b>	Afghan Liberation Movement
<b>ANDSF</b>	Afghan National Security Forces, including Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (ANP) and National Directorate of Security (NDS)
<b>Anti-government elements</b>	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.
<b>baad</b>	The practice of exchanging women/girls to resolve a dispute; exchanging daughters between families for marriage to avoid bride price costs.
<b>bacha bazi</b>	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.
<b>CJEU</b>	Court of Justice of the European Union
<b>COI</b>	Country of origin information
<b>ECTHR</b>	European Court of Human Rights
<b>EUAA</b>	European Union Agency for Asylum
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>EU+ countries</b>	Member States of the European Union and associated countries
<b>GDI</b>	General Directorate of Intelligence
<b>haad (plural: hudud)</b>	In Muslim law, <i>hudud</i> are the penalties explicitly established by the Koran and the Sunnah
<b>ICC</b>	International Criminal Court
<b>IDP(s)</b>	Internally displaced person(s)
<b>IED</b>	Improvised Explosive Device. A bomb constructed and deployed in ways other than in conventional military action.
<b>IOM</b>	International Organization for Migration
<b>IPA</b>	Internal protection alternative
<b>ISKP</b>	Islamic State Khorasan Province
<b>jirga</b>	A council or assembly of tribal elders held for dispute resolution; <i>jirgamar</i> refers to elders whose profession is dispute settlement.
<b>LGBTIQ</b>	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (persons)
<b>mahram</b>	A close male relative: either a husband or a male relative whom a woman cannot marry, such as a brother, father, son or uncle.
<b>Madrassa</b>	Islamic religious school
<b>Member States</b>	Member States of the European Union
<b>MPVPV</b>	Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Muhtasibin</b>	Official enforcers of <i>sharia</i>
<b>mujahideen</b>	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 <i>mujahideen</i> .
<b>NGO</b>	Non-governmental organisation
<b>NRF</b>	National Resistance Front
<b>Pashtunwali</b>	A traditional social, cultural, and quasi-legal code regulating the Pashtun way of life.
<b>PDPA</b>	People’s Democratic Party of Afghanistan
<b>SOGIESC</b>	Sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, or sex characteristics
<b>qisas</b>	in Muslim law, <i>qisas</i> are proportionate retaliation for intentional bodily harm or murder
<b>QR</b>	Qualification Regulation - Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 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, amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC and repealing Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
<b>Refugee Convention</b>	The 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees and its 1967 Protocol (referred to in EU asylum legislation and by the CJEU as ‘the Geneva Convention’)
<b>sharia</b>	The religious law of Islam; Islamic canonical law.
<b>shura</b>	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.
<b>TTP</b>	Tehreek-e-Taliban, ‘the Pakistani Taliban’
<b>UCDP</b>	Uppsala Conflict Data Program
<b>UNAMA</b>	United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>UNOCHA</b>	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
<b>WFP</b>	World Food Program
<b>zina</b>	A criminal offence in Islamic law referring to unlawful sexual intercourse, fornication or adultery.