

List of abbreviations and glossary

Term	Definition
ACLED	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data
AFF	Afghanistan Freedom Front
ALM	Afghan Liberation Movement
ANDSF	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.
baad	The practice of exchanging women/girls to resolve a dispute; exchanging daughters between families for marriage to avoid bride price costs.
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.
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
COI	Country of origin information
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EUAA	European Union Agency for Asylum
EU	European Union
EU+ countries	Member States of the European Union and associated countries
GDI	General Directorate of Intelligence
haad (plural: hudud)	In Muslim law, *hudud* are the penalties explicitly established by the Koran and the Sunnah
ICC	International Criminal Court
IDP(s)	Internally displaced person(s)
IED	Improvised Explosive Device. A bomb constructed and deployed in ways other than in conventional military action.
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPA	Internal protection alternative
ISKP	Islamic State Khorasan Province
jirga	A council or assembly of tribal elders held for dispute resolution; *jirgamar* refers to elders whose profession is dispute settlement.
LGBTIQ	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (persons)
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
Member States	Member States of the European Union
MPVPV	Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice

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Muhtasibin	Official enforces of *sharia*
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*.
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NRF	National Resistance Front
Pashtunwali	A traditional social, cultural, and quasi-legal code regulating the Pashtun way of life.
PDPA	People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan
SOGIESC	Sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, or sex characteristics
qisas	in Muslim law, *qisas* are proportionate retaliation for intentional bodily harm or murder
QR	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
Refugee Convention	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')
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.
TTP	Tehreek-e-Taliban, 'the Pakistani Taliban'
UCDP	Uppsala Conflict Data Program
UNAMA	United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNOCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
WFP	World Food Program
zina	A criminal offence in Islamic law referring to unlawful sexual intercourse, fornication or adultery.

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