

Women's rights under the Taliban

The Taliban have broken multiple pledges to respect women's rights since retaking power in Afghanistan in 2021



■ **Aug 15, 2021:** Taliban returns to power in Kabul following withdrawal of U.S. troops

■ **Aug 17:** Taliban spokesman **Zabihullah Mujahid** pledges respect for women's rights. ***They will be allowed to work, study and be active in society***

■ **Sep 7:** Taliban appoints "caretaker government," excluding women from cabinet posts

■ **Sep 18:** Taliban orders reopening of boys' secondary schools

■ **Mar 21, 2022:** Education Ministry announces that girls of secondary-school age will be permitted to go back to class

■ **Mar 23:** Taliban reverses decision – girls barred again

■ **May 7:** Supreme leader **Hibatullah Akhundzada** (right) orders women to cover themselves, fully, including their faces



■ **Aug 13:** Taliban fighters beat women protesters who chant "***bread, work and freedom***" outside Education Ministry

■ **Sep 30:** Suicide bomber kills 46 girls and young women at centre packed with students sitting university admissions exams

■ **Oct 13:** Thousands of Afghan girls and women sit university entrance exams

■ **Nov 10:** Taliban's Ministry of Virtue and Vice bans women from entering parks, using gyms or public baths in capital

■ **Dec 8:** Taliban flogs 18 men and nine women for alleged theft and adultery

■ **Dec 20:** Minister for Higher Education **Neda Mohammad Nadeem** (above) orders nationwide ban on university education for females

