### **HANDOUT 4.1**

## THE IMPACT OF FUNDAMENTALISM ON HUMAN RIGHTS

# THE TALIBAN'S RULES

EXAMPLES OF THE TALIBAN'S PUNISHMENTS FOR BREAKING THESE RULES:

1. PUBLIC WHIPPING
2. PUBLIC STONING
3. AMPUTATION
OF LIMBS
4. PUBLIC HANGING
5 IMPRISONMENT
6. PUBLIC SHOOTING
7. PUBLIC EXECUTION
8. DANGLING OF
BODIES FROM
CRANES
9. PUBLIC BEATINGS

NOTE: IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THE TALIBAN DID NOT HAVE CONTROL OVER ALL OF AFGHANISTAN, HOW-EVER, THEY DID HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE IN CERTAIN CITIES. THERE WERE MANY CASES WHERE THE TAL-IBAN TRIED TO SEIZE A TOWN AND APPLY ITS RULES AND DID NOT SUCCEED DUE TO THE STRENGTH AND COUR-AGE OF AFGHANS WHO REBELLED AND STOOD UP FOR THEMSELVES IN

A NON-VIOLENT WAY.

#### **RULES REGARDING FEMALES**

- **1.** FEMALES MAY NOT WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME, INCLUDING TEACHERS, ENGINEERS AND DOCTORS
- 2. FEMALES MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVITY OUTSIDE THE HOME UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A CLOSE MALE RELATIVE SUCH AS A FATHER, BROTHER OR HUSBAND
- 3. FEMALES MAY NOT DEAL WITH MALE SHOPKEEPERS
- **4.** FEMALES MAY NOT BE TREATED BY MALE DOCTORS
- **5.** FEMALES MAY NOT STUDY AT SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES OR ANY OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
- **6.** FEMALES MUST WEAR A LONG VEIL (BURQA) WHICH COVERS THEM FROM HEAD TO TOE
- **7.** FEMALES WHO DO NOT WEAR THE BURQA WILL BE WHIPPED, BEATEN AND/OR VERBALLY ABUSED PUBLICLY
- 8. FEMALES WHOSE ANKLES ARE VISIBLE WILL BE WHIPPED IN PUBLIC
- 9. FEMALES FOUND GUILTY OF ADULTERY WILL BE PUBLICLY STONED TO DEATH
- 10. FEMALES MAY NOT USE COSMETICS
- **11.** FEMALES MAY NOT TALK TO OR SHAKE HANDS WITH MALES THAT ARE NOT IN THEIR FAMILY
- **12.** FEMALES MAY NOT LAUGH LOUDLY- NO STRANGER SHOULD HEAR A WOMAN'S VOICE
- **13.** FEMALES MAY NOT WEAR HIGH HEEL SHOES. MEN MUST NEVER HEAR A WOMAN'S FOOTSTEPS
- 14. FEMALES MAY NOT TAKE TAXIS WITHOUT A MALE MEMBER OF HER FAMILY
- **15.** FEMALES MAY NOT APPEAR ON RADIO, TELEVISION OR PUBLIC GATHERINGS OF ANY KIND
- 16. FEMALES MAY NOT PLAY SPORTS OR ENETER A SPORTS CENTER OR CLUB
- 17. FEMALES MAY NOT RIDE BICYCLES OR MOTORCYCLES
- **18.** FEMALES MAY NOT WEAR BRIGHTLY COLORED CLOTHES THAT CAN BE CONSIDEERED "SEXUALLY ATTRACTING COLORS"
- **19.** FEMALES MAY NOT GATHER FOR FESTIVE OCCASIONS SUCH AS EID (RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY) OR FOR ANY RECREATIONAL PURPOSE
- 20. FEMALES MAY NOT WASH CLOTHES NEXT TO RIVERS OR IN A PUBLIC PLACE
- **21.** MODIFICATION OF ALL PLACE NAMES INCLUDING THE WORD "FEMALES." FOR EXAMPLE, "FEMALE GARDEN" HAS BEEN RENAMED "SPRING GARDEN"
- **22.** FEMALES MAY NOT APPEAR ON THE BALCONIES OF THEIR APARTMENTS OR HOUSES
- **23.** ALL HOME WINDOWS MUST BE PAINTED SO FEMALES CANNOT BE SEEN FROM OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES
- **24.** MALE TAILORS MAY NOT TAKE A FEMALE'S MEASUREMENTS OR SEW A FEMALE'S CLOTHES
- 25. FEMALES AND MEN MAY NOT TRAVEL ON THE SAME BUS
- 26. FEMALES MAY NOT WEAR FLARED OR WIDE-LEG PANTS EVEN UNDER A BURQA
- 27. FEMALES MAY NOT BE FILMED OR PHOTOGRAPHED
- **28.** FEMALES' PICTURES MAY NOT APPEAR IN NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS, OR HUNG ON WALLS OF HOUSES OR SHOPS

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#### **RULES REGARDING ALL AFGHANS- MALE AND FEMALE**

- 1. NO ONE CAN LISTEN TO MUSIC
- 2. NO ONE CAN WATCH MOVIES, TELEVISION OR VIDEOS
- 3. NO ONE CAN CELEBRATE THE TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR BECAUSE IT IS DEEMED "UN-ISLAMIC"
- **4.** NO ONE CAN CELEBRATE LABOR DAY BECAUSE IT IS DEEMED A "COMMUNIST" HOLIDAY
- 5. NO CITIZEN OF AFGHANISTAN MAY HAVE A NON-ISLAMIC NAME
- **6.** ALL AFGHAN YOUTH MUST HAVE SHORT HAIR OR BE SUBJECT TO FORCED HAIRCUTS
- 7. ALL MEN MUST WEAR ISLAMIC CLOTHES AND A CAP
- 8. MEN MAY NOT SHAVE OR TRIM THEIR BEARDS
- 9. ALL AFGHANS MUST ATTEND PRAYERS IN MOSQUES 5 TIMES DAILY
- **10.** NO ONE MAY KEEP PIGEONS OR ANY OTHER BIRD AS A PET. ANY VIOLATER WILL BE IMPRISONED AND THE BIRDS SHALL BE KILLED
- 11. NO ONE MAY FLY KITES
- 12. IN ANY SPORTING EVENTS, ONLOOKERS MAY NOT CLAP
- 13. ANYONE WHO CARRIES OBJECTIONABLE LITERATURE WILL BE EXECUTED
- **14.** ANYONE WHO CONVERTS FROM ISLAM TO ANY OTHER RELIGION WILL BE EXECUTED
- 15. ALL BOY STUDENTS MUST WEAR TURBANS
- **16.** NON-MUSLIM MINORITIES MUST STITCH A YELLOW CLOTH ONTO THEIR DRESS TO BE DIFFERENTIATED FROM THE MAJORITY
- 17. NO ONE MAY USE THE INTERNET, INCLUDING FOREIGNERS
- 18. NO ONE MAY DANCE AT WEDDINGS
- **19.** NO ONE MAY GAMBLE
- 20. NO ONE MAY ENGAGE IN A CULTURAL CELEBRATION
- **21.** NO BURYING OF ANYONE WHO WAS KILLED BY THE TALIBAN. BODIES MUST REMAIN IN THE STREETS AS EXAMPLES TO OTHER "WRONGDOERS"