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Information on Jawzjan province including; Ethnic composition; & History/affect of the Taliban on the province

In June 2021 the *European Union Agency for Asylum* points out that:

“...the Taliban became increasingly successful in Jawzjan, setting up administrative and military institutions, after opening their ranks to non-Pashtun fighters. The recruitment of Uzbeks allegedly proved particularly successful in the province...” (European Union Agency for Asylum (June 2021) *Afghanistan Security Situation*, p.198).

In September 2021 the *Danish Immigration Service* states that:

“Prior to 18 June the Taliban controlled no districts in Jawzjan, but between 18 June and 23 June, the Taliban captured nine of 11 districts in the province...” (Danish Immigration Service (September 2021) *Recent developments in the security situation, impact on civilians and targeted individuals*, p.9).

In September 2021 the *European Union Agency for Asylum* states that:

“As of 31 August 2021, an assessment of the LWJ mapping Taliban control in Afghanistan in a frequently updated map and based on open-source information, considered all districts in Jawzjan province to be under Taliban control...European Union Agency for Asylum (September 2021) *Afghanistan - Security situation update*, p.74).

A report published in March 2022 by the *Guardian* comments on the:

“...Uzbek-dominated Jowzjan province...” (Guardian (4 March 2022) *Afghanistan six months on from the Taliban takeover – photo essay*, p.1).

In August 2022 the *European Union Agency for Asylum* states in a report that:

“Jawzjan Province is located in the northern part of Afghanistan... The main ethnic groups in the province were Uzbeks and Turkmen...Other groups present included Pashtuns, Arabs, and Tajiks, as well as a varying number of Kuchi nomads...” (European Union Agency for Asylum (August 2022) *Afghanistan Security Situation*, p.126).

In January 2023 a publication released by the *European Union Agency for Asylum* notes that:

“...evictions were reported in Jawzjan province, with more than 1 000 members of ethnic Uzbek and Turkmen communities being expelled by Taliban fighters...” (European Union Agency for Asylum (24 January 2023) *Country Guidance: Afghanistan*, p.111).

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