

Islamic State claims responsibility for murder of female reporter in Afghanistan

From ["With the killing of Malalai,"](#) the working field for female journalists is getting more smaller and the journalists may not dare to continue their jobs the way they were doing before," Nai, an organisation supporting media in Afghanistan, said in a statement.

...analysts say the attacks have targeted people working in professions or in conditions – including mixed-gender offices – that the Taliban want to curtail or abolish should they regain power in Kabul. They have created a climate of fear, leaving many questioning whether it is safe to continue at work.

Maiwand comes from a family that had already paid a heavy price for trying to change Afghan society: five years ago her mother, another activist, was killed by unknown gunmen, Reuters reported.