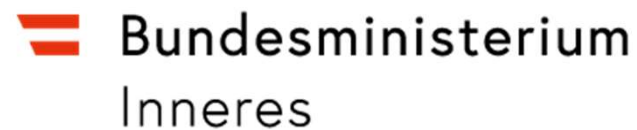


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## Afghanistan Analysts Network (AAN)

**AFGHANISTAN ANALYSTS NETWORK (AAN)**  
<http://www.afghanistan-analysts.org/>

**Source description last updated:** 13 February 2018

**In brief:** The Afghanistan Analysts Network (AAN) is an independent non-profit policy research organisation with its main office in Kabul and "committed to producing analysis on Afghanistan and its region" (AAN: About AAN, undated).

**Coverage on ecoi.net:**  
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AAN is registered as an association ("eingetragener Verein") in Germany and as a non-profit research organisation at the Afghan Ministry of Economy (AAN: About AAN, undated)

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AAN is led by four co-directors and has "a Kabul-based core team of analysts and researchers, and a network of contributors with long-standing expertise in the fields of Afghan politics, governance, rule of law, human rights, security, and regional affairs" (AAN: About AAN, undated).  
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**Languages of publications:**  
English

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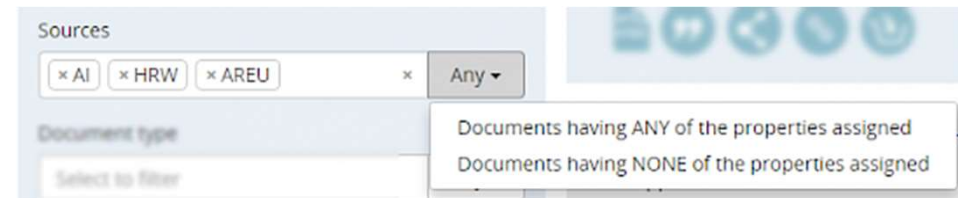
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9 April 2018 | IRIN – Integrated Regional Information Network 

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As conflict spreads, chronic displacement becomes a powderkeg in Afghanistan (Media Report, English)

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ACCORD – Austrian Centre for Country of Origin and Asylum Research and Documentation: Afghanistan: Dokumentation des Expertengespraches mit Thomas Ruttig und Michael Daxner vom 4. Mai 2016, June 2016  
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CORI - Country of Origin Research and Information: CORI Thematic Report Afghanistan; Blood Feuds, February 2014, February 2014  
<http://www.refworld.org/pdfid/53199ef64.pdf> (accessed on 14 March 2018)

EASO – European Asylum Support Office: Afghanistan - Individuals targeted under societal and legal norms, December 2017



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informs about

- our work,
- important new publications
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The April 2019 issue of The Researcher

*The Researcher* is published two times a year by the Refugee Documentation Centre (RDC) in Ireland. It is a publication which combines academic papers, summaries of caselaw, guides to new legislation, reports of conferences, articles on RDC services and items of country of origin information.

30 APRIL 2019: RDC, THE RESEARCHER, DR CONGO, IRELAND, OUR WORK, IPAT, PAKISTAN, ZIMBABWE, ASYLUM LAW

Discussion with Joel Wing (Musings on Iraq)

On 28 March, ACCORD and the Diakonien's Refugee Service invited representatives from all actors involved in asylum procedures to a discussion with Joel Wing.

29 MARCH 2019: OUR WORK, IRAQ, SOURCES

US Department of State releases the 2018 human rights reports

The US Department of State released its annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, covering 2018.

14 MARCH 2019: USDOS, REPORTS

Joint Communication by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Austrian Red Cross

UNHCR and the Austrian Centre for Country of Origin and Asylum Research and Documentation (ACCORD), a department of the Austrian Red Cross, are partnering up for a streamlined content division between their protection information databases, Refworld and ecoinet.

15 JANUARY 2019: ACCORD, OUR WORK, UNHCR, COI

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