

# Afghanistan's Key Players (U)

## PARTIES

### Taliban

The Taliban—estems by a movement of religious students—emerged in late 1994. The group's stated goals are to establish a proper Islamic government in Afghanistan, rid the country of oppressors, and to disarm the various factions. Inspired by its leader's alleged vision from Allah, the group has seized approximately 85% of Afghanistan's territory and is pursuing the remaining land in a civil war with the Northern Alliance.



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## LEADERS

Mullah Mohammad Omar

Mullah Mohammad Rabbani

Maulawi Wakil Mutawakil

Mullah Abdul Jalil

## COMMENTS

Leader and founder of movement... favored by followers... wants Islamic state with Sharia (Islamic law) enforced... defends Osama Bin Ladin's stay in Afghanistan.

Second in command to Omar... more moderate... periodically sidelined by Omar... possibly at odds with Omar over Osama Bin Ladin.

Foreign Minister... close to Omar... relays Omar's views to outside world... well-spoken... formerly the group's spokesperson... has led delegations to other countries, including the United States.

Deputy Foreign Minister... close advisor to Omar... may serve as liaison with Bin Ladin.

## ETHNICITY

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## Northern Alliance

Nominal alliance of different political parties, including Jamiat-i-Islami (JI), Hezbi Wahdat - Khaki (Islamic Unity Party) (HWK), Hezbi Wahdat Akbari (Islamic Unity Party) (HWA).



Ahmad Shah Masood (JI)

Burhanuddin Rabbani (JI)

Abdul Karim Khalili (HWK)

Ustad Mohaqqueq (HWA)

Abdul Rashid Dostam (NIM)

Dominant military figure in coalition... respected for military tactical capabilities... some ties to Iran, Russia... Panjsher Valley stronghold.

Former nominal President of Afghanistan... diminishing role and power in alliance... some ties to Iran, Russia.

Currently in Iran... wary of Taliban's Shia policies... wants Shia role in future government.

Major Shia commander... works nominally with Masood... well-respected by his troops.

Was associated with the Northern Alliance but was forced out of the country... currently moves between Iran and Turkey.

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HAZARA (Shia)

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## Other Parties

Key players not necessarily aligned with either faction. Include Islamic Union for the Liberation of Afghanistan (Ittihad-i-Islami Barai Azadi Afghanistan) (IULA); Hezbi Islami-Gulbuddin (HIG); Hezbi Wahdat Akbari (Islamic Unity Party) (HWA); Jumbesh-i-Milli Islami (National Islamic Movement) (NIM).



Abdul Rasul Sayyaf (IULA)

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar (HIG)

Mohammad Akbar Akbari (HWA)

Close to Masood... connected with terrorist training camps... ties to Saudis... anti-Shia... radical Islamist.

Former Prime Minister... radical Islamist... dislikes and mistrusts Masood... diminished militarily... ties to Pakistan... considered a turncoat... currently in Iran.

Shia leader... wants guarantee of Shia rights, role in future government.

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