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SUMMARY: (S/NF) THE TALIBAN'S ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY, INCLUDING ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH USAMA BIN LADEN, AL-QAIDA, AND
OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.


2. **(SINP) PAKISTANI INVOLVEMENT.** IMPERIALISTIC HOPES OF THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT OVER CONTROL OF AFGHANISTAN CONTRIBUTED TO THE PAKISTANI ENTANGLEMENT IN THE CIVIL WAR IN AFGHANISTAN. THE PAKISTANI INTER-SERVICE INTELLIGENCE (ISI) ORGANIZATION PROVIDED MILITARY TRAINING TO MULLAH OMAR AND HIS FOLLOWERS IN ORDER TO TAKE OVER AFGHANISTAN. THE ISI PROVIDED MULLAH OMAR'S FORCES WITH WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, AND MILITARY TRAINING (NFI).

3. **(SINP) ARAB EMERGENCE.** AFTER 1995, SAUDI MILLIONAIRE USAMA (BIN LADEN) EXILED HIMSELF IN KABUL, AF, AND WAS LATER GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM BY THE TALIBAN GOVERNMENT. SOON MANY ARABS, MUSLIM EXTREMISTS, AND AFRICAN FOLLOWERS OF BIN LADEN CHOSE AFGHANISTAN AS A HOME OR A SAFE HAVEN. ONCE SETTLED IN, BIN LADEN FORMED THE AL-QAIDA NETWORK AND BEGAN TO SPREAD HIS IDEOLOGIES AND HIS INTERPRETATION OF ISLAM.

4. **(SINP) ETHNIC ENTANGLEMENT.** ARAB NEWCOMERS TO AFGHANISTAN WERE ENCOURAGED BY TALIBAN LEADERS TO MARRY AFGHANI WOMEN AND JOIN THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT. ALSO, SOME TALIBAN MEMBERS MARRIED ARAB WOMEN. THE TALIBAN LEADER HIMSELF, MULLAH OMAR, MARRIED THE DAUGHTER OF BIN LADEN. THIS BLOOD-TIE ETHNIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TALIBAN MEMBERS AND AL-QAIDA MEMBERS ALLOWED FOR THE
ENTANGLEMENT OF THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT WITH THE BIN LADEN'S EXTREME IDEOLOGIES AND INTENSE OBJECTIVES. 

THESE ARABS WERE MAINLY NATIVE SAUDI ARABIAN CITIZENS AND YEMENIS WHO OPPOSED THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SAUDI MONARCHY IN SAUDI ARABIA. OTHERS ARE EGYPTIAN MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP (IG), AL-JAMIAT EL-ISLAMIYAH OR AL-GAMMA'A AL-ISLAMIYYA, AL-IKHWAN-EL-MUSMIMEEN (ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD), AND UNIDENTIFIED MUSLIM FILIPINOS FROM THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (NFI).

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