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LEADERSHIP, JUNIOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF
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2. (U) JUNIOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

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L. MAULAWI SAYED ((GHIASUDDIN)) AGHA
MINISTER OF HAJ AND ENDOWMENT
ETHNICITY UZBEK

RESIDENT OF PAKTIA PROVINCE
AGE 42, GHIASUDDIN COMES FROM AN UZBEK-SPEAKING
FAMILY OF LOLASH DISTRICT IN FARYAB PROVINCE. STUDIED
IN MADRASSAHS DURING THE ANTI-SOVIET JIHAD AND,
THEREFORE, IS NOT A FIGHTER HIMSELF. AFFILIATED WITH
HARAKAT-I-INQILAB-I-ISLAMI (MOHAMMADI). ONLY UZBEK
WITH SENIOR TALIBAN LEADERSHIP AND, THEREFORE, VERY
POPULAR IN NORTHERN REGIONS. PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE
MINISTER OF EDUCATION. REMAINS CLOSE TO MAULAWI ABDUL
SALAAM ((HANAFI)), A FELLOW UZBEK WHO IS CURRENTLY
DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

M. MULLAH AMIR KHAN ((MUTTAQI))
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
ETHNICITY SALAIMANKHEL PASHTUN
RESIDENT OF ULASWALI, HELMAND
IN HIS EARLY-MID THIRTIES, MUTTAQI COMES FROM
GHAZNI PROVINCE. REPORTEDLY SPENT TIME IN HELMAND
PROVINCE AS WELL. HIS ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT EXTENDS
FAR BEYOND HIS OFFICIAL PORTFOLIO. KEY FIGURE IN THE
TALIBAN'S IDEOLOGICAL PROJECTS AND HAS ACTED AS A CHIEF
SPOKESMAN FOR THE TALIBAN AT CRUCIAL TIMES. A GOOD

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DIPLOMAT, BUT A DANGEROUS FIGURE. INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL DEALINGS, INCLUDING THE PEACE TALKS WITH UNSMA'S FRANCESC ((VENDRELL)) EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND THE ORIGINAL COUNCIL OF ULEMA THAT CONVENED AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11 BOMBINGS. SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE FOR KANDAHAR AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE FOR THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT BEFORE HIS CURRENT POST. REPORTEDLY THE FIRST TALIBAN TO HAVE INTERNET AND E-MAIL IN HIS HOME. EFFECTIVE AND INFORMED.

N. MAULAWI ABDUL SALAAM ((HANAFI))

DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

ETHNICITY UZBEK

RESIDENT OF DARZAB, JOWZJAN - UZBEK

AGE 32, HANAFI RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION IN MADRASSAHS IN PAKISTAN. HAS BEEN IN FAVOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND IS COMPETENT AND WELL-PRESENTED.

O. QARI ((AHMADULLAH))

MINISTER OF INTELLIGENCE

GOVERNOR OF TAKHAR PROVINCE

ETHNICITY KHUGYANI PASHTUN

RESIDENT OF GHAZNI

AGE 33, AHMADULLAH COMES FROM GHAZNI PROVINCE. ALTHOUGH TOO YOUNG TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANTI-SOVIET JIHAD, HIS BROTHER MAJROOH WAS A SENIOR HAKKAT FIGURE, WHO LOST BOTH LEGS. MAJROOH CARRIES NO OFFICIAL TITLE, BUT IS SAID BY SOME TO BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN AHMADULLAH IN THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT. AHMADULLAH IS CONSIDERED INTELLIGENT AND EFFECTIVE, AND CLOSE TO MULLAH OMAR. HIS PERSONAL DEALINGS HAVE DEMONSTRATED HIS ABILITY TO COMPROMISE AND WIN FRIENDS AMONG NON-PASHTUNS. FORMERLY SERVED AS THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR. AS GOVERNOR OF THE TAKHAR PROVINCE, AHMADULLAH HAS EXERTED FRONTLINE COMMAND OF TALIBAN OFFENSIVES AGAINST THE NORTHERN ALLIANCE. KNOWS MANY MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN ALLIANCE PERSONALLY.

P. MAULAWI/MULLAH ABDUL ((RAZAQ AKHUND))

MINISTER OF COMMERCE

ETHNICITY ACHAKZAI PASHTUN

RESIDENT OF BULDAK, KANDAHAR

AGE 36, RAZAQ AKHUND IS ILLITERATE, INEFFECTIVE, AND CONSIDERED UNIMPORTANT.

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Q. MAULAWI MUHAMMAD ((WALI))
MINISTER OF PROMOTION OF VIRTUES AND
PREVENTION OF VICE
ETHNICITY KHOGIANI
RESIDENT OF PANJVAI, KANDAHAR

NO FURTHER INFORMATION. (RO COMMENT. THE FACT
THAT THERE IS NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON A FIGURE WITH
SO MUCH INFLUENCE OVER THE DAY-TO-DAY LIVES OF ALL
AFGHAN CITIZENS SEEMS UNUSUAL TO SAY THE LEAST. IT
HIGHLIGHTS HOW INACCESSIBLE WALI IS TO WESTERNERS.)

R. MAULAWI QUDRAT ULLAH ((JAMAL))
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
ETHNICITY ANDAR
RESIDENT OF ZURMAT, GARDEZ
AGE 38, JAMAL IS INCOMPETENT. SUCCEEDED MUTAQQI AS
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS. HAS
UNDERTAKEN MANY INTERVIEWS AND HAD NUMEROUS DEALINGS
WITH FOREIGNERS.

S. MULLAH AHMAD ULLAH ((MUTEE))
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
ETHNICITY KAKAR
RESIDENT OF MARANJAN, ARGHANDAB KANDAHAR
AGE 32, MUTEE IS CONSIDERED INEFFECTIVE AND
PASSIVE. WAS IN A MADRASSAH DURING THE ANTI-SOVIET
JIHAD. PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF PLANNING AND DEPUTY
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. HAS SOME CONTACT WITH MULLAH
OMAR AND HIS KANDAHAR CIRCLE. DEALS WITH FOREIGNERS
WITH RELATIVE EASE. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS QUOTE
FAT, BUT CARRYING NO WEIGHT UNQUOTE.

T. MULLAH MUHAMMAD ((ISSA AKHUND))
MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES
ETHNICITY NOORZAI PASHTUN
RESIDENT OF BULDAK, KANDAHAR
AGE 38, ISSA AKHUND IS TIGHTLY LINKED WITH THE
TALIBAN MOVEMENT. CLOSE TO MINISTER OF PLANNING MULLAH
ANWARY. HIGHLY UNSTABLE, HAS AN UNCONTROLLABLE TEMPER,
AND HAS BEEN KNOWN TO BEAT MEMBERS OF HIS MINISTRY.

U. MAULAWI YAR MUHAMMAD ((RAHIMI))
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION
ETHNICITY KAKAR
RESIDENT OF ARGHANDAB, KANDAHAR
AGE 32, RAHIMI IS ONE OF 30 ORIGINAL TALIBAN.

IDEOLOGICAL AND CLOSE TO MULLAH OMAR. RUDE AND UNCONTROLLABLE. MISSING A LEG. LISTED BY SOME AS ABDULLAH MATI OR NANAI-Y.

V. MULLAH AKHTAR MUHAMMAD ((MANSOOR))
MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AVIATION
ETHNICITY ISHAQZAI PASHTUN
RESIDENT OF BAND-E-TEMOOR, MAIWAND, KANDAHAR
AGE 35, MANSOOR IS A CORE TALIB AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MULLAH OMAR. NICKNAMED THE QUOTE KING OF PLANES UNQUOTE, HE CONTROLS ALL MILITARY FLIGHTS.

W. MAULAWI ((AHMED JAN))
MINISTER OF WATER AND POWER
GOVERNOR OF ZABUL
ETHNICITY ISHAQZAI PASHTUN
RESIDENT OF KANDAHAR
AGE 35, AHMED JAN IS NOT PARTICULARLY IDEOLOGICAL. APPROACHABLE AND HAS HAD FREQUENT DEALINGS WITH FOREIGNERS. HAS A CAR SALESROOM IN PESHAWAR AND HAS SPECULATED PERSONALLY IN MINING, PARTICULARLY WITH THE HELP OF TALIBAN AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN MAULAWI ((ZAEFF)).

X. MULLAH ALLADAD ((SHAHEED WROR))
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS
RESIDENT OF KANDAHAR
AGE 45, SHAHEED WROR IS CONSIDERED INEFFECTIVE. ALLEGEDLY GIVEN THIS POSITION AS A REWARD FOR HAVING A BROTHER WHO WAS ONE OF THE EARLY TALIBAN MARTYRS.

Y. MAULAWI ABDUL ((RAQEEB))
MINISTER OF MARTYRS AND REHABILITATION
ETHNICITY UZBEK
RESIDENT OF TAKHAR
NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

Z. MAULAWI M. OMAR ((FAROOQI))
MINISTER OF CENTRAL STATISTICS
RESIDENT OF GHAZNI
AGE 42, FAROOQI IS ORIGINALLY FROM PAKTIKA BUT RESIDES IN GHAZNI. REPORTEDLY CLAIMS TO BE THE THIRD ORIGINAL TALIB, BUT IS NO LONGER IN THE MOST INFLUENTIAL CIRCLE. PREVIOUSLY THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE. CAUTIOUS AND CONSERVATIVE, BUT RELATIVELY APPROACHABLE AND COOPERATIVE. PERSONALLY IN FAVOR OF

THE UNITED NATIONS' WORK IN AFGHANISTAN.

AA. MOHAMMAD TAHIR ((ANWARY))

MINISTER OF PLANNING

ETHNICITY PASHTUN

RESIDENT OF HELMAND

AGE 36, ANWARY IS FROM ZURMAT IN PAKTIKA PROVINCE. ANWARY WAS THE FIRST MUDHIR IDARA (ADMINISTRATOR) OF THE TALIBAN, AND WAS NICKNAMED, QUOTE MUDHIR SAHIB UNQUOTE. OMAR TRUSTS HIM, BUT ANWARY HAS HAD RUN-INS WITH FINANCE MINISTER MAULAWI ((MOHTASIM)). ANWARY IS UNPREJUDICED, TRUSTING, AND CAPABLE OF MAKING HIS OWN DECISIONS.

BB. MAULAWI AGHA JAN ((MOHTASIM))

MINISTER OF FINANCE

RAIS HAYAT KHAS Q CONTROL OF MINISTERS AND

IEA FINANCES

ESIDENT OF HELMAND

AT 30, MOHTASIM IS CLOSE TO MULLAH OMAR AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE FAMILY LINKS TO HIM AS WELL. AS THE DIRECTOR OF A SPECIAL ENVOY IN THE BUREAUCRACY, MOHTASIM HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF MONEY AND APPOINT DEPUTY MINISTERS.

CC. MAULAWI JALALUDDIN ((HAQQANI))

MINISTER OF FRONTIERS AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS

RAIS IDARA UMOOR

ETHNICITY ZADRAN PASHTUN

RESIDENT OF NAWAL ZADRAN KHOST

AGE 60, HAQQANI COMES FROM A ZADRAN TRIBAL FAMILY OF KHOST PROVINCE IN AFGHANISTAN. BORN IN THE VILLAGE OF SARANA IN WAZI DISTRICT. LATER BECAME A POWERFUL MUJAHIDEEN COMMANDER. FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF HIS RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT DARUL ULOOM HAQQANI AT AKORA KHATTAK IN PAKISTAN IN THE EARLY 1970S, HE LEFT FOR KHOST TO RUN A MADRASSAH AND WORK AGAINST THE REGIME OF THE FORMER KING, ZAHIR SHAH. WHEN PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAUD TOPPLED THE MONARCHY IN 1973, HAQQANI CONTINUED TO WAGE A STRUGGLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF AN ISLAMIC SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY. FORCED TO SEEK REFUGE IN THE PAKISTANI BORDER TOWN OF MIRANSHAH TO EVADE AN ARREST BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES FOR HIS ACTIVITIES. JOINED A NUMBER OF AFGHAN DISSIDENTS IN PAKISTAN TO WORK FOR AN ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN.

HAQQANI JOINED HEZB-I-ISLAMI (KHALIS) IN 1979 BUT ENJOYED INDEPENDENT STATUS AND LED JIHAD AGAINST THE SOVIETS IN THE PROVINCES OF PAKTIKA, PAKTIA AND KHOST. REGULARLY VISITED ARAB COUNTRIES TO SEEK ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING DONATIONS. A NUMBER OF ARABS, INCLUDING UBL, JOINED HIS BASES TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SOVIET-BACKED REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN. PLAYED AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN THE FALL OF KHOST IN 1989. ARABS CONTINUED THEIR PRESENCE IN HIS BASES EVEN AFTER THE FALL OF KABUL TO THE TALIBAN IN 1996.

WHEN FACTIONAL FIGHTING ERUPTED IN KABUL BETWEEN HEKMATYAR AND MASOUD IN JUNE 1992, HAQQANI SOUGHT TO SECURE PEACE BETWEEN THE WARRING FACTIONS. HAVING FAILED IN HIS MISSION TO BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING, HE ABANDONED HIS EFFORTS AND REMAINED INACTIVE. HAQQANI WELCOMED THE TALIBAN WHEN THEY APPEARED ON THE AFGHAN SCENE IN 1994. THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF KHOST, LED BY HIS SUPPORTERS ALLOWED THE TALIBAN TO TAKE POWER IN KHOST IN 1995. PREVIOUSLY THE DEPUTY OF MULLAH ((MUTTAQI)) IN THE EDUCATION MINISTRY IN KANDAHAR. APPOINTED AS MINISTER OF FRONTIER AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS BY THE TALIBAN WHEN THEY CAPTURED KABUL IN SEPTEMBER 1996.

DESPITE HIS ROLE IN THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT, HAQQANI HAS BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE TALIBAN FOR THEIR LACK OF ISLAMIC KNOWLEDGE AND HARSH POLICIES. HE DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM THE TALIBAN BY HIS REGULAR ABSENCE FROM KABUL. HAQQANI HAS CLOSE LINKS TO BOTH ISI AND MULLAH OMAR'S KANDAHAR CIRCLE. PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN UBL AND SUPPOSEDLY HELPED HIM ENTER AFGHANISTAN. HE ALSO ASSISTED THE UNITED STATES AND THE UK WITH THE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES HELD IN KASHMIR. WIFE FROM THE GULF.

HAQQANI IS A STRONG MAN IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ZONE, COMPRISING PAKTIA, PAKTIKA AND KHOST. EFFECTIVE, INTELLIGENT, HONEST, COMPETENT, AND HARD-WORKING. ALSO A GOOD LISTENER. MOTIVATED BY CLASS WARFARE IDEOLOGY AND HIS HATRED FOR THE WEST. ENJOYS SPEAKING TO JOURNALISTS AND SPINNING HIS IDEOLOGY TO THE WESTERN PRESS.

OTHER OFFICIALS

DD. MAULAWI ((SAQIB))

DIRECTOR OF THE SUPREME COURT

AGE 40, SAQIB IS CONSIDERED ARROGANT AND SELF-CENTERED. CLAIMS TO HAVE TWO MASTERS DEGREES AND TWO PHDS THROUGH THE EQUIVALENT OF HIS PAKISTANI MADRASSAH EDUCATION. CLOSE TO MULLAH OMAR. THE REGIME USES HIM AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR DISSEMINATING THEIR PROPAGANDA. FOR EXAMPLE, HE WAS A KEY FIGURE IN CONDONING THE DESTRUCTION OF BUDDHA AND OTHER CULTURAL WORKS. ALTHOUGH HE HAS SIGNED INTO LAW ANTI-CORRUPTION LEGISLATION, HE, HIMSELF, IS SAID TO BE VERY CORRUPT.

EE. KHALILULLAH ((FEROZI))

DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

RESIDENT OF ZURMAT

AGE 35, FEROZI IS A RELATIVE OF MINISTER OF PLANNING M. ANWARY. PUBLISHED A BOOK ON NARCOTICS ARGUING THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN THE SHARIAT AGAINST ITS CULTIVATION. SELF-CONFIDENT AND TALKATIVE, BUT NOT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

FF. HAMIDULLAH ((AKHUNDZADA))

NARCOTICS

RESIDENT OF KANDAHAR

AGE 32, HE WAS IN MADRASSAH DURING THE ANTI-SOVIET JIHAD. FATHER WAS CLOSE FRIEND OF MULLAH OMAR. AKHUNDZADA IS VERY KEEN ON FOREIGN TRAVEL AND SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH. HE IS NOT VERY POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL.

GG. ((QALAMUDDIN))

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

RESIDENT OF LOGAR

AGE 38, QALAMUDDIN IS UNINTELLIGENT AND DANGEROUS. DURING THE ANTI-SOVIET JIHAD, HE WAS THE COOK OF MAULAWI NABI. PREVIOUSLY THE DEPUTY OF THE MINISTRY OF VIRTUE AND VICE, QALAMUDDIN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INITIATING MANY OF THE WORST PRACTICES OF THAT MINISTRY.

HH. ((ABID))

CARTOGRAPHY

RESIDENT OF WARDAK

AGE 38, ABID APPEARS HARMLESS, BUT IS REPUTED TO FREQUENTLY PURGE OLD PERSONNEL. NOT EASY TO DEAL WITH.

II. HAJI MOHAMMAD ((AHMADI

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GENERAL DIRECTOR OF BANKS
RESIDENT OF KANDAHAR

AHMADI IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MULLAH OMAR. NOT
OVERTLY IDEOLOGICAL. PREVIOUSLY THE MINISTER OF
FINANCE. INTELLIGENT, QUIET, PERHAPS GREEDY.

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