

The new Afghan Government

Afghanistan will be governed for two months by an interim 50-member commission comprised of field commanders, religious and party officials. A grand council will then choose an interim government prior to elections

Commission leader: Sibghatullah Mojadidi. Leader of the moderate Afghan National Liberation Front. Will lead the 50-member commission for two months before handing power to Rabbani



President: Burhanuddin Rabbani.

A former professor of Islamic theology at Kabul University and leader of the moderate Jamiat-e-Islami or Party of Islam. Will rule for four months



Prime Minister: Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Leader of the radical Islamic fundamentalist party, Hezb-e-Islami. Hekmatyar has offered only conditional support for the agreement and wants the commission to be eliminated in favour of a strict Islamic state



Defence Minister: Ahmad Shah Masood.

Jamiat-e-Islami field commander who now controls most of Kabul. Armed with tanks, helicopter gunships and jet warplanes, Masood is fighting rival tribal leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar

Foreign Minister: Pir Syed Ahmad Gailani.

Spiritual leader of the mystic Sufi Islamic sect, leader of the moderate National Islamic Front

Interior Minister: Ahmed Shah.

Second-in-command to Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, leader of the Ittehad-e-Islami or Unity Party. Closely aligned to militant Muslim Brotherhood and believes in a strict interpretation of the Koran