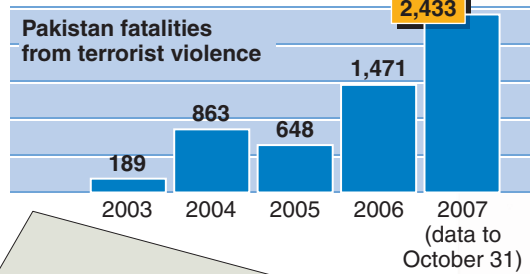




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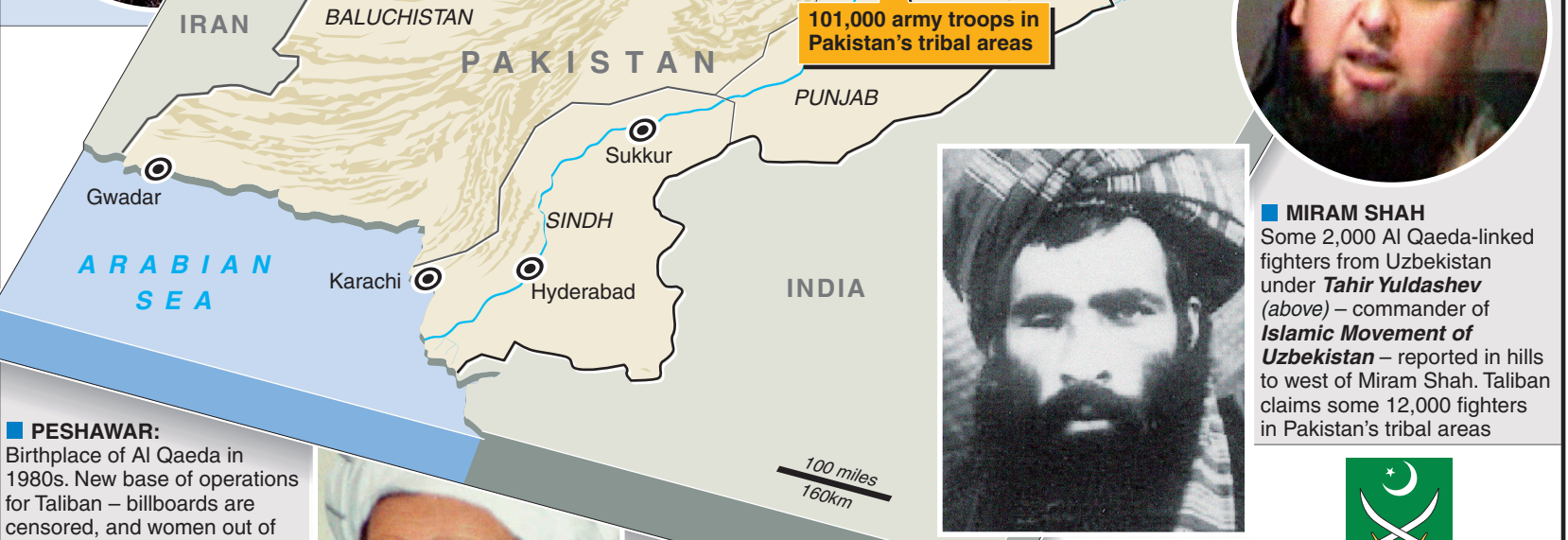
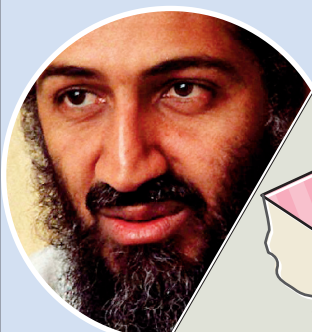
Al Qaeda, the Taliban and allied Islamic militant groups are tightening their grip in areas in the north-west of Pakistan as a result of the state of emergency declared by President Pervez Musharraf. Pro-Taliban fighters now control a vast swathe of North West Frontier Province – just a few hours drive from the capital, Islamabad



SWAT: Militants led by pro-Taliban radical cleric **Maulana Fazlullah** have overrun more than 50 towns and villages. Taliban controls 80% of province despite Pakistan army operation backed by artillery and helicopter gunships

DIR: Under Taliban control. Fazlullah – known as “**Mullah Radio**” – is using radio broadcasts to call for **Sharia law** and **jihad** against Pakistani authorities

BAJAUR: Al Qaeda command and control centre – most likely location for **Osama bin Laden** and his deputy **Ayman al-Zawahiri**

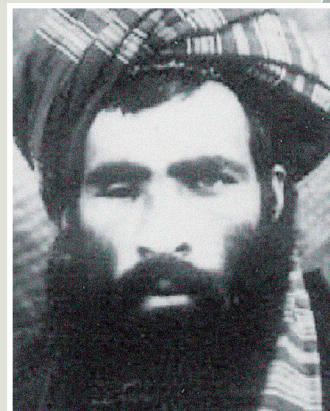


PESHAWAR: Birthplace of Al Qaeda in 1980s. New base of operations for Taliban – billboards are censored, and women out of doors are fully covered

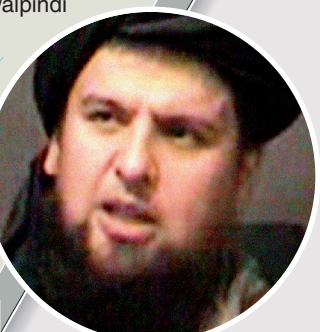
NORTH WAZIRISTAN: Base of Pashtun military leader **Jalaluddin Haqqani** (right), who led Pashtun forces in **Waziristan War** against Pakistan. Since 2004 more than 1,200 Pakistani military personnel have been killed and 445 are missing or captured



SOUTH WAZIRISTAN: HQ for Al Qaeda's global operations. **Shikai Valley** is home to Al Qaeda training camps. Assassination attempts on President Musharraf have been traced to this area



QUETTA: HQ for Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan. **Mullah Mohammed Omar** (above) – Taliban's founder and supreme leader – is allegedly being protected by rogue elements of **Inter-Services Intelligence** agency in Quetta



MIRAM SHAH Some 2,000 Al Qaeda-linked fighters from Uzbekistan under **Tahir Yuldashev** (above) – commander of **Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan** – reported in hills to west of Miram Shah. Taliban claims some 12,000 fighters in Pakistan's tribal areas



PAKISTAN'S ARMED FORCES	
	Personnel
Army:	550,000
Navy:	24,000
Air Force:	45,000
Paramilitary Forces:	302,000
Total:	921,000