Baitullah Mehsud: Pakistan's most wanted Baitullah Mehsud, commander of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan militant group, is believed to have been killed by a U.S. drone. Washington branded Mehsud "a key Al Qaeda facilitator" in Pakistan's tribal belt North-West Frontier Province NORTH WAZIRISTAN. Federally Administered Tribal Areas Miramshah BANNU Areas of Pakistan under Razmak Taliban control or influence LAKKI MARWAT Mehsud clan powerbase Ladha **TANK** • Wana 200 miles 320km **DERA** ISMAIL SOUTH **KHAN** WAZIRISTAN Born in Bannu in Islamabad 1974. Mehsud Peshawar AFGHANIST commands an estimated 20.000 U.S. and Pakistan military **Lahore ⊚** pro-Taliban fighters conducting airstrikes Punjab within Pakistan against Mehsud bases in South Waziristan Quetta

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■ 1996: Fights alongside Taliban militias as they sweep into Kabul

■ 1989: Reportedly fights during

Soviet occupation of Afghanistan

2004: Rises from relative obscurity following death of Wazir commander,

Nek Muhammad, who is killed by U.S. Predator drone ■ 2005: Agrees Srarogha peace accord under which Pakistan army withdraws from South Waziristan.

Aug: Peace deal collapses. Mehsud's forces takes 200 soldiers hostage. Three are beheaded on video 2006: Mehsud orchestrates wave

of suicide bombings across Pakistan Jan 2007: Militants loyal to Mehsud attack Marriott Hotel in Islamabad Dec: Accused by government of

masterminding assassination of

former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto

2008: Mehsud's fighters kill an estimated 2,000 people in Pakistan ■ Feb 2009: U.S. drones attack

Mar: Mehsud linked to twin attacks on Sri Lankan cricket team and police training academy in Lahore. U.S.

Mehsud's Waziristan powerbase

puts \$5 million reward on his head May: Attack in Lahore kills 35 Jun: Suicide attack on Pearl

Continental Hotel in Peshawar kills 17.

including two UN employees Aug 5: Mehsud reported killed in U.S. drone attack on home of father-in-law north-east of Ladha

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