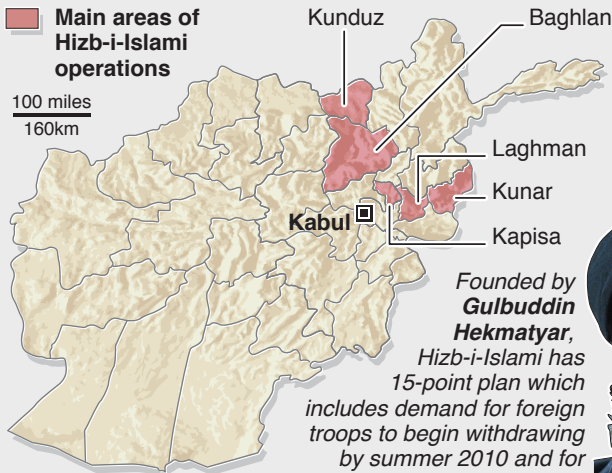


Militant group in Kabul with draft peace deal

President Hamid Karzai has met with representatives of Afghanistan's second largest insurgent group in a step toward national reconciliation. It was Karzai's first confirmed direct contact with the *Hizb-i-Islami* faction, which shares some aims with the Taliban and has links to Al Qaeda



*Founded by
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