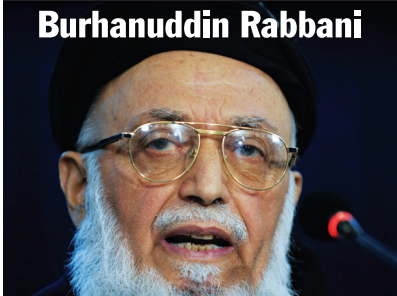


# Burhanuddin Rabbani



■ **1940:** Born in Badakhshan province – ethnic Tajik by birth

■ **1972:** Founds party that becomes Afghan mujahideen that fights Soviet occupation in 1980s

■ **1992:** Becomes President after fall of Soviet-backed regime

■ **1996:** Ousted by Taliban – becomes nominal head of anti-Taliban Northern Alliance, made up of mostly non-Pashtun ethnic groups

■ **2001:** Taliban toppled by Northern Alliance backed by U.S. forces – Rabbani, still recognised as head of state by UN, hands power to interim government of ***Hamid Karzai***

■ **Sep 20, 2011:** Rabbani, chosen by Karzai to head Peace Council tasked with negotiating with Taliban, killed in suspected suicide attack at his home in Kabul