



Abdullah Abdullah

■ **1960:** **Abdullah** born in Kabul to mixed Pashtun and Tajik parents

■ **1976-83:** Studies ophthalmology at Kabul Medical University

■ **1985:** Organises medical care for civilian population of Panjshir Valley – and resistance fighters led by **Ahmad Shah Massoud** – at height of Soviet occupation

■ **1992:** Following fall of communist President **Mohammad Najibullah**, Abdullah is appointed spokesperson for Massoud's Defence Ministry

■ **1996-2001:** Minister of Foreign Affairs in government-in-exile during takeover by Taliban

■ **2002-06:** Serves as President **Hamid Karzai's** Foreign Minister

■ **2006:** Leads opposition **National Coalition of Afghanistan**

■ **2009:** Stands against Karzai in presidential election, coming second with 30.6% of vote

■ **2014:** Campaigns with Vice presidential nominees **Mohammed Mohaqiq**, member of Hazara minority, and **Mohammad Khan**, an ethnic Pashtun