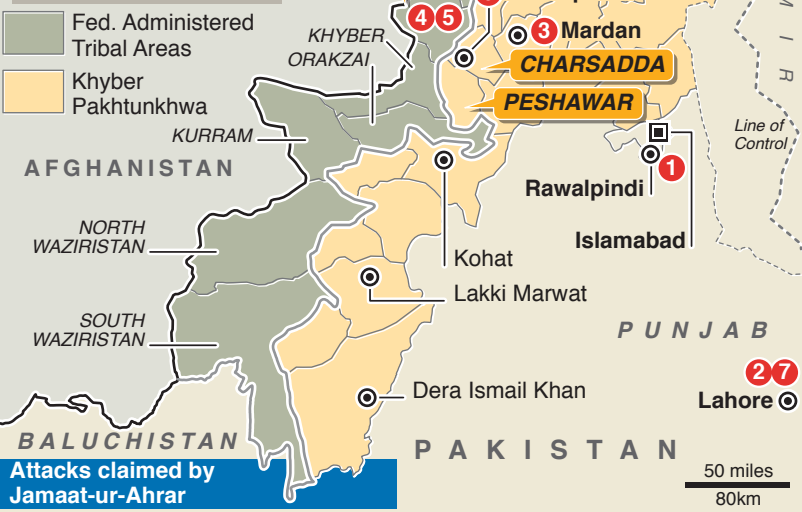


New face of Pakistan's Taliban

The militants who claimed responsibility for bombing a Lahore park on Easter Sunday belong to **Jamaat-ur-Ahrar**, a splinter group of the Pakistani Taliban which has embraced so-called Islamic State ideology

Sep 2014: Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) splits into two broad factions. **Jamaat-ur-Ahrar**, led by **Omar Khalid Khorasani**, attracts TTP commanders from Charsadda, Swat, and Peshawar districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province



Attacks claimed by Jamaat-ur-Ahrar

- 1 Jan 9, 2015, Rawalpindi:** Eight people killed in bomb attack on Shi'ite mosque
- 2 Mar 15, Lahore:** Twin church bombs kill 14 Christian worshippers
- 3 Dec 29, Mardan:** Attack on government office kills 23 people
- 4 Feb 18, 2016, Mohmand:** Two attacks on check posts kill nine military personnel
- 5 Mar 1, Mohmand:** Roadside bomb targets convoy, killing two Pakistani employees of U.S. consulate
- 6 Mar 7, Shabqadar:** Suicide bomber attacks court complex killing 17 people during morning rush hour
- 7 Mar 27, Lahore:** Suicide bomber targets Christians celebrating Easter in park, killing at least 74, including 29 children and 10 women