

“Panjshir Resistance” against Taliban

Ahmad Massoud has assembled a coalition of anti-Taliban fighters in Afghanistan’s Panjshir Valley – an area that neither the Soviet Red Army nor the Taliban has ever conquered



■ **Jul 10, 1989:** *Ahmad Massoud* (above) born in Takhar province, son of anti-Soviet and anti-Taliban resistance fighter *Ahmad Shah Massoud* (right). Massoud’s father is assassinated by Al Qaeda days before 9/11 attacks in 2001

■ **Education:** Iran and Britain. Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, degree in War Studies at King’s College, London, master’s degree in International Politics

■ **2016:** Returns to Afghanistan, appointed CEO of Massoud Foundation



■ **Sep 2019:** Ahmad Massoud launches new political alliance at his father’s mausoleum in **Panjshir Valley**. Some 10,000 followers hear Massoud’s call for elected officials who are answerable to all Afghan people – who give equal treatment to all ethnic and religious groups

■ **Aug 2021:** Ahmad Massoud, caretaker President *Amrullah Saleh* (right) and former defence minister *Bismillah Khan Mohammadi* form *Panjshir Resistance*. Reports that several thousand members of Afghan army – with armoured personnel carriers and tanks – also join force

