

Taliban claims fall of Panjshir Valley

Taliban forces have fought their way into Bazarak, the provincial capital of the Panjshir Valley, the highly symbolic final region holding out against rule by the Islamist hardliners.

However, the National Resistance Front (NRF) denies the region's fall and vows to fight on

Ahmad Massoud:
NRF's leader calls for nation to rise up against Taliban

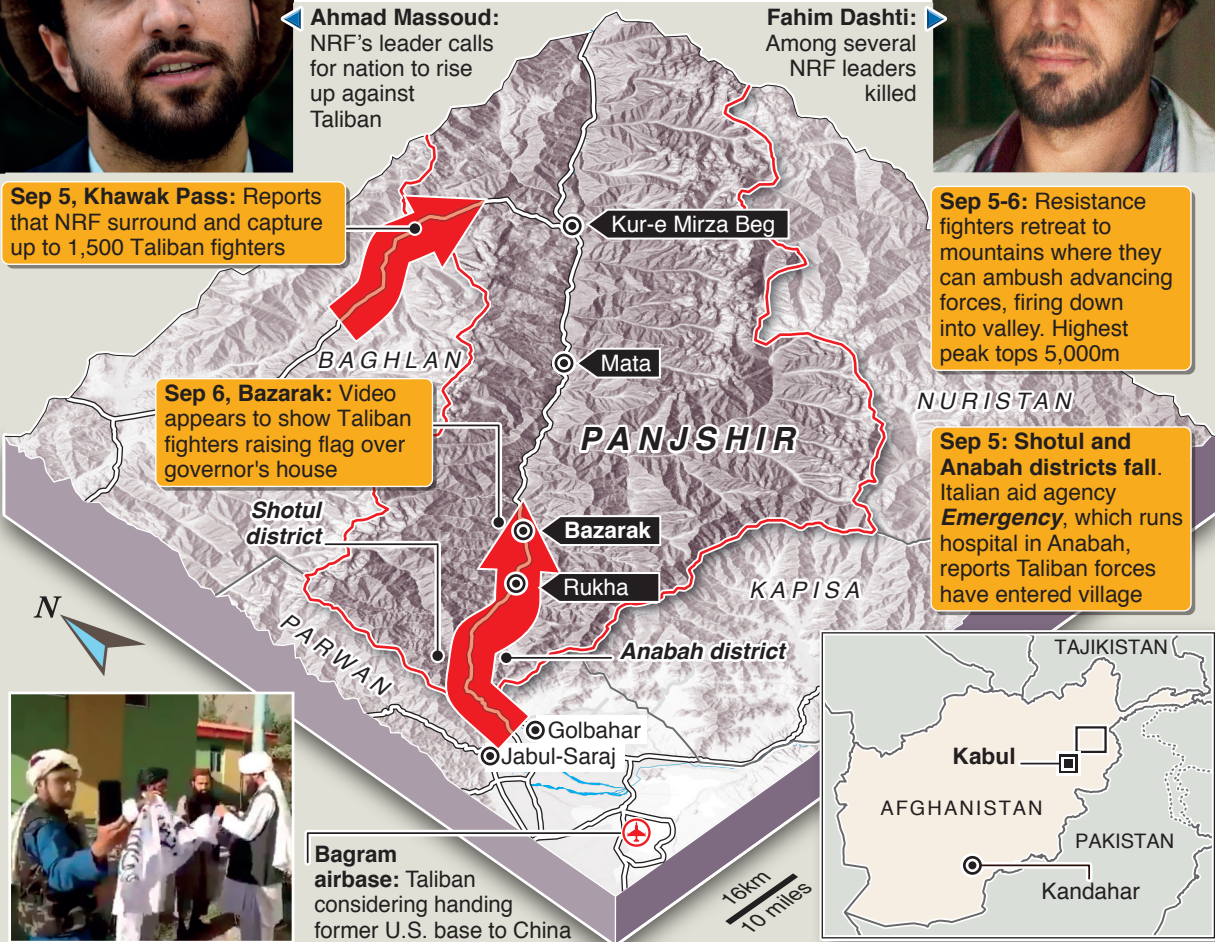
Fahim Dashti:
Among several NRF leaders killed

Sep 5, Khawak Pass: Reports that NRF surround and capture up to 1,500 Taliban fighters

Sep 5-6: Resistance fighters retreat to mountains where they can ambush advancing forces, firing down into valley. Highest peak tops 5,000m

Sep 6, Bazarak: Video appears to show Taliban fighters raising flag over governor's house

Sep 5: Shotul and Anabah districts fall. Italian aid agency **Emergency**, which runs hospital in Anabah, reports Taliban forces have entered village



Bagram
airbase: Taliban considering handing former U.S. base to China

