Mohammad OMAR
(Phonetic: OOMAR)

Leader, Taliban

Addressed as: Amir Omar

Professional History

1980s Subcommander of Yunis Khalis's Hizbi Islami-Khalis mujahedin faction during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

1994 Founded and became leader of the Taliban movement.

1996 Named Amir-Ul-Momineen of Afghanistan (Leader of the Faithful) during a Taliban-convened gathering of Islamic scholars and clerics.

Education

1989 Returned to religious studies after the withdrawal of the Soviets from Afghanistan. Although a religious scholar in his youth, Omar's religious education is reported to be limited.

Personal Data

C. 1950 Born in Noch Village in the southern Afghan province of Qandahar.

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