

AFGHANISTAN



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 Nodch Village in the southern Afghan province of Qandahar.

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