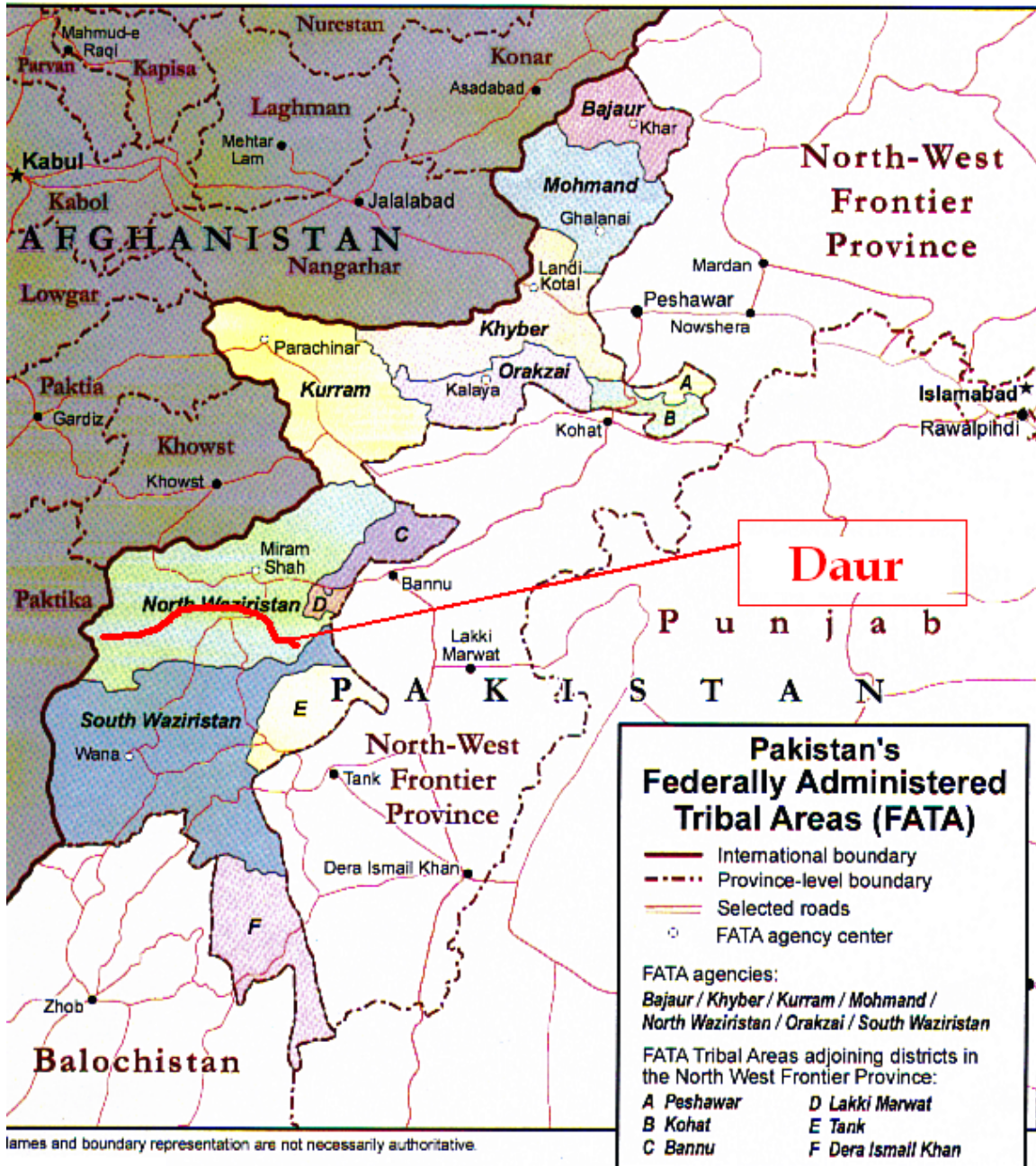


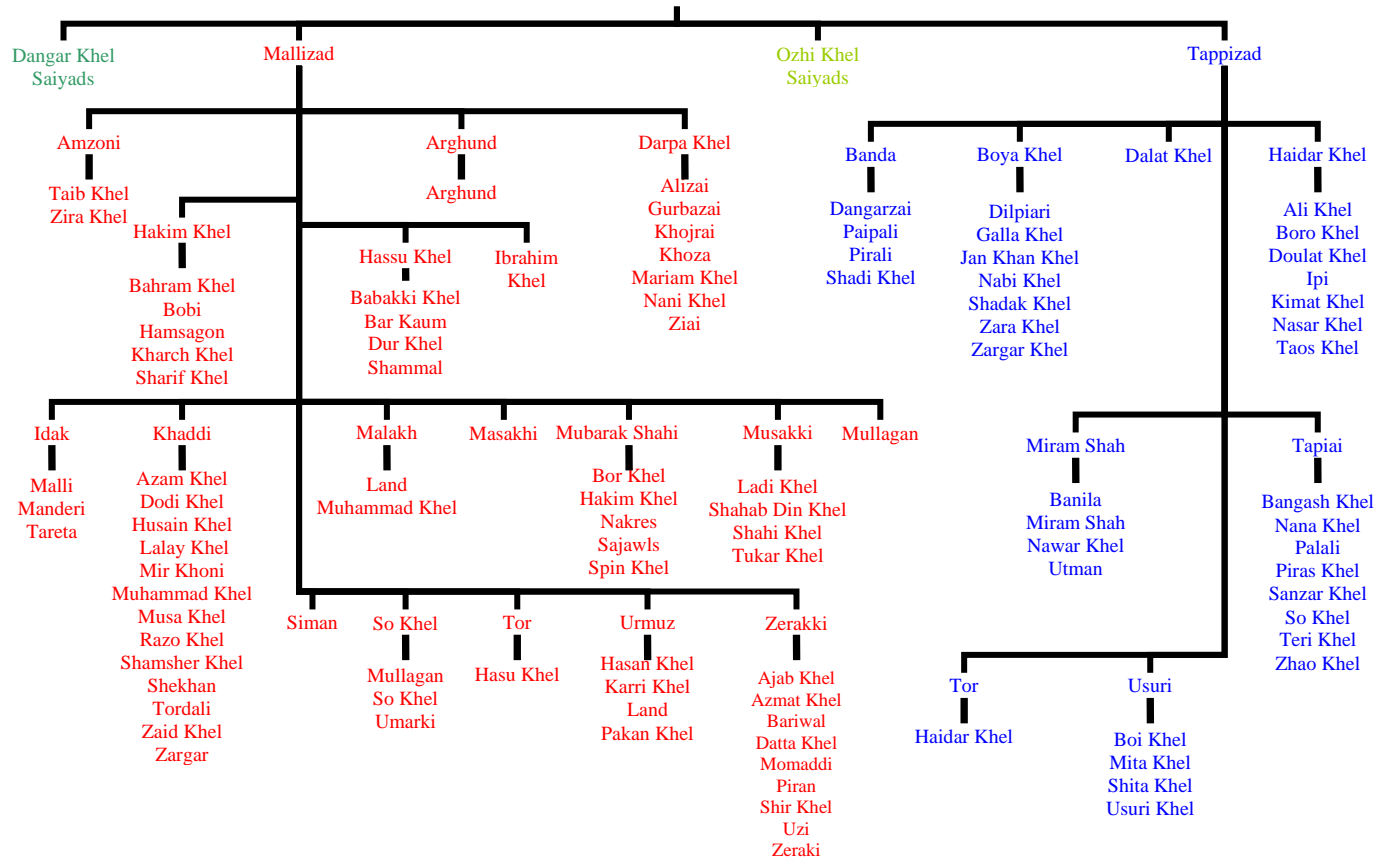


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DAUR AKA: DAWAR



DAURS



PRIMARY LOCATION:

Upper and Lower Tochi river valley in North Waziristan Agency

MIGRATORY PATTERNS:

The DaurS do not migrate.

RELIGION/SECT:

The DaurS are Sunni of Hanafi school of jurisprudence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The DaurS are a tribe of Ghurghust Pashtuns, closely allied to the Bannuchis but very little is known about their origin. They are generally believed to have migrated from the west to their present area between 500 and 600 years ago, at the same time as their Bannuchi allies settled around Bannu.

ALLIANCES:

The DaurS are surrounded by the WazirS and have provided support and shelter to those engaged in conflict. Occasionally, they are involved in a more direct capacity.

FEUDS/POTENTIAL TRIBAL

FRACTURE LINES:

None have been identified

They occupy the land along the Tochi River in North Waziristan between Tanghrai Tangi (Near Tal) to an area approximately halfway

between the Boya and Datta Khel Posts. The Lower Daurs comprise the Tappizad (Tappizod) clan and occupy the area from the Shinki defile west to Taghrai Tangi.

They are primarily an agricultural people, in marked contrast to their neighbors the Wazirs, who are pastoral. They prosper on the rich sedimentary soil irrigated by the Tochi River, while much of the surrounding country of the Wazirs has very little cultivable land, mainly because water is scarce. They are industrious agriculturalists, but they also tend sheep and goats. Their villages are strongly walled and flanked with a small numbers of Wazir type towers.

In 1925, The Wazirs purchased large areas of land from the Daurs in the Tochi Valley. The Daurs have since regretted this sale of ancestral lands.

HISTORICAL HOT SPOTS:

Haidar Khel

MAJOR TOWNS:

- Miram Shah
- Aghzan
- Darra Khel

KEY TERRAIN FEATURES:

VALLEYS: Tochi river valley

PLAINS: Dande Plain (also called the Shara Plain)

MOUNTAINS: None

RIVERS: Tochi, Dawagar algad

WEATHER:

A high of 110° F in the summer and a low of 35° F in the winter. Modest rainfall in

July and August (summer) and January and February (winter).

POLITICAL FACTIONS:

The Daurs have no marked political divisions in their tribe and they lack cohesion with no important mullahs or maliks in their past. The main divisions and sub-elements of the Daurs are divided geographically into the Upper Daurs and the Lower Daurs.¹

PERMANENT ARMY/ FRONTIER CORPS/SCOUT LOCATIONS:

None.

¹ Military Report on Waziristan (Fifth Edition), General Staff, India, 1935

