TRIBE: TURI

PRIMARY LOCATIONS:
The Turi generally reside on the western and central portion of the Kurram Valley. They are located in the Upper Kurram district of the Kurram Agency in the villages of Peiwar, Berki, Krakhela, Kachkena, Malana, Bilymin, Alizai and the Road Ghara. They are reportedly the dominant tribe in the Kurram Valley.

RELIGION/SECT:
The Turi are the only Pashtun tribe that is entirely Shia Muslim. As Shia, their primary points of pilgrimage are Karbala and Mashhad with Mecca ranking third.

FEUDS:
As the Turi are the only all-Shia Pashtun tribe there is likely constant tension between them and the Sunni tribes of the Kurram Agency. Their most recent feud has been with the Sunni Mangal during 2007 and 2008. This feud resulted in at least 2,000 deaths.

Also, as the supplanted the Bangash tribe from the Kurram Valley upon their arrival, lingering animosity between the two tribes occasionally turns to violence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
The Turis are Ghurghusht Pathans of the Kakai Karlanri branch. In 1965, the Turi population was estimated to be approximately 25,000.

KEY TERRAIN FEATURES:
Valleys: Kurram Valley, Daradar Valley
Plains: Parachinar Plateau
Mountains: Kuh-e Sefid
Rivers: Kurram River
Dams: Maulana Dam, Zeran Dam, Kot Ragha Dam Malikhel

The Kurram Agency is divided into three sub-divisions: Upper, Lower, and Central Kurram. The upper and lower divisions have long been administered and are subject to the Frontier Crimes Regulation, Kohat Pact, and tribal law. The central division, however, is still largely inaccessible, and development in this region lags behind the other two. Though each of the three divisions are headed by Assistant Political Agents, administration of Central Kurram is headed by tribal elders.

WEATHER:
Average winter low temperatures are in the low-30s (Fahrenheit), while average summer high temperatures reach the high-80s. The agency receives approximately 30 inches of rain over a year, most falling during the spring.
UNITY & SECURITY
The Turi are reportedly part of the “Pakistani Awakening” and have taken action to rid their area of militants.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TALIBAN/AL-QAEDA:
The Turi are hostile towards the TTP and have asked for government forces to assist them in removing TTP and Al Qaeda elements from the Kuram Agency.\textsuperscript{xiii}

\textsuperscript{iii} “Tribes of Kurram,” http://www.parachinar.net/tribes.htm,
\textsuperscript{iv} Ibid, 475.
\textsuperscript{x} \textsuperscript{viii} “Tribes of Kurram,” http://www.parachinar.net/tribes.htm,