

TRIBE: MULLAGORI AKA: MOLLAGORI

PRIMARY LOCATIONS:

The Mullagori Tribe is primarily located in the Khyber Agency of the FATA. They are divided into two major areas – the Khakata Mena, or lower area, and the Lowarha Mena, or upper area. The Mullagoris are separated from the Afridis by the Tatara Hill and from the Mohmands by the Kabul River.ⁱ They have also settled in other areas, including the Mohmand hills, the Sirobi glen, Sapri, and the Kunar River region.ⁱⁱ

RELIGION/SECT:

The Mullagori Tribe belongs to the Sunni branch of Islam.ⁱⁱⁱ

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Mullagori tribe falls under the Ghoriakhel branch and are Sarbani Pahstuns.^{iv} It is reported that the Mullagori tribal area is free of poppy cultivation; its people, largely uneducated, work in the marble mining industry. The lower area residents have a difficult time reaching the only hospital, located in the upper area.^v

Construction of the nearby Warsak Dam has diverted water away from many of the Mullagoris' agricultural plots, leaving that land no longer arable due to lack of water.^{vi}

KEY TERRAIN FEATURES:

The Khyber Agency is a hilly area with narrow valleys. Several mountain ranges meet here: Lacha Gar, Karagah Ghar, Surghar, Tor Ghar Morgah, and Kalauch. The famous Khyber Pass, at 1,180 meters (3,870 ft.) ASL, is the gateway to Afghanistan through the Kuh-e Sefid range.^{vii}

The Khyber Agency has two major rivers. The Bara River in the southern Khajuri plain provides for relatively arable farm land. The Kabul River forms the northern boundary, separating Khyber



from Mohmand Agency.^{viii} Another river in the agency is the Chora, which flows east-northeast on the north side of the Surghar range.^{ix}

VALLEYS – Maidan, Rujgal, Bara, Bazaar, Choorā, Wachpal and Tirah^x

WEATHER:

Khyber Agency experiences hot temperatures during the summer season, May through August. Maximum temperatures may reach 104 degrees, while the lows average 79 degrees. During the cooler months of November through April, however, average high temperatures reach 64 degrees and lows dip to around 39 degrees. Average annual rainfall over the Khyber Agency is 15 to 16 inches.^{xi}

MIGRATORY PATTERNS:

Some Mullagoris may observe seasonal migration to the Peshawar Plains.^{xii}

UNITY & SECURITY:

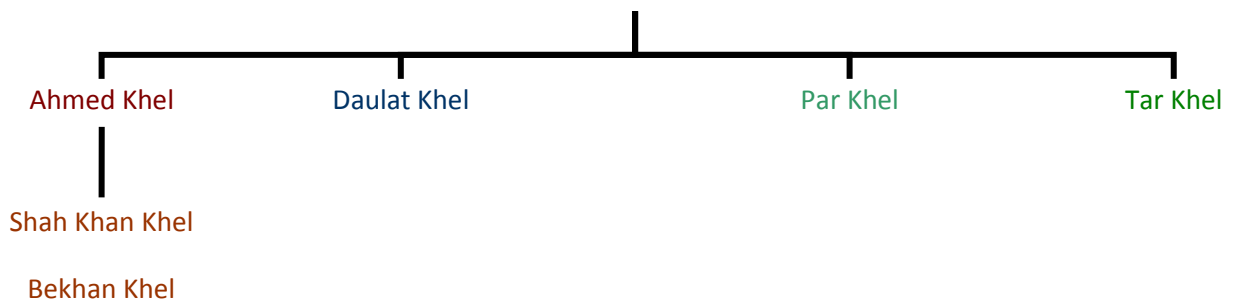
Nineteenth Century British Government reporting indicates the Mullagori are a “vassal clan of the Mohmands.”^{xiii}

There are 24 Maliks on payroll in Khyber Agency, one of which is from the Mullagori Tribe.^{xiv} There are also over 3,000 Khassadars in Khyber Agency, appointed by the Political Agent, but the number of Mullagori tribesmen in the Khassadars is unknown. These Khassadars are responsible for securing main roads and government utilities.^{xv}

RELATIONSHIP WITH TALIBAN/AL-QAEDA:

It would appear that Mullagori tolerance of Taliban has run out. In September 2008, a Mullagori lashkar of 3,000 armed volunteers ousted Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) insurgents from their area, confiscated equipment, and burned their buildings.^{xvi}

MULLAGORI TRIBAL TREE



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