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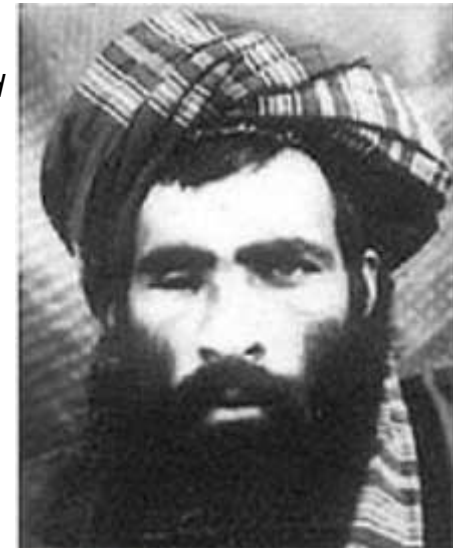


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Mullah Omar Sacrifices Khost Citizens During Eid

In his most recent statement, Mullah Mohammed Omar said *"to totally defeat them (foreign forces) and force them out of our country, we all need to give sacrifice, Eid al-Adha means (festival of the) sacrifice, and this is the time to sacrifice for our country."* The effects of the "Commander of the Faithful's" (link to Warlords of Afghanistan <http://www.warlordsofghanistan.com/mullah-omar.php>) pronouncement were felt in Khost Province when an IED blew up beneath a taxi. 8 men were on the way to Khost City for Eid Celebrations with family and friends. Two of the men were killed as the taxi was flipped into the air by the explosion. Four more were seriously injured; two remain in the hospital today, four days later. The People's Voice Radio from Khost had this to say, *"The enemies of Afghanistan's people do not care about civilian deaths. The enemy of Afghans showed their atrocious and heinous action to the people. Two people were killed and four others were injured after the enemy planted an IED. The vehicle was en route from Sabari District to downtown Khost when it hit the IED. The occupants were en route to Khost to enjoy the holiday celebration of Eid. You have to wonder what would guide people to kill heinously and victimize innocent civilians on such a solemn occasion."*



This is the most widely accepted and possibly the only photo of Mullah Mohammed Omar, but his identity in this photo has never been confirmed. Not much is publicly known about this man. Taliban forbid portrait photography, and despite his high rank and status he remains illusive and well hidden. He rarely if ever communicates with non-Muslims.

Mullah Omar was the leader of the Taliban while they ruled Afghanistan

from 1996 to 2001, and has continued to lead them from hiding, some believe in nearby Pakistan. The period of Taliban rule in Afghanistan is best known for the brutal enforcement of their extreme interpretations of Sharia law. "Vice and Virtue" patrols roamed the streets armed with AK 47s, measuring men's beards, arresting women who wore their burkah improperly. The "Commander of the Faithful and his Taliban were responsible for the massacre of thousands of Afghans in Mazar I Sharif in 1998, Human Rights Watch described it as *"the systematic execution of perhaps 2000 civilians, in large part because of their ethnic and religious identity."*

(<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2000/sa/721.htm>) It is nothing new for Mullah Omar to state *"we all need to give sacrifice"* and then take steps to ensure the innocent people of Mazar I Sharif (<http://hrw.org/english/docs/1998/11/01/afghan1424.htm>), or in this case Khost, provide the sacrifice. Human Rights Watch attributes 669 civilian deaths in 2006 to *"Insurgent attacks, including bombings, shootings, killings, kidnappings and executions."*

(<http://www.hrw.org/reports/2007/afghanistan0407/5.htm>) Figures for 2007 may well be higher.

Mullah Omar and his faithful have made suicide bomber recruitment an art. By early December there had been 185 suicide events in the country, either suicide vehicle borne or personnel (vest) borne explosives. These attacks alone had killed over 350 Afghans, wounding another 850. These figures include the Afghan National Police and Army members killed and wounded attempting to provide security for their fellow citizens. It also includes the suicide bombers themselves, often young boys like the 14 year old sent to assassinate Governor Arsala Jamal earlier this year.(

http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/USINFO/Products/Video_Station/072007_afghan_boy_bomber.html) The faithful Taliban keep them drugged or drunk till they can be released into an unsuspecting crowd, often the Taliban "Handlers" maintain a remote controlled initiator so that they can trigger the explosive should the bomber realize what he is about to do or show signs of changing his mind. *"We all need to give sacrifice"* and you will have no choice in the matter!

Recent rumors hint that at least some of the Taliban are dissatisfied with his leadership, the announcement of a "new" Taliban leader, Baitollah Masud, from Pakistan was quickly refuted by other "spokesmen" of the insurgent organization. Evidence of strain between the Taliban, Al Qaeda, Hezb-i-Islami (Gullbuddin) grows more evident daily. No matter whom their leader may be the Taliban will never be recognized as anything but a terrorist organization. The people of Afghanistan grow increasingly tired of being sacrificed for Mullah Omar and his Faithfull's whims and hatreds. More and more communities in Afghanistan make the Taliban unwelcome, risking their own lives to refuse to provide food, medical treatment, or to hide them from Afghan and Coalition Forces. More and more Afghans volunteer to join the Afghan National Police or the Afghan National Army to secure their country. It is the likes of Mullah Omar and the Faithful they are securing it from. Enough Afghan citizens have been sacrificed in the name of the twisted virtues of the Taliban.

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