Country/entity	Pakistan Taliban
Region	Asia and Pacific Cross-regional
Agreement name	Peace Agreement in North Waziristan (Miranshah Peace Accord)
Date	5 Sep 2006
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Pakistan-Taliban process
Parties	Party No.1: The Political Agent North Waziristan representing the Governor of NWFP and the Federal government (of Pakistan) Party No.2.: Tribal elders of North Waziristan of Utmanzai tribe.
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement between the North Waziristan governor and the Utmanzai Tribe in the FATA, agreeing to end fighting between government and tribal representatives, recognizing the destabilizing affect of the war in Afghanistan on the Taliban, and the connection between the Pashtun tribes and the Taliban. Agreement also calls for the withdrawal or complacency of all 'foreigners', meaning foreign fighters from the Caucasus, Arab World, etc.

Agreement document	PK_060905_PEACE AGREEMENT IN NORTH WAZIRISTAN.pdf (opens in new tab) | Download PDF
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Groups

Children/youth

Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical
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Disabled persons

No specific mention.

Elderly/age

No specific mention.

Migrant workers

No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/ national group

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Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 2, Situation after the Peace Accord , 31. ...These are by no means ordinary achievements. But beyond measure are the achievements in socio-economic terms. Educational, commercial, agricultural and other activities have been resumed. Displaced people have returned to their homes. The sense of alienation has been replaced by an atmosphere of confidence. The people are now looking towards the future.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	Page 3-4, The Future 37. But it is not just the war against Talibans that has created the present impasse. There are other very important factors which have a bearing on the circumstances we find ourselves in. The Pukhtoons, being the prime target of the war on terror are completely marginalized and have to suffer humiliating pain and agony. They have had to witness the worst collateral damage during this war. Funeral congregations, wedding parties, prayer assemblies and innocent men, women and children have been the victim of bombs and missiles. The Pukhtoons have been denied a role in the political arrangement which has also pitched them against the government in Afghanistan besides the coalition forces. They consider the war not only a resistance against coalition forces but also a battle for their rights.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
State configuration	Page 3, The Future 33. Under the prevailing circumstances, peace deals, undertakings by the tribesmen and political and military actions in the tribal areas are measures which will have a salutary effect. These will help improve the situation in the FATA [Federal Autonomous Tribal Area] to a great extent. For a long term solution, however, we need to see where the real problem lies. Until and unless we address that, we would continue to grope in the dark and all attempts to achieve peace within our boundaries and beyond would remain elusive.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	No specific mention.
Cross-border provision	Page 1, THE UTMANZAI TRIBESMEN: Party No.2 i.e. the elders of Utmanzai Tribe shall ensure that: ...2. The border with Afghanistan will not be crossed for any militant activity, however, for the purposes of trade / business and for meeting with the relatives across the border, there will be no restriction as per the existing customs/law (Easement Rights).

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 1, THE UTMANZAI TRIBESMEN: Party No.2 i.e. the elders of Utmanzai Tribe shall ensure that: ... 1. Parallel administration will not be established. The authority shall rest with the government of Pakistan. For solution of the problems, the Political Administration would be approached and that the Administration in collaboration with the Utmanzai Tribe would settle all problems in accordance with the provisions of the FCR (Frontier Crimes Regulation). Page 1, THE UTMANZAI TRIBESMEN: Party No.2 i.e. the elders of Utmanzai Tribe shall ensure that: ... 3. No intrusion will be made in the districts adjoining North Waziristan nor will any kind of parallel administration be set up there. Page 2, MISCELLANEOUS a. In accordance with this agreement, a 10-member Committee would be constituted through mutual consultation. This Committee will comprise the religious clerics, tribal elders and members of the Political Administration. This committee would perform the following functions:
Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/ religious leaders	Page 1, The agreement listed below is the decision of the grand jirga comprising tribal elders and religious clerics. The parties had, according to the tribal traditions and customs given “Wak” (authority) to the jirga. The Agreement given below was reached upon according to this “Wak” (authority). In accordance with the spirit of this peace agreement, the parties are bound to comply with the following terms and conditions: Page 1, THE UTMANZAI TRIBESMEN: Party No.2 i.e. the elders of Utmanzai Tribe shall ensure that: i) The law enforcement agencies/forces and government property shall not be attacked and that there shall be no target killing of any kind. Page 2, MISCELLANEOUS a. In accordance with this agreement, a 10-member Committee would be constituted through mutual consultation. This Committee will comprise the religious clerics, tribal elders and members of the Political Administration. This committee would perform the following functions:...

Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general

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c) Writ of the Government has been restored.

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Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access	Page 3-4, The Future 38. Pukhtoons have never been subdued by the use of force. Their pride does not allow them to do so. Therefore, bombing them continuously, even for an indefinite period of time is not the solution. It is adding fuel to the fire of hatred against America, members of the coalition and the central government in Afghanistan. As a result their resistance has assumed the aura of a freedom movement against foreign occupation. It is attracting people of other nationalities as well to their fold who feel the same way. The war is no more against the Talibans. It has become a religiously motivated and emotionally supported mass indigenous uprising. The World has to revisit their strategy to deal with the issue and discard the present policy in favour of talks/negotiations.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
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National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business	Page 1, THE UTMANZAI TRIBESMEN: Party No.2 i.e. the elders of Utmanzai Tribe shall ensure that: ...2. The border with Afghanistan will not be crossed for any militant activity, however, for the purposes of trade / business and for meeting with the relatives across the border, there will be no restriction as per the existing customs/law (Easement Rights). Page 2, Situation after the Peace Accord 31. ...These are by no means ordinary achievements. But beyond measure are the achievements in socio-economic terms. Educational, commercial, agricultural and other activities have been resumed. Displaced people have returned to their homes. The sense of alienation has been replaced by an atmosphere of confidence. The people are now looking towards the future.
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights	No specific mention.
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	No specific mention.
Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	Page 1, THE UTMANZAI TRIBESMEN: Party No.2 i.e. the elders of Utmanzai Tribe shall ensure that: i) The law enforcement agencies/forces and government property shall not be attacked and that there shall be no target killing of any kind. Page 2, ... THE GOVERNMENT c. The government will remove the newly established check posts on the roads (during operations) and would deploy “Khasadars” and “Levies” on the old check posts as per the past practice. Page 2, Situation after the Peace Accord 31. There has been a marked improvement in North Waziristan Agency after the signing of the Peace Accord. Some of the main achievements are as follows: a) Attacks on government installations and government officials including the LEAs have completely ceased. People and government functionaries are now free to move and perform their routine duties. Page 2, Situation after the Peace Accord 31. There has been a marked improvement in North Waziristan Agency after the signing of the Peace Accord. Some of the main achievements are as follows: ... b) Target killings of maliks, elders, and journalists have completely stopped. There has not been a single such occurrence within the Agency after the Peace Accord.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	Page 1, THE UTMANZAI TRIBESMEN: Party No.2 i.e. the elders of Utmanzai Tribe shall ensure that: i) The law enforcement agencies/forces and government property shall not be attacked and that there shall be no target killing of any kind.
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DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

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Withdrawal of foreign forces

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... v) All foreigners present in North Waziristan will leave Pakistan. Those who are unable to do so because of some compulsion, they would remain peaceful giving due regard to the law of the land and the peace agreement. Moreover, the above mentioned conditions of the Agreement will be equally applicable to them.

Corruption

No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	Page 3, The Future 34. Pakistan shares a long border with Afghanistan and in case of FATA, as a unique feature, a number of tribes live on both sides. The pukhtoons on either side generally share the same culture/values and concessions. History shows us that it is the situation in Afghanistan that impacts our tribal areas adversely and not vice versa. If we retrace our steps from the first Afghan war down to the present imbroglio in Afghanistan, it will become crystal clear that the roots of the entire problem lie in Afghanistan and it is Afghanistan where we should really focus on if we wish to achieve a meaningful outcome of the war on terror. Page 3, The Future 36. Unfortunately, since 9/11, the Pukhtoon community is paying the price for the atrocities committed against the World Trade Centre in USA. The reason is not difficult to comprehend. Talibans who were accused of harbouring those who masterminded that plot are, in entirety, Pukhtoons. But not all Pukhtoons are Talibans. However, the wrath of the international coalition fell on the Puktoons indiscriminately thus making them the sole target of military operations by the international coalition. The initial resistance by the Talibans against the coalition attacks has very rapidly transformed into a Pukhtoon nationalist movement. It would therefore be naive to presume that the ethnic Pukhtoons who are living in FATA could remain indifferent. Resultantly, Pukhtoons in FATA were inexorably dragged into that war. Page 3-4, The Future 37. But it is not just the war against Talibans that has created the present impasse. There are other very important factors which have a bearing on the circumstances we find ourselves in. The Pukhtoons, being the prime target of the war on terror are completely marginalized and have to suffer humiliating pain and agony. They have had to witness the worst collateral damage during this war. Funeral congregations, wedding parties, prayer assemblies and innocent men, women and children have been the victim of bombs and missiles. The Pukhtoons have been denied a role in the political arrangement which has also pitched them against the government in Afghanistan besides the coalition forces. They consider the war not only a resistance against coalition forces but also a battle for their rights.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.

Courts	Transitional justice→Courts→National courts Page 2, MISCELLANEOUS ... b. If a person or group (local or foreign) fails to abide by the Peace Agreement and attempts to disrupt peace in Waziristan, action shall be taken against him/them.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	Page 1, ... THE GOVERNMENT a. All those arrested during the operations by the government would be released and they would not be re-arrested for the incidents of the past.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	Page 3-4, The Future 37. But it is not just the war against Talibans that has created the present impasse. There are other very important factors which have a bearing on the circumstances we find ourselves in. The Pukhtoons, being the prime target of the war on terror are completely marginalized and have to suffer humiliating pain and agony. They have had to witness the worst collateral damage during this war. Funeral congregations, wedding parties, prayer assemblies and innocent men, women and children have been the victim of bombs and missiles. The Pukhtoons have been denied a role in the political arrangement which has also pitched them against the government in Afghanistan besides the coalition forces. They consider the war not only a resistance against coalition forces but also a battle for their rights.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations Page 1, THE UTMANZAI TRIBESMEN: Party No.2 i.e. the elders of Utmanzai Tribe shall ensure that: ... vi) All government property in the shape of vehicles / weapons and wireless sets etc that fell in the hands of Party No.2 would be returned to the government. Page 2, ... THE GOVERNMENT ... d. The government will return all the vehicles and other equipment seized during the operations.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 2, MISCELLANEOUS a. In accordance with this agreement, a 10-member Committee would be constituted through mutual consultation. This Committee will comprise the religious clerics, tribal elders and members of the Political Administration. This committee would perform the following functions: ... ii) To monitor and ensure the implementation of the agreement. Page 2, Situation after the Peace Accord ... 32. It would be unjustified to expect that the Peace Accord will improve the situation overnight, although we have come back from the worst scenario. With time things will certainly improve further. There may be attempts to violate its sanctity but then there is a mechanism to deal with such eventualities. The Peace Accord will be implemented and monitored by a 15-member Joint (Tribal – Government) Implementation and Coordination Committee which is already in place. Government machinery such as the LEAs will be available to provide necessary support to this Committee. The return of peace has paved the way for the resumption of development activity. The International community should now step forward to win the hearts and minds of the people. A gesture of goodwill can do more than all the bombs put together. Behind the facade of an iron will, a tough demeanour and a fiery passion to guard and preserve his freedom, the tribesman, still has an extremely tender heart.