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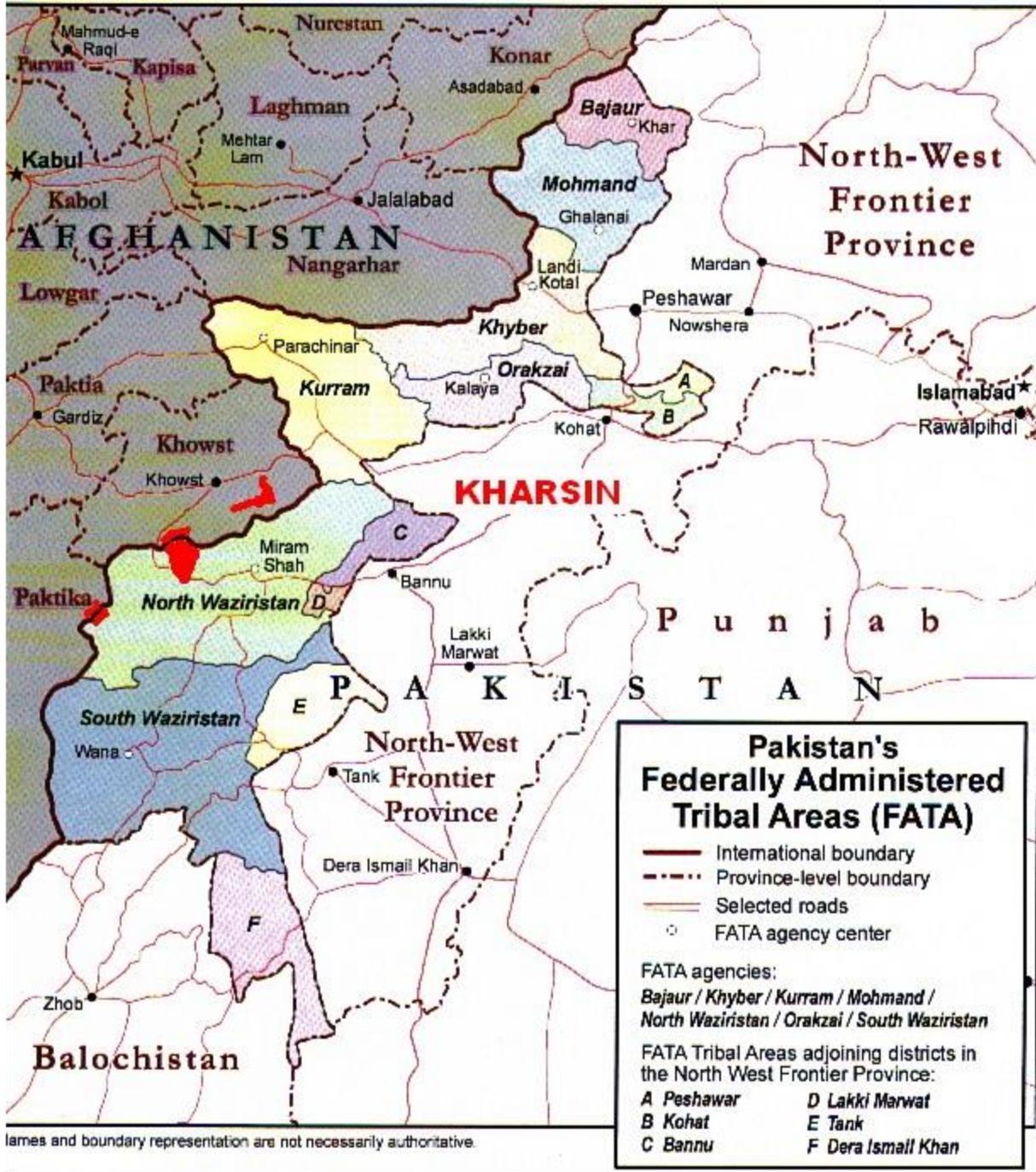
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PRIMARY LOCATION

North Waziristan in Pakistan; Paktika and the Sabarai district of Khost in Afghanistan.

KEY TERRAIN FEATURES

Valleys: Sabrina (Sabray), Gorwekht

Plains: None

Mountains: Mazdak

Rivers: Barooman, Mattoora, Kharsin Toi

WEATHER

A high of 105° 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), with some snow at higher elevations.

RELIGION/SECT

Unknown, but given their location small tribal size they are likely Sunni. There have been no reports of sectarian violence in their area.

ALLIANCES

Unknown. They are intermixed with the Utmanzai Wazir and Gurbaz, but not of sufficiently large numbers to be a threat or great benefit to either group.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Kharsin are living in the mountains of Mazdak in two large village of Wughgai and Zangutai in North Waziristan. Some of the Kharsin tribes are living in the west of Shawal in valley of Gorwekht. According to them, they are descended from Hazrat Bilal. Their title Kharsin is derived from the name of Darvesh called Gharshin. He had two sons; one was Chalak and other was Tora Dak. Chalak's tribe lives in the Wughgai while Tora Dak's family lives in Zangutai. Some of Kharsin are also living in Khost (Afghanistan) in the valley of Sabrina (Sabray) and in Paktika along the border.

Their location on both sides of the border could be strategic, but little is known of their customs or allegiances.

PERMANENT ARMY/FRONTIER CORPS/SCOUT LOCATIONS

None. The 2nd Wing of the Tochi Scouts at Ghulam Khan is the closest to their territory.