

TALIBAN IN AFGHANISTAN

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ABSTRACT

The Arabic word “Talab” defines an urge for knowledge and the seekers of the same are accordingly called Taliban, a name on which emerged an unprecedented radical social socio-religious and political movement towards the later 20th century in Afghanistan. The movement was organized by a group of some young people who claimed their decent from different ethno-tribal groups. In the beginning, the movement was confined to a limited area but soon spread to other parts and assumed an appealing character with the takeover of the Afghan government with its fundamentals based on the Qur’an (Holy Book of the Muslims) and the Hadith (Sayings of the Prophet)^{PBUH}

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