Leadership Challenged in Afghan Taliban after Mullah Omar

KABUL - The brother of the late fig- urehead of the Afghan Taliban on Sunday joined a growing challenge to the estranged group's newly an- pointed leader, even as it offered a statement purportedly quoting a well-known militant supporter, Mullah Abdul Manan, the brother of the late Mullah Mohammad Omar, told The Associated Press that new Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Moh- hammed Noor was "selected" by a small clique of his own supporters. That comes after Mullah Omar’s son, Yousuf, also warned Mourners didn’t have the support of the wider Talib- an.

With both men demanding a new vote, that could threaten the leader- ship of the Taliban into greater dis- array as it weighs whether to re- sume fighting peace talks with the Afghan government or continue its bloody, nearly 14-year insurgency.

"I stood with my nephew," Manan said. "There should be a (grand) council so everyone has a chance to choose fully our leader. I did not ac- cept this selection of Mullah Akhtar Noor. (...More on P8, 10)

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MALABAD — Custom acting chief and his cousin were arrested on corruption charges and his cousin arrested on his arrival at Argo Customs Office, Nangarhar, as officials said on Sunday.

Nuristan acting governor Hakim Aqbeel Qilani said: “We arrested the customs acting chief and his cousin, who had increased duties of a police station, on suspicion of corruption and his cousin was arrested on his arrival at the Argo Customs Office.”

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Mullah Omar’s Death: What Lies ahead for Taliban?

By Abdul Ahad Bahrami

The Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan entered a new phase of history as the group has picked Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour as its new chief, following the death of controversial but charismatic leader Mullah Mohammad Omar. The question is what will be the next course of action for the Taliban? Will the group collapse or will it rise to its former glory? The new chief is considered to be a controversial figure and his leadership will be pivotal in determining the future of the Taliban.

The transition in leadership for a group led by an unelected supreme council, which is comprised of powerful but competing warlords, would not be an easy task. Announcement of Mullah Omar’s death itself suggested the group’s vulnerabilities to the Taliban. The group’s leader has died suddenly, and the question is how the group’s power will be divided among the new chief.

The Taliban’s official spokesperson, Zabihullah Mujahid, confirmed the death of Mullah Omar in a statement. He said that the group has appointed an interim leader, Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour, who has been a close aide of Mullah Omar for many years.

Mansour is a 50-year-old former military commander who had been with the Taliban since its inception in the 1990s. He is known to be a loyal and trusted aide of Mullah Omar and is widely respected by the group’s leaders.

The transition in leadership will be a critical moment for the Taliban. The group has faced numerous challenges in recent years, including internal power struggles and a military onslaught by the Afghan and US-led coalition forces.

The Taliban will need to demonstrate its ability to maintain its cohesion and leadership under new circumstances. The group will need to address its internal divisions and make decisions on how to move forward.

The new chief will face numerous challenges, including the need to maintain the group’s military strength and its political influence. The Taliban will need to continue its efforts to expand its territories and influence in Afghanistan and neighboring countries.

The new chief will also need to address the issue of the group’s legitimacy and its relationship with the international community. The Taliban will need to demonstrate its commitment to a peaceful and inclusive solution to the conflict in Afghanistan.

The new chief will need to balance the need for military action with the need for political dialogue. The Taliban will need to engage in meaningful negotiations with the Afghan government and the international community to find a lasting solution to the conflict.

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The new chief will face numerous challenges, but with the right leadership and strategic decisions, the Taliban can continue to be a formidable force in Afghanistan and the region.

The world will watch to see if the Taliban can successfully transition to a new leadership and address the challenges it faces. The new chief’s leadership will be crucial in determining the future of the Taliban.
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2. The Afghan National Congress has been a leading political force in the struggle of the Afghan people. The Congress has played a key role in mobilizing the Afghan people and leading the struggle for national liberation.

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Hundreds of Afghan Refugees Have Returned to their Homeland

A full-page article in a local newspaper discusses the return of hundreds of Afghan refugees who have been living in Pakistan and other neighboring countries, and are now returning to their homeland. The article highlights the efforts of the Afghan government and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in facilitating this process. It also mentions the challenges faced by these returnees, such as the need for assistance with transportation, housing, and employment.

The article includes quotes from government officials and refugees themselves, expressing their joy and hope for a better future in Afghanistan. It also notes the importance of international cooperation in addressing the issue of Afghan refugees.