

Country/entity	Pakistan Taliban
Region	Asia and Pacific Cross-regional
Agreement name	North West Frontier Province Government's Agreement with the Taliban
Date	21 May 2008
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

India-Pakistan Conflict (1947 -) and the Pakistani Taliban (2001 -)

Two distinct contexts have generated agreements.

India-Pakistan Conflict (1947 -)

The roots of the India-Pakistan Conflict lay in the partition of the British Indian Empire following the end of World War II, and the creation of the predominately Muslim Dominion of Pakistan (now Pakistan and Bangladesh) and the Union of India in 1947. Fuelled by Hindu and Muslim nationalism, the political partition spurred the largest mass migration as minorities sought refuge among their communal majorities. Retaliatory violence on both sides led to the deaths of 200,000 to 500,000 people.

A few weeks following the partition, Pakistan sent tribal militias into the Princely State of Jammu and Kashmir, sparking the Indo-Pakistan War of 1947. Two other wars broke out in 1965 and in 1991, as well as a number of skirmishes over the Siachen Glacier. The conflict has seen less casualties since the announcement of a ceasefire in 2003, despite frequent violations by both sides. Public unrest remains sporadic and there has been occasional actions by Islamic militants. In addition, despite a decrease in human rights conditions by occupying forces on both sides, abuses are still documented.

Another dimension of the conflict developed in 1997, after Pakistan announced a successful nuclear test. Since then there has been a proliferation of treaties ensuring clear lines of communication in regards to nuclear testing and accidents to deter accidental escalation.

Pakistan-Afghanistan-US Conflict (2001 -)

Since the 2000s, the Afghanistan war had a noticeable spill-over effect to Pakistan. The Afghan Taliban maintain several strongholds in the western parts of Pakistan, especially in the Northwest Tribal Region. Native Islamist guerrilla outfits also remain active in the region and in 2007 they formed the umbrella organisation known as the Pakistan Taliban until it splintered into four different groups in 2014.

Close

India-Pakistan Conflict (1947 -) and the Pakistani Taliban (2001 -)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Pakistan-Taliban process
Parties	Pakistani Government; Pakistani Taliban
Third parties	-
Description	Short agreement outlining 16 points that guide the parameters of the Taliban and the Pakistani Government in the North West Frontier Province.

Agreement document	PK_080522_North West Frontier Province Government Agreement with Taliban.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
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Women, girls and gender

Participation	No specific mention.
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Equality	No specific mention.
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Particular groups of women	No specific mention.
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International law	No specific mention.
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New institutions	No specific mention.
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Violence against women	Violence against women→Gender-based violence/VAW (general) Page 1, 7. Non-local militants will be immediately handed over to the government. Attacks on barber shops and markets visited by women should be stopped
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Transitional justice	No specific mention.
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Institutional reform	No specific mention.
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Development	Development→Education Page 1, 9. There will be no ban on health teams administering vaccination or drops to children against diseases like polio. There will be no ban on girls' education Development→Health (general) Page 1, 9. There will be no ban on health teams administering vaccination or drops to children against diseases like polio. There will be no ban on girls' education
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Implementation	No specific mention.
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Other	No specific mention.
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