

Pakistan: The Taliban, al Qaeda, and the Rise of Terrorism. 217 pages. 9781440837616.

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Notify me when the book's added. Impression. Add to shelf. Already read. Report an error in the book. Share. Facebook. Twitter. Vkontakte. To read this book, upload an EPUB or FB2 file to Bookmate. How do I upload a book? However, the book falls short in its attempt to document "Pakistan's troubled history" (promotional flyer). As a tertiary source, one would expect a factual approach to the material, but charged language abounds. The author states that Pakistan is "the world's fifth largest and populous country" which is true in terms of the population but certainly not in terms of geography. On the editorial side, a sentence reads "the future of Pakistan hinges on the ability of the fragile government structure to control and ultimately eradicate the terrorist threat within its borders." 102 Days of War: How Osama Bin Laden, Al Qaeda & the Taliban Survived 2001 By Neumann, Ronald E. Parameters, Vol. 44, No. 3, Autumn 2014. PEER-REVIEWED PERIODICAL. Al-Qaeda retains alliances with important armed groups, such as the Afghan Taliban and the Pakistani insurgent group, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Second, contrary to portrayals of the Afghan Taliban as factionalized, the group appears politically cohesive and unlikely to fragment in the near future. Major indicators suggest its leadership is equipped to manage complicated intra-elite politics and the nationwide rank-and-file without fragmenting. Among political gains, the Taliban's continued rise validates that jihadist victories against powerful states like the U.S. are realistic and viable. Among material gains, the relationship provides the opportunity to move leadership and personnel from Syria, Iran, Pakistan, and Jordan to Afghanistan.