

In the name of Allah who is the most beneficent and the most merciful<sup>1</sup>

## **Agreement**

### **Between the Tribe Mehsud and the Government of Pakistan**

As Baitullah and his allies have come to an agreement with the 21-member committee formed by the Mehsud tribe, the Mehsud tribe agrees to the following:

1. Baitullah and his allies will neither shelter nor assist any foreign militant in their territory.
2. Baitullah and his allies will neither open fire on government functionaries from their territory nor target government installations. Hence, they will not pose an obstacle to any development project.
3. Baitullah and his allies will be exempted from any legal proceedings that were required against them in the past in government's opinion. However, if any member or members of the group are found to be involved in sabotage or related activities in the future, they would be dealt with in accordance with the prevailing laws of FATA<sup>2</sup> and if they are found in Mehsud territory, Mehsud tribe will be bound to hand them over to the government.
4. Mehsud Tribe also agrees that if any person or a group unrelated to Baitullah's group is found suspect or guilty in Mehsud territory then the tribe will fulfill its legal obligation following its custom and hand them over to the government. The government would have the right to take legal action according to the FCR<sup>3</sup>.
5. The political administration and the Tribe through mutual consultation and according to the prevailing conditions will try to solve together all unresolved issues that may arise in the future and that are not explicitly discussed in this agreement.
6. God forbid, in case of violation of this agreement, the local government has the right to proceed in accordance with the existing laws.

**Baitullah**

**21-member tribal committee  
and members of Jirga<sup>4</sup>  
Mehsud Tribe (conglomerate)  
South Waziristan Agency**

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<sup>1</sup> In original document, this invocation was replaced by its numerical value of Arabic letters. i.e. 786, and it is a common means of opening in document.

<sup>2</sup> Federally Administered Tribal Areas

<sup>3</sup> Frontier Crimes Regulations

<sup>4</sup> Traditional assembly of tribal elders for decision making through consensus.