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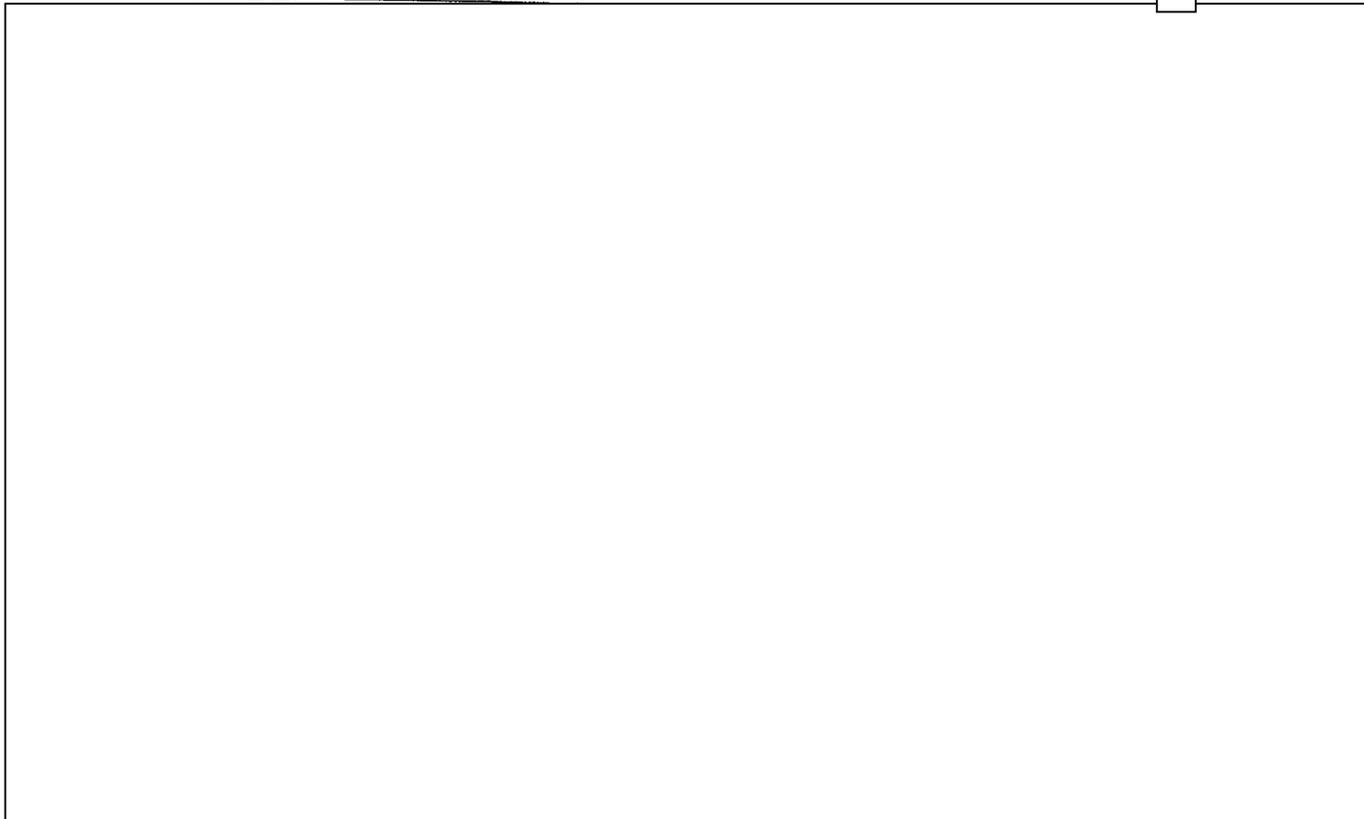


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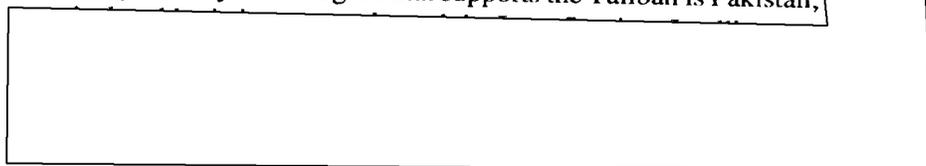
**Northern Coalition Receiving More External Support**



*— As long as the Taliban continues to pose a threat to northern Afghanistan, anxiety over the group's spread will remain high and keep sources of military aid available to its opponents.*



The only country in the region that supports the Taliban is Pakistan;



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