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# *Dawar (Pashtun tribe)*

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The **Dāwar** (Pashto: داوړ), also **Daur** or **Dawari**, are a Karlani Pashtun tribe mostly

inhabiting the North Waziristan Agency located in the semi-autonomous Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan. The Dawaris inhabit the Tochi Valley and are a homogeneous tribe of considerable size. The Dawar speak the Waziristani dialect (Dawari) of Pashto.

## History

The Dawars originally lived in the Shawal area, which lies partly in the present-day North Waziristan tribal agency of Pakistan

and partly in the Paktika Province of Afghanistan. The Dawars are descended from the Shitak supertribe of the Pashtuns. Both the Dawars and their cousin tribe the Bannuchis descend from the Shitaks. In the 14th century, the Wazirs another Pashtun tribe, who were living in Birmal in the west, migrated eastwards to the Shawal area and fell into dispute with the Shitaks (Dawars and Bannuchis), and succeeded to oust the Shitaks northeastwards. Eventually, the Dawari

Shitaks settled in the Tochi Valley in the modern-day North Waziristan. At the beginning of the twentieth century the tribe had some 5,200 fighting men.<sup>[1]</sup>

Dawari, or usually Alizai along with Waziris and other Pashtun tribes uprisings caused in southern and south west zone deteriorating of Kabul government and revolutions in the country, in Abdalee (Durrani) Empire they had the most powerful participation in their success and army contribution. Their location along the

fertile land meant they were prone to fevers and other ravaging diseases that are bred in the wet sodden lands of the Tochi Valley, lying at the bottom of a deep depression exposed to the burning rays of the sun. The effects of these ailments may be clearly traced in the drawn or bloated features and the shrunken or swollen limbs of nearly every Dawari that has passed middle life.<sup>[1]</sup> Mostly they have been at war in the past with their

neighbouring Wazir tribe, mostly over land and blood feuds.

The Britishers are now in Alizai's area in Helmand managing their operations against the people who obliged them to escape from Musa Qala for almost 15 months and after coordination of the world with much expenses they succeeded to capture a 100 square meters of the area along and living there facing much obstacles and waiting for signing an agreement with them but people are not

ready because of their corporal and material losses.

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## Location

Although they are surrounded on all four sides by a Waziri population they bear little resemblance to the Waziris. They are an agricultural people whilst the Waziris are a pastoral race, and they are much richer than their neighbours. They thrive on a rich

sedimentary soil copiously irrigated in the midst of a country where cultivable land of any kind is scarce and water in general hardly to be obtained.<sup>[1]</sup>

Dawari: A previous romantic and historical place named Zamindawar located in northern side of Helmand province between Kajaki and Musa Qala Districts, previously named by 360 Kariz (Shah Kariz) totally covered by Alizai tribe. Due to its name most of the local people are called Dawari who have very special



morals and specialities from other places, Including its thousands years remnant historical signs Zamindawar has an old city (Deh-e-Baba) (Zoor Shaar) which was the empire capital in the eras of Ghori, Sori and other empires because of its fresh weather, tasty fruits, and natural scenery which attracts the attention of the sightseers and excursionists which is still remnant on its old, as well as today's bashfulness, ambitions and bravery of people reveal the image of its thousands

years old history. It should not be remnant that writing some names here representing the area like: Alhaj Mola Mohammed Naseem Akhond the Defence Minister of Mujahedin's government, Alhaj Mula Ghafaar Akhond Governor of Helmand Province, Alhaj Mola Mohammed Rasool Akhund governor of Helmand province, Mohammed Afzal khan a genius, gentle, bashful and popular tribal khan (leader), Mohammed Zahir (solamal) the former Deputy Defence Minister of

Afghanistan and Abdul Rauf Benawa the most popular shining star in the sky of literature and poetry who worked as director of Pashto Cultural Society, Minister of Information and Culture (MoIC), Poet of the country's national anthem which is still alive, Mr. Abdul Karim Haqqani the Former leader of the Ulasi Jirga in Sardar Mohammed Daud Khan's Republic Government. Historical, well known and non-forgettable hero of time Mr. Noor Mohammed Khan Alizai well

known by Mir Afghan (Pashtons' Leader) who was a successful Afghan leader in Nadeer Afshaar's government and then Defence Minister in Durrani Abdali empire whose place is still laying vacant for his tribe.

## Education

The Dawars are the most educated people in the North Waziristan Agency. Today people are more educated, however Dawari people don't compromise on

religion or honour, although attempts are being made to reduce gun culture. As a result, many more people are now found in every field.

## Notable Dawars

- Shaheed Shudikhel Dawar, General of Afghanistan and Commander of Waziristani freedom fighters.
- [MNA Mohsin Dawar](#), Advocate Peshawar high court, Pakistani politician and leader of PTM.

- [Shaheed Tahir Dawar](#), Pakistani Police officer and Pashto poet.
- Major Qalandar Shah, Pakistan Army officer who fought 1965 war against India and first Waziristan to be selected in Pakistan Army.
- Laiq Shah Dawar, Historian and Pashto poet.
- [Neeraj Dawar](#), Vice President, Aptara Inc.
- [Dr Asif mujtaba](#), YDA President now in KP.

- Tahir Ayub Dawar, DIG CTD police KPK.
- Aslam Khan Dawar, President Peshawar property dealers.
- Khalid Jan Dawar, Secretary Information JUI FATA.
- Ghulam Qadir Khan Dawar, Ex DC district Bajaur, Founder tribal times newspaper, Author "cheega the call".
- Safdar Dawar, Anchor FATA time PTV News, Former President tribal union of journalists.

- Prof Dr Daud Dawar, Ex health minister KPK, Ex chancellor KMU, Former principal PIMS Peshawar.
- Shakir Hussain Dawar, DIG special branch Lahore Police.
- Haji Arbab Khan, Famous business person Peshawar.
- James Khan Dawar, Pashto singer, actor and Indonesian model.
- Major Ayub Dawar, Pakistan Army officer got martyred fighting terrorism.



- Noor Behram Dawar, Famous Waziristan's journalist and reporter.

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