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The Mountains of Majeed

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Salang



Afghanistan
Majeed



The Mountains of Majeed, Installation view



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The Mountains of Majeed 5



The Mountains of Majeed, Installation view



The Victory Column of Enduring Freedom, Razor wire and Aggregate

Afghanistan is the home of Afghans

Afghanistan is the home of Afghans;
It is the home of the brave and courageous.
Foreigners won't be able to weaken it by force;
This is the home of Mirwais' sons.¹
These people defeated Brydon's armies;²
This is the home of Macnaghten's murderers.³
They gave an embarrassing defeat to the Russians;
Gromov admits that this is the home of victors.⁴
Tribes and clans are found here;
This is the home of the Hazaras and Turkmen.
Tajiks, Uzbeks, Pashtuns and Baluch;⁵
This is the home of devoted Afghans as well.
These mountains are ours and we belong to these mounts;
This is the home of the eagles.
Jackals can't hold out here;
This is the home of Allah's great lions.
Ahmad Shah's sword did not cool down yet;⁶
This is the home of the followers of the right religion.
These are the sons of Ghouri and Ghaznawi;⁷
This is the home of those heroes.
Great Jamaluddin Afghan;⁸
This is the home of his followers.
These people give their heads for their religion;
This is the home of Islam's servants.
The invading forces will eventually leave;
This is the home of strong heroes.

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- 1 Mirwais Khan Hotak (1673–1715), Pashtun tribal leader who defeated the Persians to found territory including areas of modern southern Afghanistan and northern Pakistan.
- 2 Dr William Brydon (1811–73), a doctor in the British Army during the first Anglo-Afghan war. He was reportedly the only survivor of the column massacred by Afghan tribesmen on the retreat from Kabul in 1842.
- 3 Sir William Hay Macnaghten (1793–1841), British political agent murdered in Kabul.
- 4 Boris Gromov (1943–), Soviet commander and last Soviet soldier to leave Afghanistan in 1989. He went on to be prominent in Russian politics.
- 5 Ethnic groups in Afghanistan.
- 6 Ahmad Shah Durrani (1722–72), founder of the Durrani Empire and regarded to be the founder of the modern state of Afghanistan.
- 7 The Ghorid and Ghaznavid dynasties ruled territories covering areas of modern day Afghanistan, India, Iran and Pakistan from about the tenth to twelfth centuries.
- 8 Jamaluddin al-Afghani (1838–97), Muslim scholar and writer associated with the revivalist movement in Islamic thought.

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