From Gilgit Agency to Northern Areas to Gilgit-Baltistan

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CARTE CHINOISE
DU SI-YU OU ASIE CENTRALE
pour accompagner le mémoire intitulé
RÉCIT OFFICIEL DE LA CONQUÊTE DU TURKESTAN
PAR LES CHINOIS (1735 - 1760).

[Map of China Central Asia with place names and geographic features]
Natural and/or scientific frontier in the „Indian Borderland“?

• Ney Elias 1886: “desirable boundaries”
  (i) “define the boundaries in every direction”
  (ii) “conciliate … the discontented inhabitants”
  (iii) “make no embarrassing claims for more territory”

  ➡️ “hill frontier”

• ultimately leading to

  (i) Gilgit Agency since 1878, 1889-1974
  (ii) Northern Areas 1974-2009
  (iii) Gilgit-Baltistan since 2009
Cachemire – Kashmir ????

Source: Philippe Rekacewicz in: Le Monde Diplomatique, 2000
Cachemire – Kashmir = Karakoram?

Source: Philippe Rekacewicz in: Le Monde Diplomatique, 2002
1941

Source: own data processing on the basis of Census of India 1941
Constitutional set-up of Pakistan

President
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Federal Government
(Prime Minister, Ministries)

National Assembly

Senate

Punjab
Khyber-Pukhtunkhwa
Sindh
Balochistan

PATA

GILGIT-BALTISTAN
Legislative Assembly

AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR
Parliament

President
Azad Kashmir

Azad Kashmir Council
Azad Kashmir Government

Source: own design
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF KASHMIR AFFAIRS AND
NORTHERN AREAS

Islamabad, the 9th September, 2009

AN
ORDER

to provide greater political empowerment and better governance to
the people of Gilgit-Baltistan;

WHEREAS it is expedient to undertake necessary legislative, executive
and judicial reforms for granting self-governance to the people of Gilgit-
Baltistan and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Government of Pakistan is pleased to make
the following Order:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**-(1) This Order may be
called the Gilgit-Baltistan (Empowerment and Self-Governance) Order, 2009.
   (2) It extends to the whole of areas Gilgit-Baltistan.
   (3) It shall come into force on at once.
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WANT
BALOCHISTAN
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