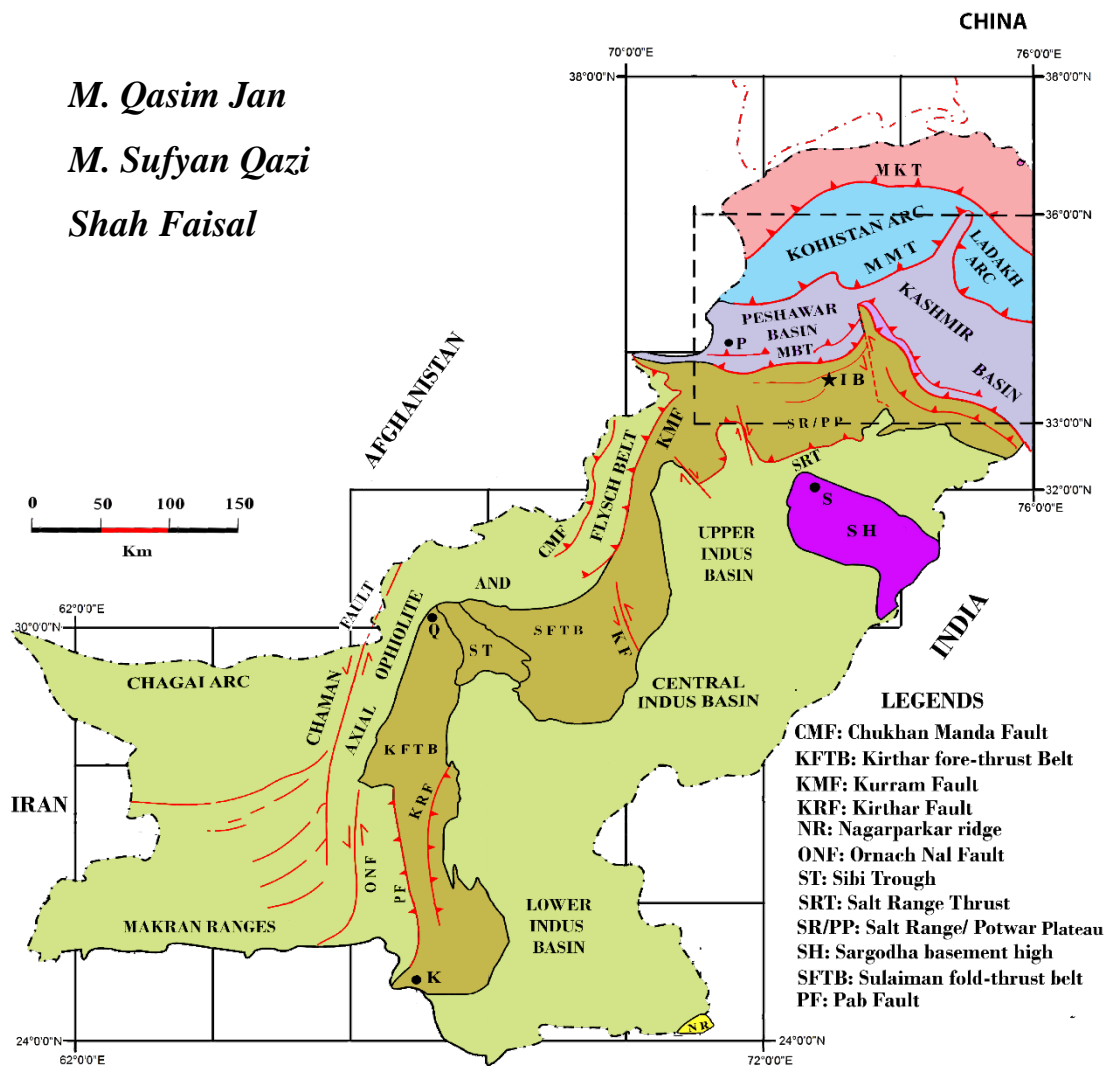


ANNOTATED GEOLOGICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF NORTHERN PAKISTAN UP TO AD 2002

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Preface

Way back in 1999, one of us (M. Qasim Jan) submitted a research proposal (titled, Geological Bibliography of northern Pakistan up to AD 2002) to Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) for funding. The members of Technical Committee, notably Dr. Khalid Mahmood Khan, the then Chairman of PSF, Dr. M. Nawaz Chaudhry, Professor of Geology at Punjab University, Lahore, and Mr. S. Hasan Gauhar, Director General of the Geological Survey of Pakistan (DG, GSP), insisted that the bibliography, instead, should be annotated. The suggestion was reluctantly accepted, without fully realizing the immensity of the task that would take us so many years, and yet be incomplete.

This document covers the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and its adjacent Tribal territory, Potwar-Islamabad-Murree areas of Punjab, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Gilgit-Baltistan. Publications on the foreland basin molasse sediments of the Salt Range have been included for completing references on the Siwaliks of Pakistan. This work incorporates published and publicly available documents related to solid earth sciences and water resources. References to many of the expedition reports and local publications have been given despite our lack of access to them. We would appreciate receiving information on references which have not been annotated or not included.

In this age of fast and efficient communication and availability of so much online information, the need for publication of this manuscript can be debated. However, it can be justified on the ground that it provides ready access to a pool of large number of contributions, including local publications, many of which are not available online. It is hoped that this work would be of substantial use to the earth scientists and those engaged with natural resources, natural hazards, planning and development.

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