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1. The Mir of Hunza, Mir Jamal Khan, is the president of all of the Central Asian Ismailia, which includes all the people of Hunza, Ishkoman, Yah-Sin, the Wakhan district of Afghanistan, the Shugnan valley of Russia, and the Tadzhik areas of the Tashkurgan valley of China. He is about 45 years old, and was educated at the Ismailia College in Peshawar. The Mir has one son, Prince Thazanfar Ali Khan, aged 5.
2. The Mir is much concerned about the way the war in Kashmir is going, though according to a well-placed Pakistan official, the Ismailia of Kashmir are only lukewarm toward Pakistan despite their strong racial and religious ties. This official also stated that the Kashmir Ismailia are highly degenerate and would accede to any government; the Ismailia of the USSR are notoriously pro-Communist. In spite of this pro-Communist element in the USSR, a British merchant familiar with the area states that there is no known Soviet influence in the Chitral-Hunza area.

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