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PREFACE.

The Loralai District was formed in 1903 by taking the Músa Khél and Bori tahsíl from the Zhob District, and the Bárkhán, Duki and Sanjáwi tahsíl from the old Thal Chotiáli (now Sibi) District.

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