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PREFACE.

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

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