

**December 26, 1988**  
**Letter from Ahmad Shah Masoud to the Soviet Chief  
Military Adviser**

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**Summary:**

This document is a letter from Ahmad Shah Masoud his attitude toward the Soviet's military involvement in Afghanistan.

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Russian

**Contents:**

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Mister Adviser!

I already wanted to go to the place to meet the Soviet representatives when I received your latest letter. I should say for the sake of clarity: we have endured war and your presence of 10 years. God willing, we will endure it a few more days. But if you begin combat operations then we will give you a fitting rebuff. That's all. From this day we will assign our detachments and groups the mission of being in full combat readiness.

With respect, Ahmad Shah Masoud  
26 December 1988