

# Mingora

**Mingora** is the largest city in [Swat District](#), [Khyber Pakhtunkhwa](#), [Pakistan](#). It lies on the banks of River Swat about 2 km from [Saidu Sharif](#), the capital of Swat. <sup>[1]</sup>

In 1998 the population of Mingora was about 175,000. The city was once a major tourist destination and was described by [Queen Elizabeth](#) as the "[Switzerland](#)" of the [former British Empire](#). <sup>[2]</sup>

However because of the [Taliban](#), tourism has suffered due to fighting between the Taliban and the government. In March 2009 the city came under Taliban rule due to a peace agreement with the government. But the agreement was soon broken and in May 2009 the government were fighting with the Taliban to end their occupation of the city.

## Famous people from Mingora

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- [Malala Yousafzai](#), education activist, [Nobel Peace Laureate](#) of 2014

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