

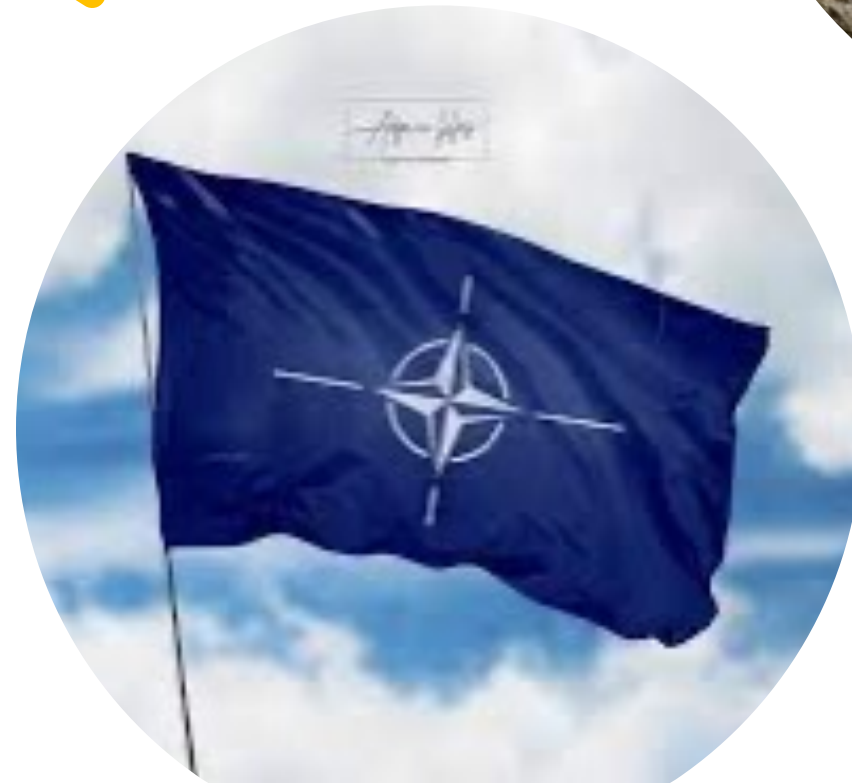
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- We went to Afghanistan almost 20 years ago with clear goals: get those who attacked us on September 11th, 2001, and make sure al Qaeda could not use Afghanistan as a base from which to attack us again.

We did that. We severely degraded al Qaeda in Afghanistan. We never gave up the hunt for Osama bin Laden, and we got him. That was a decade ago.

Our mission in Afghanistan was never supposed to have been nation building. It was never supposed to be creating a unified, centralized democracy.

- Biden: White House Briefing 16 Augustus 2016



Afghanistan: geografie en buren



Water:

- Hari Rud – Iran
- Helmand - Iran
- Kunduz/Panj/A Darya- Uzbstn Turkmstan
- Kabul river - Pakistan

‘Gast’-rebellen:

- Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan
- Mahdi Arsalon uit Tajikistan
- Al Qai’da, Arabische ‘club’
- ISIS Khorasan: caliphate builders
- Baluch Separatisten
- Pakistaanse Taliban

Logistiek:

- Spoorlijn Bandarabas- Herat (planning)
- Spoorlijn China-Karachi (Bandarabas?) (pl)
- TAPI gasleiding: Turkm-Afgh-Pak-India
- Link via weg Centraal Azie- ijsvrije haven Karachi
- Electriciteit doorvoer regionaal

Mapping Afghanistan's untapped natural resources



AFGHANISTAN : masters of guerilla warfare



- Persian conquests: Darius (around 330 BC)
- Greek conquest and Kushan invasions Alexander de Grote (317 BC)
- Conquest by Arab Caliphate Umar Rashidun (700)
- Mongol Empire Genghiz Khan (1220)
- Conquest by Mughal Empire Timur (Tamerlane 1330)
- The Sikh Empire invasion Maharajah Ranjit Singh (1837–1838)
- British invasions: Anglo-Afghan Wars. 1838–1842, 1878–1880 and 1919.
- Soviet invasions: 1929, 1930 and 1979.
- Civil war between warlords 1981- 1996
- Taliban 1996- 2001
- USA Invasion 2001 – 2003
- NATO August 2003 till September 2021
- Taliban September 2021 (of al veel eerder?) tot ??????????



SECRET OF AFGHANISTAN = “UNITED WE STAND!! “(BEHIND A STRONG LEADER OR AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY)