

# Oil, Religion & the Global Landscape

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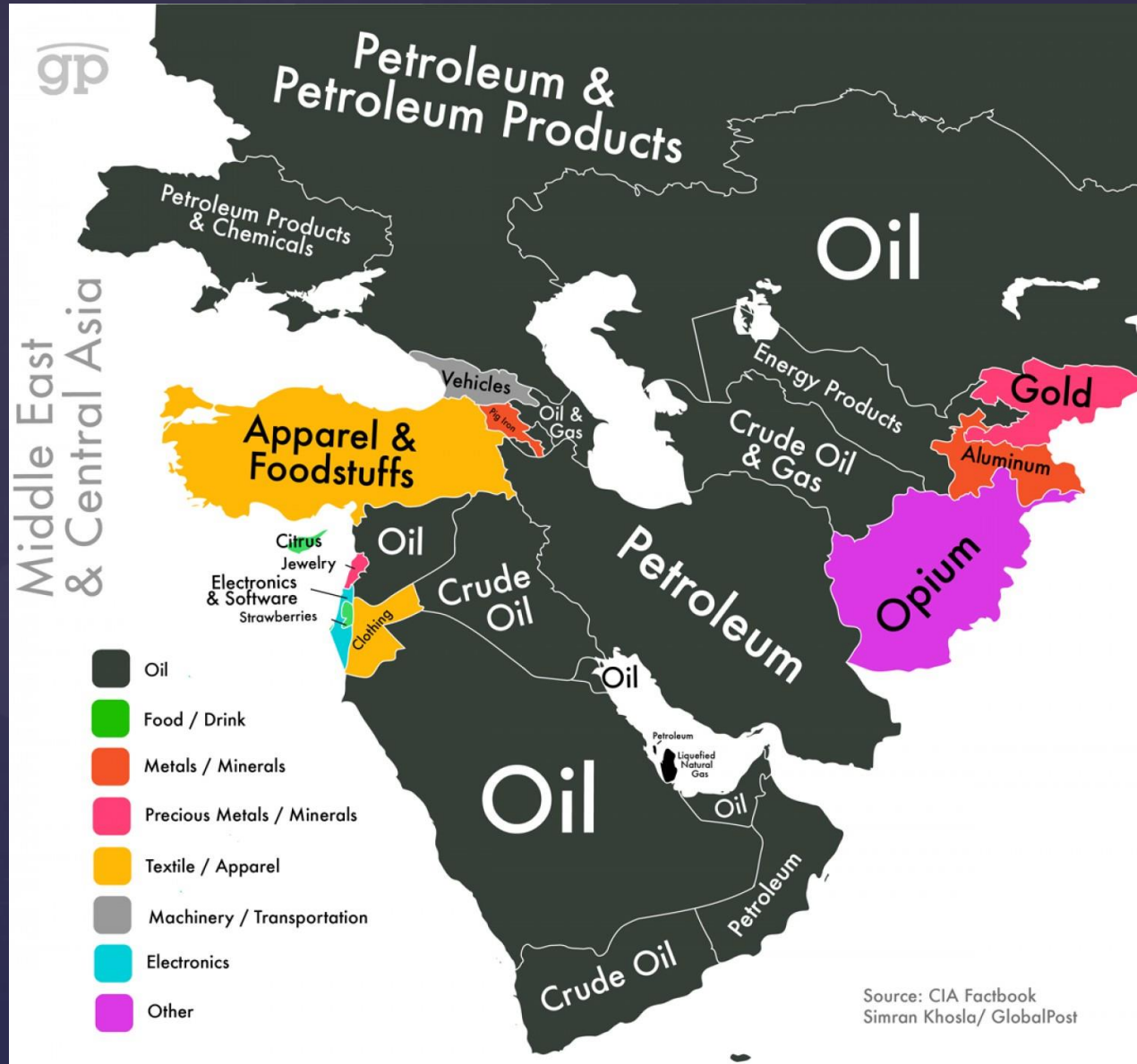


# Where is the Middle East?

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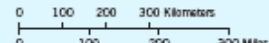
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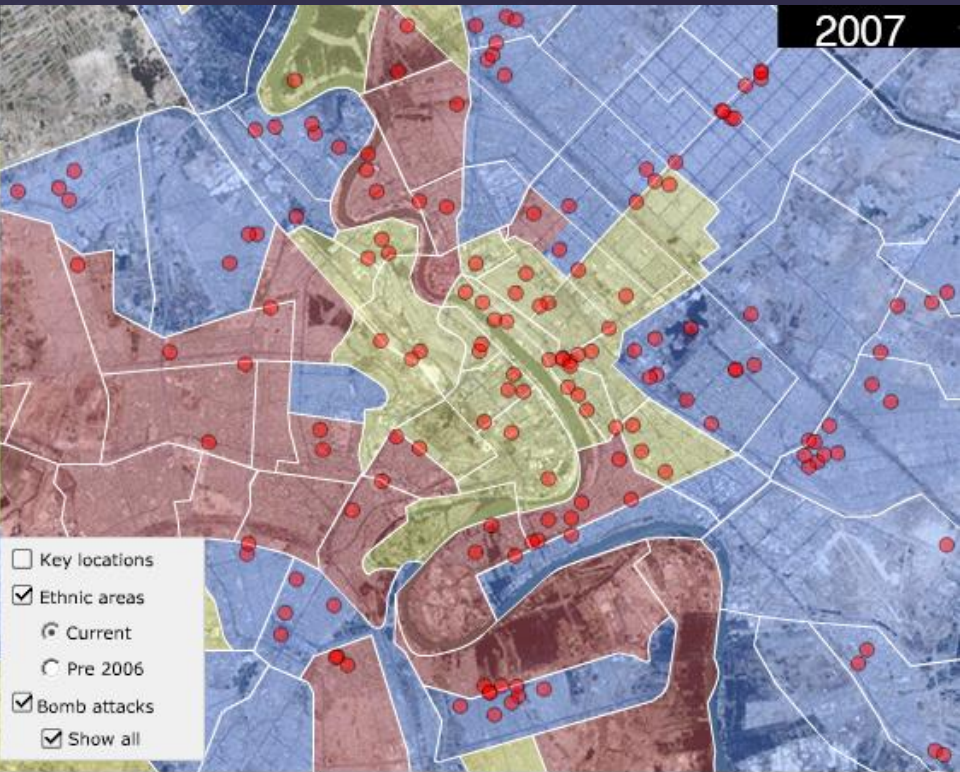
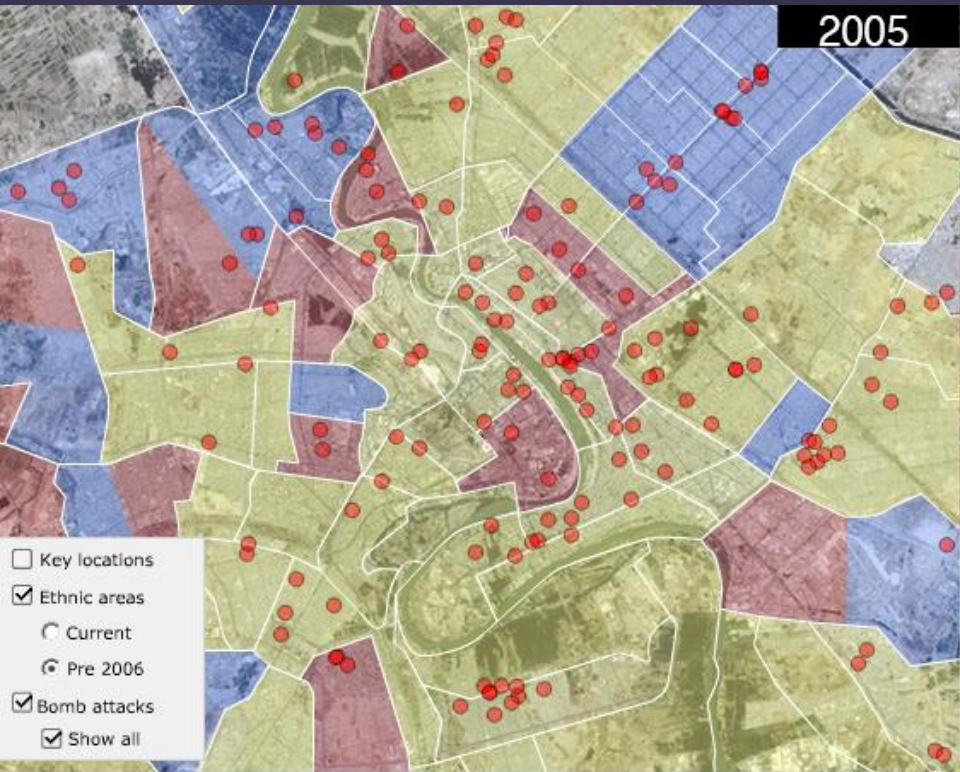
# World Commodities-Middle East & Central Asia



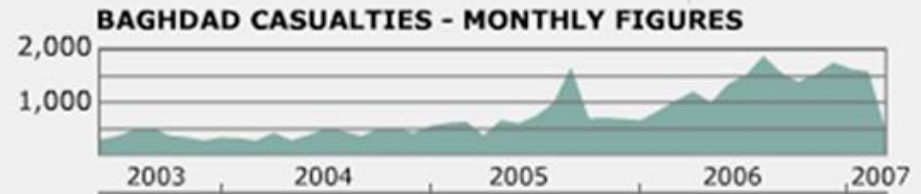
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— Operating	— Operating
- - - Under construction	- - - Under construction

<sup>a</sup> Source: International Energy Agency (IEA).  
<sup>b</sup> Source: BP.





- Mostly Shia
- Mostly Sunni
- Sunni/Shia mixed
- Bombing with +10 deaths

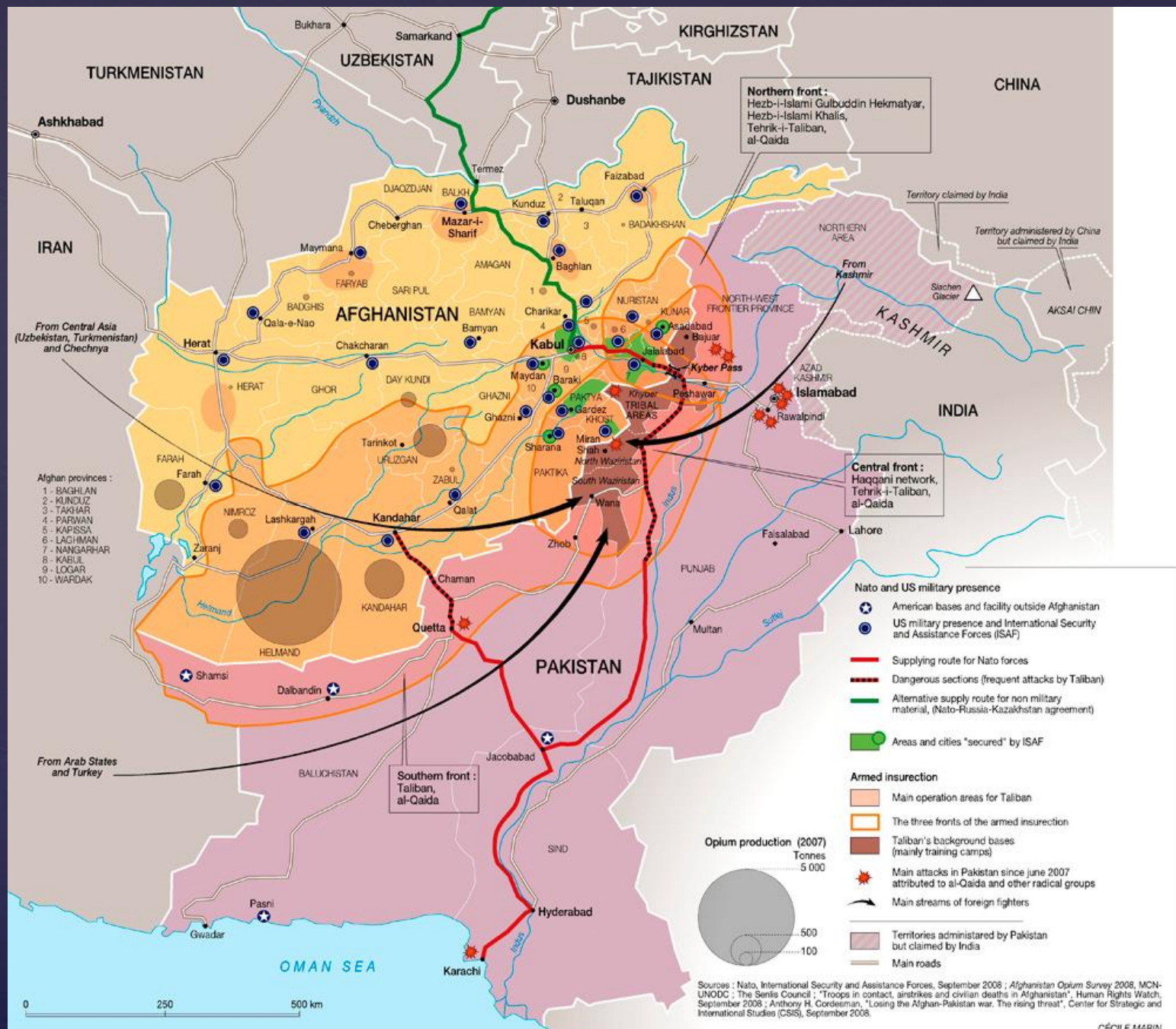


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# The U.S. and the War in Afghanistan

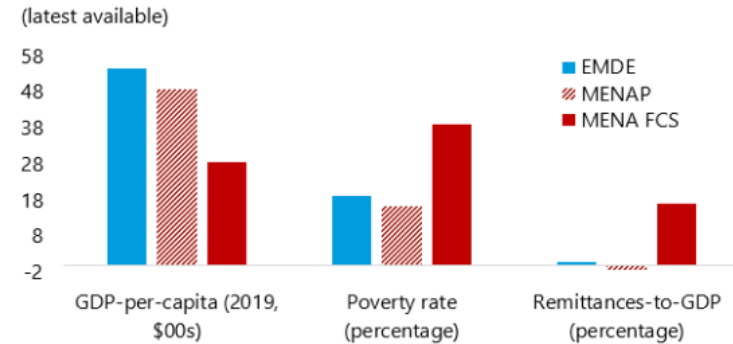


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- Governments in the MENA region have acted quickly to contain COVID
- Pandemic is causing dramatic economic and social consequences

### Poverty and Dependence

Remittances are expected to tumble by 20 percent in fragile and conflict states in the Middle East and North Africa.



Sources: World Bank, IMF, IMF staff calculations. National poverty lines are used.  
 Note: MENA FCS = Middle East and North Africa fragile and conflict states. It includes Afghanistan, Djibouti, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, West Bank and Gaza, and Yemen.  
 EMDE = emerging market and developing economies. MENAP = Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

<https://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2020/05/13/na051320-covid-19-poses-formidable-threat-for-fragile-states-in-the-middle-east-and-north-africa>

# Impacts of COVID-19



- Misuse of religion that endangers the people



<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-04-08/coronavirus-becomes-new-front-in-middle-east-battle-for-influence>

# COVID USED AS A WEAPON



<https://www.fenergo.com/resources/whitepapers/mena-focus-regulatory-reform-part-1.html>

# Reform Is Necessary

# Are All the Troops From the U.S.?

NATO-the North Atlantic Treaty Organization



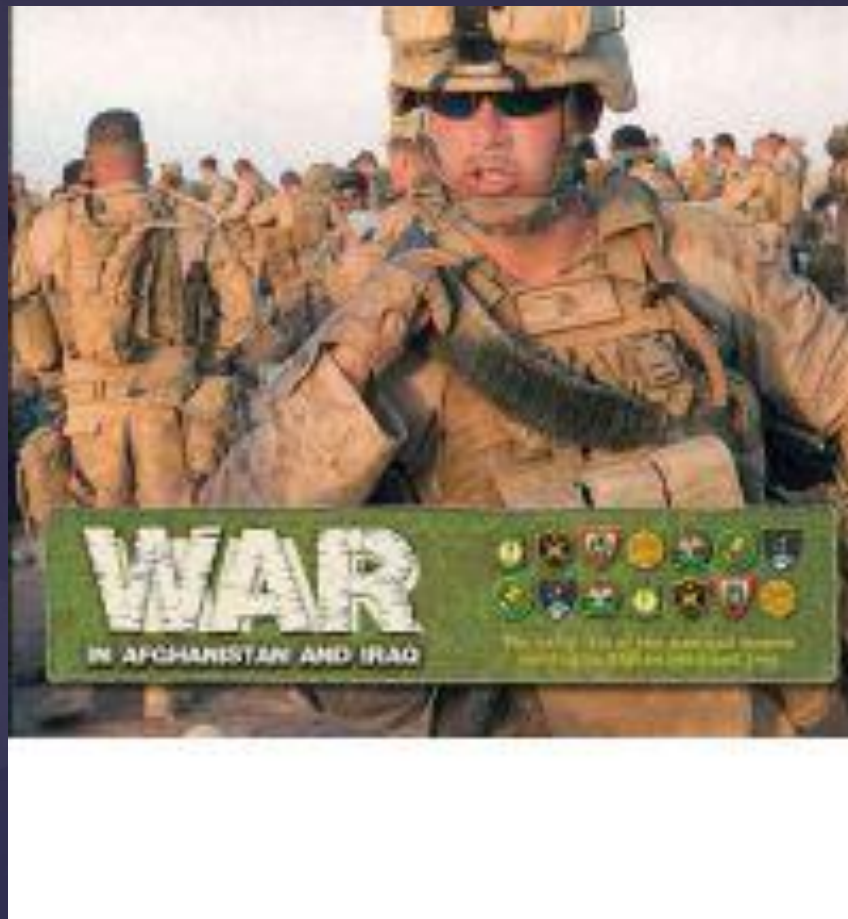
ISAF-the International Security Assistance Force



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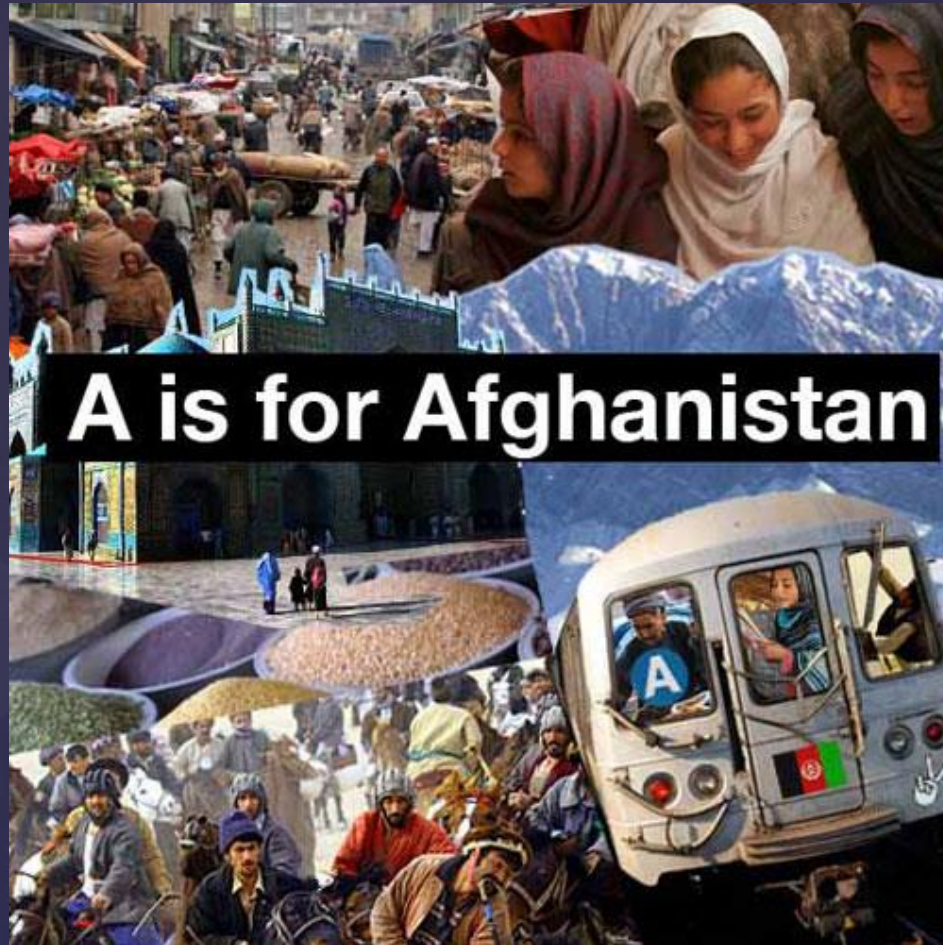
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*War in Afghanistan and Iraq*  
by Janet and Gerry Souter



# Socratic Circles



**A is for Afghanistan**

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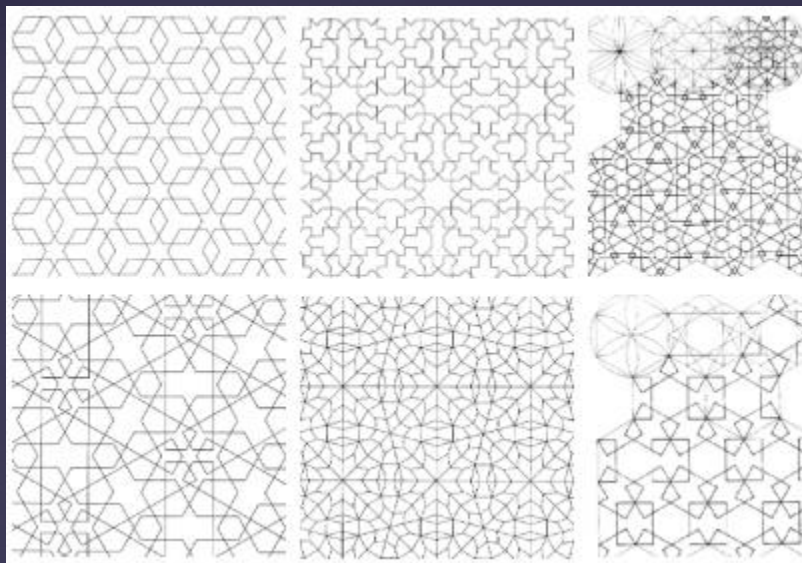
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How are  
{ helicopters  
used in  
war?

# Whirlybirds and Helicopters



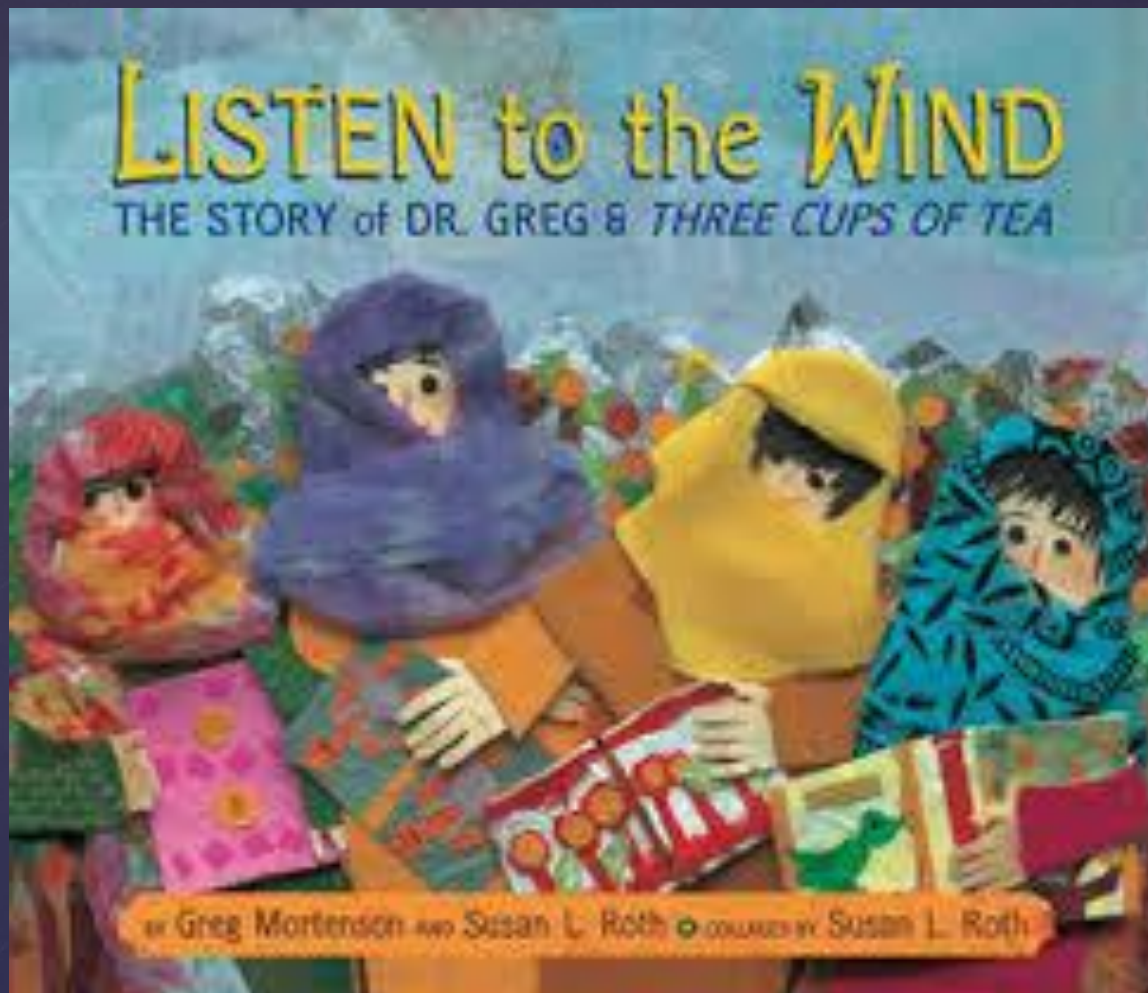
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# Geometry by Design





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# Reader's Theatre



<http://southissouth.files.wordpress.com/2010/08/460kite1.jpg>

# Engineering and Design Process

“We cannot all travel to Pakistan. Few people could do what Greg has done. But we can all, every one of us, make a difference in the world, every day. “

~Dr. Jane Goodall



# Why Learn About the Middle East?