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Dear Readers,

Thank you for joining us for another Issue of Afghanistan UK Bridge .  
This issue is dedicated exclusively to Russia War Empire, Afghanistan relatively recent History and the 9/11.

Hope you enjoy it.

Best wishes,

Ariane Brito  
Editor and Founder  
Afghanistan UK Bridge Magazine



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## ***Russian Energy Week (REW)***

*Russian Energy Week International Forum ('the Forum') was established by order of the Russian Government No. 2026-r, dated 27 September 2016, with further changes instigated by order of the Russian Government No. 438-r, dated 16 March 2018.*

*In 2018, the Forum will be held from 3 to 6 October in the Central Exhibition Hall 'Manege' in Moscow.*

*For more information on the Forum venue, see the Forum venue section of our website.*

*The Forum is being held to demonstrate the prospects of the Russian fuel and energy industry and unlock the potential of international cooperation in energy. The Forum will serve as a platform for a discussion of the main challenges faced by the energy sector and topical problems involving the development of:*

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- the coal industry;*
- petrochemistry;*
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2018 marks the centenary for a number of states in Eastern Europe and Caucasus. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, also Armenia, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Georgia and Hungary are celebrating their hundredth anniversary. For these countries, emerging from the ruins of Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires and the turbulent experiences of WWI, gaining and sustaining independence was closely linked with the development of their own armed forces.

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# RUSSIA

*THE SLAVIC EMPIRE OF WAR AND MONEY*





# 9/11

## ***DID RUSSIA DO IT?***

Looking back the years, could Russia be behind the 9/11 and how well documented is Russia journey from Empire to Multinational War Machine? Without resorting to Conspiracy Theories and Anti Semite antics and rhetoric, the series of articles published in Afghanistan UK Bridge Magazine , September 2018, Issue XIV, explore to what extent have Russia and Israel allied themselves in a 90 year old alliance for money and power, unleashing the most vicious conquest of International Defence and Natural Resources markets. As an historian , with natural vocation and passionate attraction to primary sources, I read between the lines, I list dates and facts compiling my own International Chronology -and I reach to the conclusion that , yes , most likely Russia and Israel have been the most perfect allies in the quest for a World Economy conquest that could well belong to the boldest and fiercest, but unfortunately belongs to failed IMF policies of globalization and surrendering of over exploited Third World natural resources.

***9/11/2001 : Until then not a particular date in the relationship between Russia and the US but was the year of any importance to these two countries?***

2001 was proving to be a very particular difficult year for Russia . The international pressure was mounting for Russia to justify the military interference in Third world countries, the supply of guns to renown international terrorist groups and how much was benefiting from a vicious war machine incompatible with the permanent position in the United Nations Security Council .

2000 was not a better year at all. George Bush won the Presidential Elections on the 7th of November 2000 and Vladimir Putin , Russia Interim President after President Yeltsin resignation in 1999 , won the Presidential elections on the 26th of March 2000. The elections that took place in these two countries would set in motion a crackdown on Russia role in the supply of Guns to terrorist groups, Third world corruption and Russia corruption at home.

“The Contemporary Russian Organized Crime grew up of the Soviet “nomenklatura” system (the government’s organizational structure and high-level officials) in which some individual “apparatchiks” ( government bureaucrats) developed mutually beneficial personal relationships with the thieves’ world. The top of the pyramid of organized crime during the Soviet period was made up of the Communist Party and state officials who abused their positions of power and authority .Economic activities ranged across a spectrum of markets—white, grey, black, and criminal. These markets were roughly defined by whether the goods and services being provided were legal, legal but regulated, or illegal, and by whether the system for providing them was likewise legal, legal but regulated, or illegal. The criminals operated on the illegal end of this spectrum“ The U.S. Department of Justice Report ‘THE THREAT OF RUSSIAN ORGANIZED CRIME’, Issues In International Crime, 2001 : pag.3

**The following US Congress Report exploiting the relationship between Russia and International Terrorism and Drug Trafficking during the late 90’s and the decade of 2000, details an absolute involvement of the Russia military in these activities and highlight the key factor of Russia Armament in fuelling terrorism .**

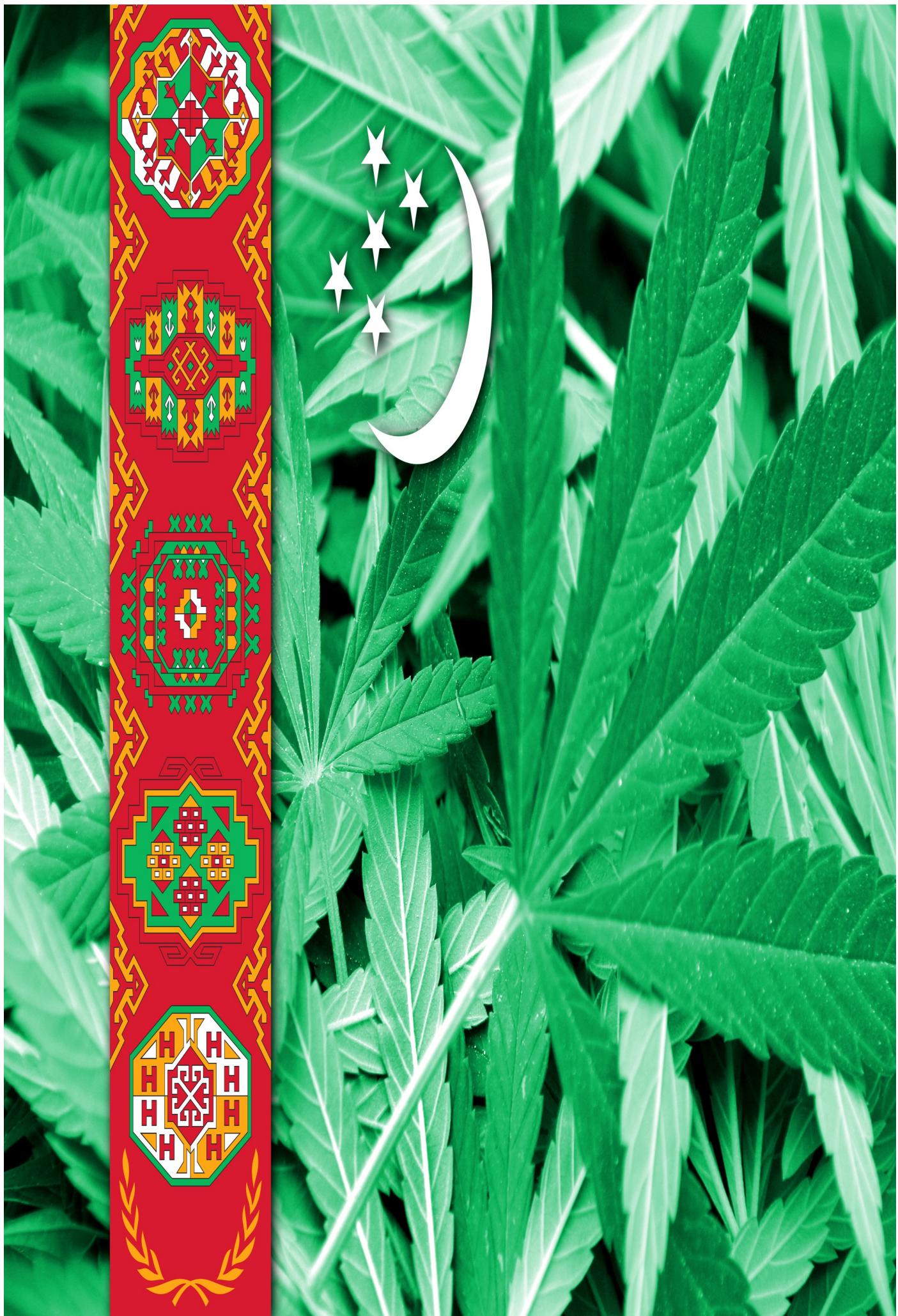
2002, Library of Congress—Federal Research Division ,Involvement of Russian Organized Crime Syndicates, *Criminal Elements in the Russian Military , and Regional Terrorist Groups in Narcotics Trafficking in Central Asia, The Caucasus and Chechnya* : PP.14—23

I would highlight the relevance of the following findings in this US Congress Report :

1. Russian military vehicles and helicopters used to transport Drugs across Afghanistan—Tajikistan borders . I concurred that as per this report, there is indeed, a direct relation in data between increase of drug use and human trafficking in Russia. This would consequently bring incarceration and increase of generational poverty in urban Moscow .
2. Chronological link between Russian military and Al Qaeda rota of Afghanistan— Tajikistan Drug Trafficking Chain.
3. The involvement of “ Russian ‘ police mafia’ present at all levels of law enforcement , is the form of Russian participation most frequently mentioned in accounts of trafficking into Russia from Central Asia and the Caucasus....”  
Page 21 .
4. Russia military sells guns to Afghanistan Warlords in exchange for Drugs that are flooding Moscow and Russia main cities and destroying the lives of thousands of Russian youngsters.
5. Russian military moves drugs across Russia.
6. Drugs have a devastating effect in countries of Central Asia with an exponential increase of Drug users in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan . I have no data at the moment to explore the consequential relation of drug increase in these countries and Chechnya a few years before the terrorist groups that appeared in the region connected and later fuelled by Drug Trafficking as per the **Library of Congress 2002 Report ‘A Global Overview of Narcotics-Funded Terrorist and Other Extremist Groups’**. Did Russia created Chechnya Islamist Groups?
7. ‘ China has developed into a major distribution centre’ in Report named above : **Page 27**
8. Russia struggling with high rate of Drug Addiction , Drug related crime and youth incarceration and HIV.

President Bush Government and the US Media brought to light terrorism by the part of Palestine and Israelites daily suffering lives were seen in a more positive realistic light . To my understanding , was the first decade in which there was a positive dissociation between Israel and Judaism, with the consequent acknowledgement that Israelites are entitled to live in the Middle East—hopefully other groups like the Kurdish nation will also one day have a country to call home , free from violence and forced poverty .

9/11/2001 Terrorist Attack in the US and the 2002 and 2004 Terrorist Heists in Russia dissolved a climate of Anti Semitism and Anti Russia general feeling in the International Media, and Terrorism was now perceived as a World Threat now taking over the Civilised World from all Western geographic coordinates.



Though still a matter of severe concern , Terrorism did not prove to be enough of a distraction for President Putin and he initiated a series of reforms to fight Corruption within the forces and Russia economic system.

The most dramatic mediatic moment of this Anti Corruption—Russian establishment clean up—was perhaps the arrest of the Banking and Oil Russian magnate Viktor Khodovsky who started his young career as a young Communist Activist in University and later financing his first Bank with money from an Import Business of cheap counterfeit alcohol sold in the poor urban youth areas of Moscow while supplying computers for his selected youth science centres and exporting money. We do not know the extent of his financial exports business at the time prior to opening his first Bank.

Viktor Khodovsky arrest has been matter of great debate internationally , with most of the mainstream media labelling him as a Freedom Fighter and anti Russia regime establishment.

I failed to find palpable evidence that his arrest and conviction and more generally President Putin Anti Corruption Reforms had any significant weight in Russia economy and military. Au contraire , there is a general consensus in Academia Authority that Russia economy in the late 90's and first decade of 2000 was generally declining as consequence of decades of endemic corruption in the Ministry of Defence and Military abroad. Perhaps the most concise and accurate work in this field is the book ' Democratic Breakdown and the Decline of the Russian Military' (2007 : Princeton University Press )by Zoltan Barany, Frank. C. Erwing Jr Centennial Professor of Government at the University of Texas.

The **US Department of Justice** Report '**The Threat of Russian Organised Crime**' published a few months before the tragic 9/11 Terrorist attack , states that Organised Crime in Russia is a functioning mechanism of the Russian Government because of an inherited and unchanged Soviet Union power structure. The Report goes further in categorically affirming that the only difference between the Soviet Union Government and the Russian Government under President Putin leadership is that the Communist Party is no longer in charge with the President, the military is in charge of Russia in partnership with President Putin.

If there was no major effective structural reform in post Soviet Russia and the US Congress had enough evidence to suggest that Russia Military was involved in the creation and fuelling of International Terrorist Groups, why was the 9/11 Terrorist Attack on the US seen as an individual attack perpetrated by Al Qaeda?

Is general knowledge that in 2001 Al Qaeda was well established in Afghanistan and that its incipient establishment in the country is linked with a division and frustration of the Afghanistan Armed Resistance against Russia invasion . Ultimately Al Qaeda assassinated Afghanistan Resistance Leader shortly before the 9/11, what truly further weakened any resistance that Afghans could pose against the Taliban, the national branded name for Al Qaeda.

I refer you to the **interview the US General Justin Rowlatt provided to the BBC on the 23rd of March 2018.**

The General declared to the BBC that the US Army had received several reports highlighting how the Russian military is supplying guns indirectly and directly to the Taliban and War Lords during military exercises at the border.

This interview marks a ten year span of palpable knowledge by the US Government of the Russian Military guns supply to the Taliban—Al Qaeda Afghan national brand.

I don't feel compelled to explore other avenues of dissidents stating how Russia created and trained the Al Qaeda Founders, as my historical research already led me to sufficient evidence that the Soviet Union was responsible for ideologically fuelling National Liberation Movements in Palestine, Central Asia and Africa and changing their character from ideological to militant armed groups . Please refer to my other articles in this September issue of Afghanistan UK Bridge Magazine where I review historical evidence in this direction.

**TAJIKISTAN**



## MOSQUE IN THE KAZAN



Considering that the US Government still today is aware of an historical arms supply of Russia to the Taliban, exactly what did the US invasion of Afghanistan aimed to achieve and why was Russia saved of attribution of full responsibility for the 9/11 Tragedy that devastated the US?

The US Congressional Research Service stated the odd fact that the SCO did not respond collectively to the US and allies request for military support whilst intervening in Afghanistan . Rather that support was done individually according to each member state good will and timing ( for more vide **2010 US Congressional Research Service Report** compiled by Jim Nichol, Specialist in Russian and Eurasian Affairs—**Central Asia's Security : Issues and Implications for the U.S. Interests'** . I found that extremely odd considering that The Shanghai Cooperation Organization ( formed in 1997 and renamed SCO in 2001) is an organization where Russia has a powerful role of mobilisation.

Furthermore, Russia had invaded Afghanistan in 1979 for the same reason as the US was preparing to invade post 9/11 : to Fight Terrorism.

I refer you to the Collection of Primary Sources covering the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979. The Digital Archive—International History Declassified— at the Wilson Centre proved to be my most reliable source of work .

On the 18th of March 1979 the Communist Party of the Soviet Union Central Committee issued a statement assigning measures to deter Iranian and Pakistani terrorist activities in Afghanistan. A few months later in Berlin , Russia Leaders went further on blaming Iran and Pakistan for destabilising Central Asia and fuelling a expansionist International Islamic Militant Force.

*'Brezhnev: [...]*

*Now briefly on the situation in Iran and Afghanistan. - Tendencies of a not particularly positive character have lately surfaced in Iran. The Islamic leaders have begun to persecute the progressive forces. They ruthlessly suppress the activities of national minorities. In addition, they try to blame us for the instigation of activities.* 1979 IN TRANSCRIPT OF BREZHNEV HONECKER SUMMIT IN EAST BERLIN (EXCERPT ON IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN in <https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/111573>

This statement does not look much different from the United States 2001 and present stance on Afghanistan importance in stagnating International Terrorism originating from Iran and Pakistan.

**Considering that the US Congressional Research Division in partnership with the Ministry of Justice have been producing reports for over 20 years acknowledging the Russia Military role in Criminal Activities in Central Asia ranging from Drug production to empowerment of local gangs and Islamic Groups, we have to ask then , is this a coherent stance by part of a country that has done a series of international mistakes in the Middle East?** We know most notably the US Ministry of Defence pseudo report on Saddam Hussein Weapons of Mass Destruction . Saddam Hussein career started as a Communist trained by the KGB. The Historian Richard Deacon on his 1987 book ' A History of the Russian Secret Service' makes reference to the use of Saddam Hussein Archives—one document in particular , recorded by Saddam Hussein services in 1976 , details the Soviet Union KGB training of the Iraqis Secret Services and extent to which the Soviet Union provided Ideological and military training in the Middle East.

The same historian provides evidence to how the KGB trained and militarised politicians in Afghanistan pre invasion of 1979 that led to a ten year resistance that extenuated Afghans and damaged the population introducing abuse, extreme violence and drug use to a very rural and Religious country.

The Soviet Union responsibility in creating and militarising ideological gangs that later assumed Islamic Fundamentalist Ideologies is a further matter of concern because is another definite element of Russia responsibility in the 9/11 and in the US Ministry of Defence complacency and inability to act on 20 years of US Congressional Research Division Reports pointing to Russia Criminal International State structure that , according to the US Government Congressional Research Department , still remains the same Soviet Union Government and only changed the name and dropped the Communist label.

**Russia, the responsible for 9/11 is still at large!**

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**THE CRIMINAL FINANCES ACT ( 2017 UK) AIMS TO TARGET MONEY LAUNDERING  
AND FINANCIAL CRIMES IN THE UK.**



## IS EUROPE READY TO INVADE THE LAST SLAVIC BULLY WARRIOR?

*Russia inherited the USSR mystical aura and international reputation of 'Saviour of the People' and 'Liberator of Humanity'. Whether reliving the Communism legacy or living up to the daring political stances as permanent member of the Soviet Union, the mystical aura was fed of mediatic attention, historical dissertations, conspiracy theories based on dissidents and regular spats with Britain and the US Governments.*

*Russia brought the worst of pro democracy countries like Britain , by historically marking presence in conflicts rooted in nationalist movements and border disputes. The supply of weapons to belligerents from the Artic to Timbuktu is not an element that particularly sets Russia aside in the Western world, as most developed countries successfully capitalise from Third World conflicts.*

*Russia is set aside and ostracised by a self victimisation and denial of any responsibility in conflicts that are devastating countries in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Yet Europe is not ready to invade the Last Slavic Bully Warrior.*

*Europe truly wants a peaceful relationship with Russia , but unfortunately Russia trademark is the trademark of the Last Slavic Bully Warrior and that is the only trademark that can truly keep Russia fuelling and profiting from conflicts.*

**R**ussia, the Last Slavic Bully Warrior, completely isolated from Europe and the US , yet a sophisticated machine of Armament production that sells by the penny in any corner of the world where life is cheap and the natural resources—either oil, rubber , or minerals—are brutally exported by the tons while the indigenous population is too remote and nauseated by the smell of war and blood , to notice the billion dollar supply chain that starts in their countries and ends up in international banks and torrential amount of money graciously given away as Business loans or grants.

Russia, the hassler, surviving all the bad media, the sanctions and false accusations, stands like Rambo and delivers armaments and goodies on credit, on loan, on cheap exploration rights concession contracts with Belgium, Israeli and Afrikaans private business men. The Russian hassler

is on the spot and making a living out of being a unique country isolated by everything and all. Yet, benefiting from a tremendous amount of diplomatic and economic privilege.

Europe and the US international policy towards Russia reveals the real Russia, the war machine not the un-touchable hassler and lone warrior.

In our previous article we explored Russia military criminal activities in Central Asia. The extent of these criminal activities are well documented in US official reports conducted by International Crime Organizations. The FBI and the CIA hold extensive records of top quality investigative work on Russia military and diplomatic power in Central Asia.

These activities and power exercised by Russia in Central Asia are focus of concern by the leading Ministries of Defence of the Western World. Therefore is fair to say that the US MOD and Ministry of Justice Reports presented to the US Congress regarding Russia Criminal Military Activities were made in response to a serious concern and not because of a hidden agenda against Russia—the way these leading countries responded to

Russia bullish behaviour on the other hand raises concerns towards the fact that Russia has indeed benefited from a very privileged position.

The Swedish Ministry of Defence is one of these Ministries of Defence mentioned above, that took notice of Russia's military activities and power exercised over its neighbours, and commissioned official research on the matter with the purpose of addressing this deplorable situation in Central Asia .

The Swedish Defence Research Agency ( FOI) - Sweden Ministry of Defence report 'Russia Leverage in Central Asia, April 2008, was conducted by Charlotte Nicklasson , as an independent consultant. The author reported that Russia military power places Russia in a position to interfere in unbalanced regional conflicts and exercise pressure over its neighbours in other sectors like the economy. She also mentioned that historical treaties, exploration and transportation contracts of natural resources and geographical design of gas and oil pipelines and water aqueducts place Russia in a very strong position in Central Asia. According to this report, the other countries in the region see Russia's power position in a positive light considering the anti-terrorism climate and the perceived threat of the US Western influence in the area.

I find the 'Western Influence threat' to be a very important element in the image rhetoric of Russia as 'the Last Slavic Warrior' in defensive position against the Imperialist decadent western power.

The Foreign Policy Centre, a British Think Thank, in 2016 assessed Russia power in Central Asia as being oppressive towards civic societies and of 'using Western influence rhetoric and anti-terrorism stance' as tools to cut NGO's funding and arrest elements of the civil society pushing for Democracy "in Joanna Hoare and Maisy Weicherding, article 'Russia's Influence in shrinking civic space in Central Asia , The Foreign Policy Centre, May 2016 .

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan —' Russia, Central Asia and The Caucasus Balance ,MFA 2016 Diplomatic Blue Book, Chapter 2, Section 5— , assessed Central Asia and the Caucasus as a regional area vital in fighting terrorism, illicit drug trafficking and rich in natural resources with a vital geographical position .This valuable geographical position is worst pursuing a solid diplomatic partnership with Russia.

Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs assessed Russia as a country economically troubled as a result of US sanctions, rise of international prices of natural resources and high inflation rates. However, the power Russia exercises in Central Asia and the Caucasus is a valuable asset that Japan finds useful in taking advantage through an unilateral diplomatic relation with Russia. Of value is also Russia military supplies to China and Russia's international diplomatic weight in multinational organizations as the 'UN, BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization ( SCO ) .

" Russia established the Eurasian Economic Union ( EAEU) in January for promoting economic integration with the Commonwealth of Independent States ( CIS) , which is a top priority for its foreign policies ..... At the same time , Russia also coordinates the association of EAEU and the Silk Road Economic Belt which has been promoted by China in Central Asia. ..... In the Middle East (.....) , Russia is working together with the US and the UN in leading the International Syria Support Groups ( ISSG) . "

In\_The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan—' Russia, Central Asia and The Caucasus Balance on MFA 2016 Diplomatic Blue Book, Chapter 2, Section 5

Is worst noticing that beside diplomacy, Russia military capacity is a value per se that for certain attracts many allies in the diplomatic arena.

The Russian Federation Ministry of Defence peacekeeping capability in Central Asia and the Caucasus is exercised in the capacity of permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. This includes : prevention of conflict, mobilisation of peacekeeping forces to areas of conflict and international observers to election areas to prevent conflict. All international Counter-Terrorism activities are conducted according to the law and under the auspices of international agencies and in partnership with other legitimate Governments and Agencies.

The Russian MOD states in their website mil.ru that the peacekeeping role of the Army in the United Nations , in the CIS and the CSTO ( Collective Security Council ) is changing Russia Army character to a peacekeeping National force. However, the British Parliament has assessed the Russian Federation Military of Defence differently. Most precisely, as a potential threat to the UK and to the NATO countries.

“ The ideological confrontation of today between Russia and the West does not manifest itself as Capitalism vs Communism , but rather as a “ clash of values and beliefs in the 21st century ” ; with a starkly different interpretation and implementation of the rules—basic order and military adherence to the Law of Armed Conflict , including the protection of civilians in 2. ‘The Russian Military Today: Russia: Implications for UK Defence and Security ’, First Report of Session 2016-17 House of Commons Defence Committee .

In the same report, the House of Commons reminds us that one of the four objectives of the UK strategy towards Russia is to “ build stronger links between the British and the Russian people ”.

NATO ( North Atlantic Treaty Organization) has not diverged from this position of rapprochement and diplomatic engagement with Russia. Just this year, NATO has produced two pieces of literature to educate the public regarding NATO – Russia relations.

#### ***April 2018 NATO—Russia Relations : The Background'***

In this Info sheet NATO lists the legal background the NATO– Russia partnership is cemented, the unique privileged position Russia has in relation to the other members who don't benefit of a unilateral consensus body as Russia does and presents details of the response to the latest severe infractions Russia has committed against the International Law ,

1. **2008 : The Georgia Crisis** : NATO allies quitted cooperation because of Russia recognition of ‘ Georgian regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia as independent states ’ Pag. 1
2. **2014-2017** : Russia military aggression against Ukraine is motive of concern but NATO remains with approached dialogue to promote “ deterrence ”.
3. **2018: Salisbury Attack** : Though NATO and allies vehemently condemn Russia breach of international Law, NATO remains open for dialogue with Russia and seeking military cooperation in several areas as ‘ fighting of Terrorism in Central Asia...’

#### ***July 2018 NATO ‘ Russia’s top five myths about NATO’***

This document in the format of factsheet published by the NATO Public Diplomacy Division ( PDD) challenged Russia’s Government Media Statements and propaganda portraying NATO as a Western Imperialistic Military power invading Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

This document puts the facts straight in relation to claims that NATO IS EXPANDING INTO THE Baltic with view to geographically encircle , isolate and militarily threaten Russia and the Baltic security.

The Russian Federation propaganda is not limited to NATO or to the US, and is not something new . Is part of the majestic Russia War Machine embodied in the Russian Ministry of Defence Armament Economy inherited from the Soviet Union.

During the Soviet Union the propaganda machine also embodied repression of literary authors (1) , of ' creative work in the natural and social sciences' , party ideology (2) and most importantly in war crime committed by the Soviet Union military abroad( Mitrokhin: 2000), so it is no surprise that NATO is caught in the position of being forced to publish a factsheet challenging the Russian Government statements to the Media regarding NATO capability and intentions in the Balkans. An historical example of the Soviet Media War machine is the Russian dissident account of how Russia media was not only silenced by the Soviet Union Government but as if working in perfect harmony with the propaganda machine and not as it was suppose to be , an independent inquisitive media outlet.

“ Mitrokhin quickly discovered from the files on the war which flooded into the archives that Amin had in reality been assassinated , together with his family and entourage, in an assault on the Kabul presidential palace by the KGB special forces disguised in Afghan uniforms..... The horrors recorded in the files were carefully concealed from the Soviet people. The Soviet media preserved a conspiracy of silence about the systematic destruction of thousands of Afghan villages, reduced to forlorn groups of inhabited, roofless mud-brick houses; the flight of four million Afghans in a war which Gorbachev later described as a ‘ mistake’ in Mitrokhin , Vasili et al ‘ **The Mitrokhin Archive—The KGB in Europe and the West**, Penguin Books, 2nd ed., 2000: Page 15



“ General Mohammed Zia ul—Haq, who overthrew Bhutto’s progressive government establishing a right-wing military regime, saw in the aggravation of the Afghan conflict a unique opportunity to obtain a sharp increase in U.S. military and financial aid to Pakistan. The Pakistanis generals regarded the entrance of Soviet troops into Afghanistan as “ Brezhnev’s gift ”. Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat, who was called the “ betrayer of the Arab cause” for signing a formal treaty with Israel in March 1979, was eager to be exonerated in the eyes of the world’s Muslims. Supplying arms to the Afghan rebels provided him with such an opportunity. Is it absolutely clear that without the help of the United States, Pakistan, China and Egypt , the Afghan armed resistance would have had nothing to fight with..... There is another question that is even more important: What were the real origins of the fatal events in Afghanistan? .... A few of us, arguing about this in Kabul, guessed that “ Afghanistan” had actually begun in 1956. Besides the events in Hungary, that was also the year we began training the first group of Afghan officers in our military schools and academies, so that twenty two years later they could attempt to put theory into practice” in Borovik, Artyom, ‘ **The Hidden War—A Russian Journalist’s Account of the Soviet War in Afghanistan**’ , Grove Press, New York, 1st ed. 1990, Page 11-12

These type of accounts are not conducive with how Russia has meticulously constructed her persona of the ‘ Last Slavic Warrior’ under constant threat of attack by NATO and the Western Allies.

The person non grata , the ‘ Last Slavic Warrior’ is a commercial persona built by Stalin way before Hitler, Nazism and Anti-Semitism. The most concise historical narration of the 1930’s Stalin terror, concentration camps and looting encouragement of the Bourgeoisie and of German emigres is Ronald Hingley book **Russia—A Concise History**, Thames & Hudson.

This persona was created with the Communist ideology and to my understanding, progressed from oppressive economic force vested in Communist ideology to Liberator solely to maintain a strategic commercial position in the world post- liberation anti-colonial war third world economies.

The Russian MOD needed dissociation from the Western powers with which shares several diplomatic responsibilities , partnerships and economic interdependence to reproach with countries politically instable, with huge natural resources

And that could easily be exploited and have the revenues channelled elsewhere rather than into the Russian economy.

Therefore an hypothetic NATO or Europe invasion is not really in question a near or far scenario because the persona ' Russia the Last Slavic Bully Warrior' is a Soviet Union character created with an Ideological component that presently has an economic machine dynamic that requires an isolated persona in an unknown economic financial market.

Ariane Brito

***Russia is seeking leverage between Europe and Central Asia through a series of economic and diplomatic initiatives.***



## ***RUSSIA 'S INFAMOUS TWO : TURKEY AND AFGHANISTAN, RACE , RELIGION OR JUST TERRITORIAL DISPUTES ?***



Lara Sahenk argues that the reason Turkey was left out of a privileged multilateral relationship with Russia and her allies was simply because of old grudges. Race and Religion don't play a relevant role because the majority of Tajiks and Turkish see themselves as white but territorial disputes and past grudges excluded both countries of a roll of trade and economic opportunities that could have placed them ahead of the game. For Turkey that would have meant ascension to the EU and for Afghanistan , an effective ally in the Fight Against Terrorism.

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## ***RUSSIA'S INFAMOUS TWO : AFGHANISTAN AND TURKEY. RELIGION, RACE OR JUST TERRITORIAL DISPUTES?***

**Turkey and Afghanistan** are the only two countries painted black in Russia Media. No matter what else the world has to say, all drug dealers, women traffickers and visa fraudsters come undisputedly from one or the other.

Russia is engaged in regional conflicts unrelated with Turkey and Afghans but still Turkey and Afghanistan are the real military problem Russians have to know about in their media.

Why so much animosity and stereotypes around Turkish and Afghans? In Istanbul we blame everything on the Kurdish and in Kabul everything is the bad Tajiks , always giving a bad name to Afghans and the silly Pashto going after them , doing all the dirty job .

Russia journalists fed to German Media fake news promoting the belief that the majority of Syrian Refugees in Germany were in reality lazy Turkish looking for a free hand out. There are thousand of Turkish families in Germany . If there is something Turkish don't need is visa scammers. Turkish and Lebanese migration to Brazil started back in the 1930's. I am the fourth generation of Turkish in Portugal . The majority of Turkish, Syrian and Lebanese in Portugal and Brazil identify themselves as Europeans and are adverse to Syrians.

What is leading this nasty campaign against Turkish and Afghans in Russia? Old grudges! Is it Religion? No, Russian Muslims are regarded as a valuable presence in Russia society! Is it Race? No, Turkish and Tajiks see themselves as white! Is it territorial disputes? Yes! Old and buried territorial disputes feed Russia subconscious social belief and everything related with Turkey and Afghanistan is by definition difficult. This grudge contributed to Turkey Refugees Crisis that motivated the European nations to reconsider Turkey ascension to the EU. Had Turkey and Afghanistan a good image near the Russian Media, the countries would have ***shared valuable information and most likely ISIS would never have taken so much of Syria and Iraq. Turkey isolation meant ignorance, inabil-***

ity to cope with sophisticated International Terrorist cells and heavy influx of Refugees.

*Is time for Turkey and Afghanistan to rethink their images abroad and work in reshaping for the best. Russia is a valuable partner in the region and holds the key to Eastern Europe and to the Balkans so why not cultivate a friendly convenient friendship with Russian Media?*



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## **Muslim Women Civil Rights kindly provided by Boris Johnson**

Men often don't notice how most women live in a crossroad of prejudice, fluid and rigid boundaries of morality and immorality and double standards of beauty and ugliness.



Men and women tend to trivialise body ownership and right of choice to matters of sexual and reproductive health nature. Religion is often remitted to heavier topics of conversation as Immigration and Political lobbies, leaving women to be talked about – not talked as agents-, talked about to in a diminishing and disempowering way.

The disempowering power of words controls the way Freedom is defined and the way women are allowed to be recognised as free. Unfortunately, women often feeling free to wear a 'letter box' are diminished by a humiliating definition of what is to be free or not – freedom as a progressive metric unit which the higher value is nudity and the lower value is Mr Boris Johnson 'Letter box'.



*Fig: Unveiling the woman or unveiling the self choice?*

Women within the confined space of a letter box are socially buried in a coffin that is equally painful and subjective to being used as a weapon of moral superiority and discrimination against. The connotation is not only of Mr Johnson's letter box as a too much of a stupid victim to know the best for herself. Is also of a criminal nature. As Mr Johnson so well said it 'bank robber'.

The bank robber could well be a terrorist, a rapist or one of the 10 most wanted criminals in Britain. The bank robber could offend someone on the street and become unidentified to the Police.

Perhaps is even fair to say that in this case not only the victim of the abuse but also the whole society would be betrayed as British society lays in Law and Order, and access to Justice to all residents in our borders. Values I am sure Mr Johnson is quite proud.

So where is the middle term - within our borders and under the Religious vests that Muslim women choose to wear to represent their Religious views and protect their bodies from other men?

The middle term is through political instruments that have served of great purpose to people in Britain. I would suggest the referendum.

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Fig: Letter Boxes in Nude display are not issue of Social Media concern nor Debate. WHY?



PDA ( Public Display of Attention ) and Nudity are not matter of concern or debate in Social Media but are considered immoral acts under the main Religions lenses. [AFGHANISTAN UK BRIDGE MAGAZINE](#)



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Frankly, judging by the way the Judiciary has reacted to EDL and National Front Leaders frantic shouts for extremist anti-Muslim action, I feel that British society will vote against having Muslim women banned from wearing Mr Johnson's Letter Box.

On the other hand, is about time for women confined to a minimum space of self-definition and self-space to act and stand publicly for what define them as women under the vest and in the quality of wives, sisters, mothers and women with right to voice and to an opinion in Western societies.

These women are here because they want to, because they believe that European societies work better for them and their families and the majority are here legally so now I leave the word for them. Is their time, their moment to self-define their right or to have it legally defined -as equally seems to be the moment of the general society to have a say about how they want to share and relate with others in relative anonymity or facing a third party total anonymity under Religious clothing.

Either way, we are all under the same sky, the same laws and within borders of the same Paradise: Britain.

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Fig. Brothers and sisters share the same space, attend the same schools and exercise together contrary to general belief that brothers are the first instrument of oppressive Religious practices



Brumfield, William Craft Mosque, (2002-03), Yakutsk, Russia



Brumfield, William Craft Mosque (1909), north facade, Chita, Rus-



Brumfield, William Craft Main Mosque (1902-03), north facade, Perm', Russia



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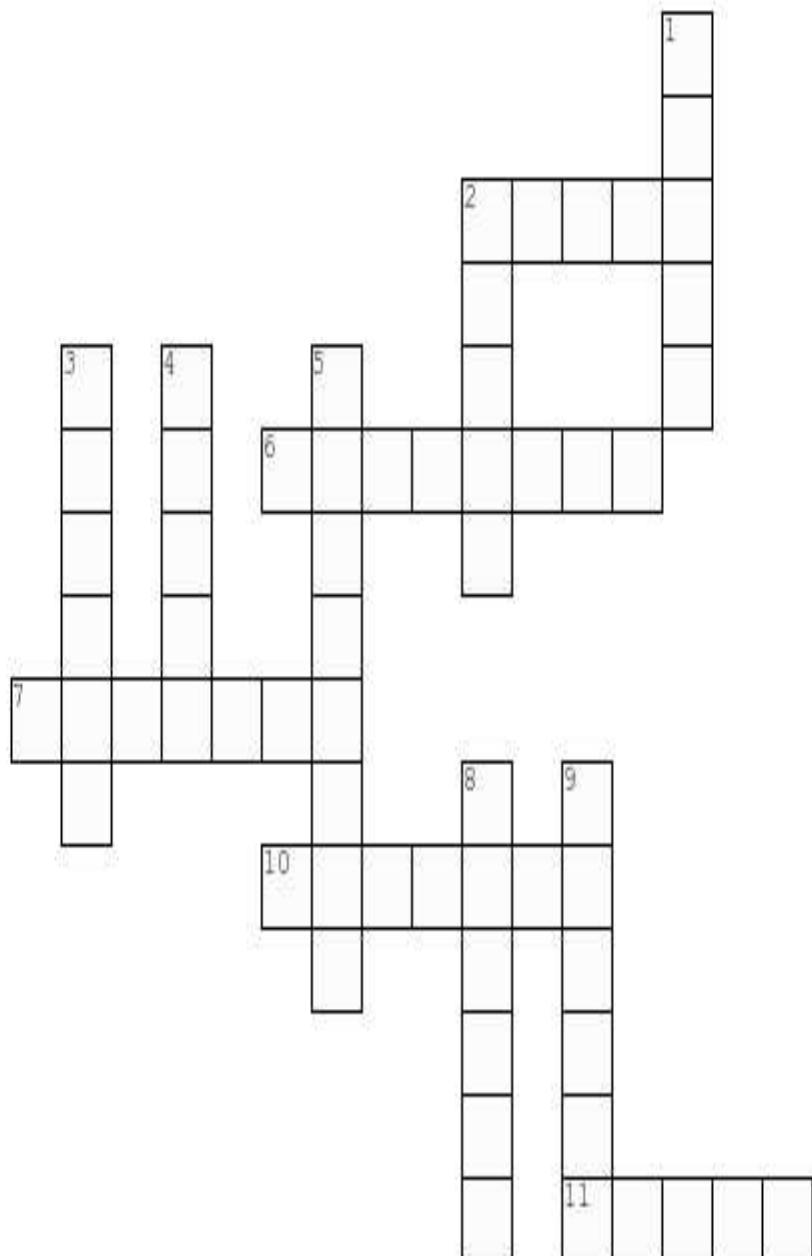
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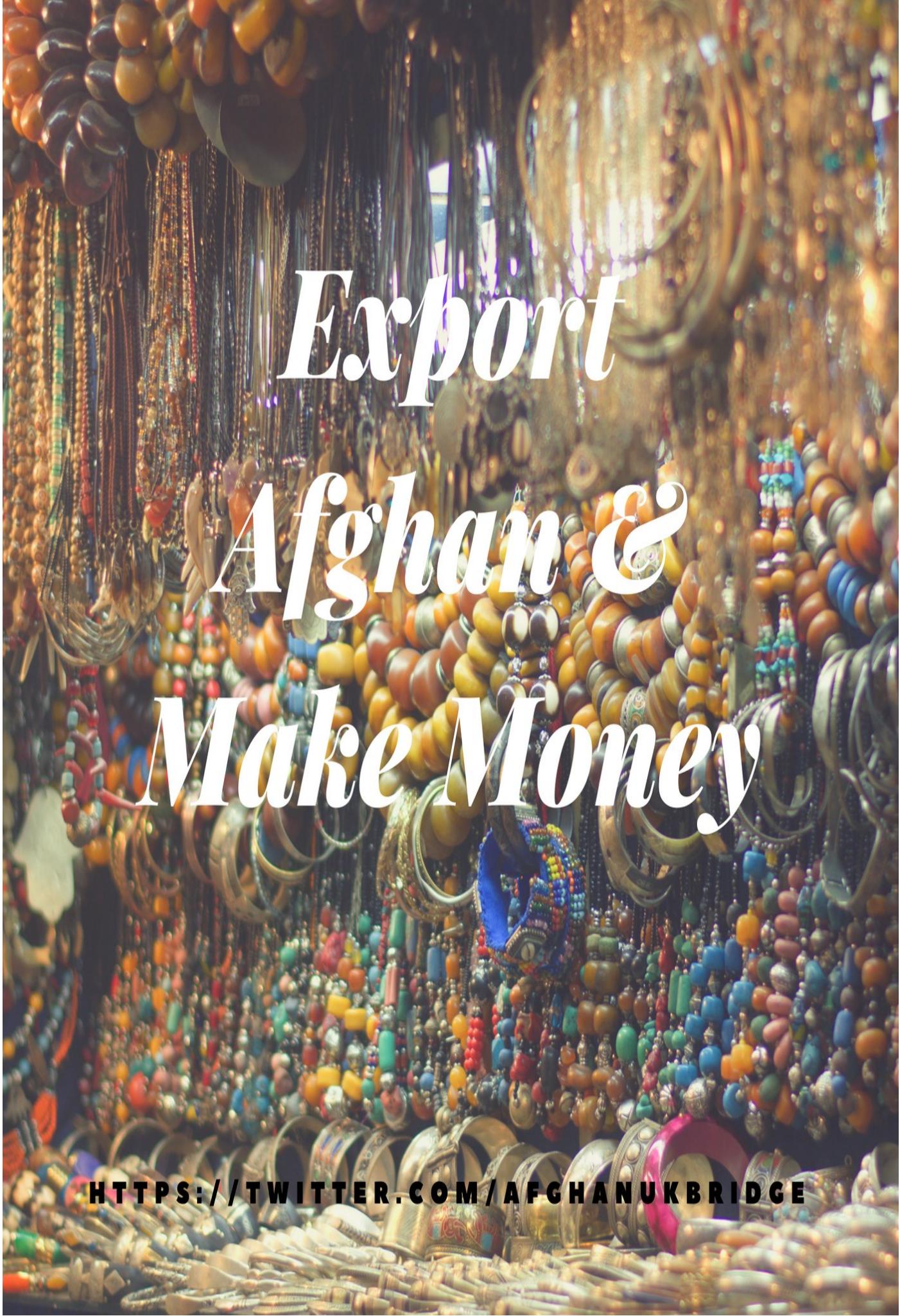


## Across

- 2. Province in Eastern Afghanistan
- 6. Province in the Southwest
- 7. Province in Northeast Afghanistan
- 10. Province in the Southeast
- 11. Province in the Southeast

## Down

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## RUSSIAN LANDMINE MAKERS DEAD END

You might be surprised to know that most Russians behind Landmine Factory Line Productions were told for decades that their landmines were sold to good faith countries like Holland to help them protect their borders. You might also be surprised to find out that they believe that the bad landmines—the ones killing and maiming innocent children—are made in China and India. They work long hours, with low pay wages and no decent retirement packages to make Russian landmines cheap. But Russian Landmines are cheap only to the Russian Federation MOD and military contractors abroad. Chechenia and Russia flesh and blood are paying a higher price in conflict areas and abroad. The Russian financial documents presented in the following pages leave no doubt that Russia is not only hiding revenue from Military deals abroad but also neglecting the people who are sacrificing their lives while trapped in an industry that pays very little at a very expensive price by the part of the workers and their families.

The Coordinated Direct Investment Survey of the Russian Federation  
Outward Direct Investment Position, as of December 31, 2016

Million US Dollars

SDMX Code	Country of direct investment enterprise or of fellow enterprise abroad	Total Outward Direct Investment (DI)	Equity (Outward-Net)	Debt Instruments				Of which total Outward, DI with fellow enterprises abroad			
				(Outward-Net)	Net Debt		Gross Debt Instruments		Net- Outward	Equity plus debt with fellow	
					Resident financial intermediaries (Assets- Liabilities)	All other resident enterprises (Assets- Liabilities)	Total debt instrument assets	Total debt instrument liabilities		Total equity and debt instrument assets	Total equity and debt instrument liabilities
		(1)=(2)+(3)	(2)	(3)=(4)+(5)+(6-7)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)=(9)-(10)	(9)	(10)
<b>Europe</b>											
AL	Albania	5.0	4.7	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
AD	Andorra	39.1	43.2	-4.1	0.0	-4.1	1.6	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
AT	Austria	21,690.3	21,948.0	-257.7	0.3	-257.9	179.7	437.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
BY	Belarus	3,818.6	3,360.1	459.5	39.6	418.9	468.8	10.3	82.5	82.5	0.0
BE	Belgium	436.6	131.7	304.9	0.0	304.9	322.4	17.5	221.8	221.8	0.0
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	615.3	14.6	600.7	0.0	600.7	600.9	0.2	94.7	94.7	0.0
BG	Bulgaria	3,244.4	3,163.9	80.6	0.9	79.6	92.9	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
HR	Croatia	388.4	318.7	69.6	0.0	69.6	70.9	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
CY	Cyprus	141,508.2	111,356.1	30,152.1	7,224.9	22,927.2	34,280.9	4,128.8	3,787.1	3,787.1	0.1
CZ	Czech Republic	1,790.4	1,805.9	-15.5	7.9	-23.4	81.4	96.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
DK	Denmark	1,028.5	c	c	0.0	c	c	c	c	c	0.0
EE	Estonia	348.0	420.9	-72.8	0.0	-72.9	43.5	116.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
FO	Faroe Islands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FI	Finland	2,922.9	1,933.7	1,829.2	994.3	834.9	1,830.5	1.3	1,042.6	1,042.6	0.0
FR	France	2,806.0	2,605.0	201.0	0.0	201.0	207.3	6.3	27.1	27.1	0.0
DE	Germany	7,551.0	6,930.4	620.6	0.0	620.6	1,107.3	486.8	115.2	115.2	0.0
GI	Gibraltar	8.7	3.5	5.2	0.0	5.2	32.8	27.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
GR	Greece	682.5	669.6	13.0	0.0	13.0	15.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
GL	Greenland	c	c	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GG	Guernsey	11.8	41.5	-29.7	0.0	-29.7	5.3	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HU	Hungary	253.3	259.7	-6.4	0.0	-6.4	4.8	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
IS	Iceland	-0.4	0.4	-0.8	0.0	-0.8	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IE	Ireland	-17,955.2	-79.1	-17,876.1	1,271.3	-19,147.4	4,299.7	22,175.8	1,003.2	1,003.2	0.0
IM	Isle of Man	c	c	0.0	c	c	c	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IT	Italy	2,475.5	2,294.0	181.5	3.7	177.8	198.3	6.8	87.1	87.1	0.0
JE	Jersey	359.8	175.8	184.0	0.0	184.0	214.7	30.6	136.8	136.8	0.0
XK	Kosovo	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LV	Latvia	1,361.2	1,975.7	-614.5	0.0	-614.5	33.9	648.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
LI	Liechtenstein	-37.6	41.5	-79.1	0.0	-79.1	36.0	115.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT	Lithuania	302.7	247.4	55.3	0.0	55.3	59.7	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
LU	Luxembourg	-20,047.7	8,328.6	-28,376.3	-652.3	-27,724.0	2,541.6	30,917.8	767.7	767.7	0.0
MK	Macedonia, FYR	5.1	0.9	4.3	0.0	4.3	4.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
MT	Malta	95.8	63.2	32.6	0.0	32.6	35.4	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
MD	Moldova	228.6	189.1	39.5	0.6	38.9	45.5	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MC	Monaco	1,336.0	1,243.5	92.5	0.0	92.5	120.8	26.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
ME	Montenegro, Republic of	1,335.4	1,277.3	58.1	0.0	58.1	64.9	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
NL	Netherlands	53,807.9	44,398.8	9,409.1	72.8	9,336.3	15,235.5	5,826.3	1,449.8	1,456.6	5.8
NO	Norway	529.2	268.2	241.0	0.0	241.0	242.0	1.0	168.2	168.2	0.0
PL	Poland	451.9	457.1	-5.2	56.1	-41.3	120.7	125.9	63.9	63.9	0.0
PT	Portugal	223.0	223.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	5.8	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
RO	Romania	29.6	21.0	8.6	0.8	7.8	9.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
RU	Russian Federation										
SM	San Marino	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
RS	Serbia, Republic of	1,369.1	c	c	c	c	c	c	0.0	0.0	0.0
SK	Slovak Republic	128.9	117.3	11.6	0.0	11.6	11.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
SI	Slovenia	183.9	138.8	45.1	0.0	45.1	45.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ES	Spain	6,320.7	6,172.0	148.7	0.0	148.7	157.1	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
SE	Sweden	167.3	131.9	35.4	11.9	23.5	61.9	26.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
CH	Switzerland	17,806.2	12,781.0	5,025.3	-39.6	5,064.9	6,586.6	1,661.3	601.0	628.8	27.9
TR	Turkey	8,901.1	8,864.5	36.6	0.0	36.6	38.8	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
UA	Ukraine	3,425.0	2,776.7	648.3	49.5	598.8	649.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
GB	United Kingdom	8,687.3	7,823.6	863.6	44.6	819.1	1,145.3	281.7	567.6	578.0	10.5
VA	Vatican City State	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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	Please check following issues										
<b>North Africa</b>											
DZ	Algeria	c	c	c	0.0	c	c	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG	Egypt	61.6	61.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
IV		-	-	-	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n

UG	Uganda	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
EH	Western Sahara	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ZM	Zambia	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
ZW	Zimbabwe	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
F69 Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region		c	c	c	0.0	c	c	0.0	0.0
Automatic Formula	Sum of Reported Data, excl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region (calculated)	-123.7	-84.5	-38.0	9.7	-47.7	70.9	108.9	0.0
	Total Reported Data, incl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Sub-Saharan Africa	c	c	c	9.7	c	c	0.0	0.0
	Please check following issues:								
	North and Central America								
BZ	Belize	-37.3	87.7	-125.1	0.0	-125.1	43.4	168.5	0.0
CA	Canada	1,763.1	1,026.7	736.4	92.9	643.5	773.7	37.3	415.3
CR	Costa Rica	4.8	4.0	0.8	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.0
SV	El Salvador	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GT	Guatemala	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HN	Honduras	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MX	Mexico	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
NI	Nicaragua	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PA	Panama	-65.2	1.2	-66.4	0.0	-66.4	39.2	105.6	0.0
US	United States	7,219.7	5,963.4	1,256.3	313.1	943.2	1,463.3	206.9	350.1
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	Total Reported Data, incl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by North and Central America	8,888.6	7,086.6	1,802.0	406.0	1,395.9	2,320.8	518.9	765.5
	Please check following issues:								
	North Atlantic and Caribbean								
AI	Anguilla	-1.6	0.0	-1.6	0.0	-1.6	0.8	1.6	0.0
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	-2.0	0.0	-2.0	0.0	-2.0	0.2	2.2	0.0
AW	Aruba	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BS	Bahamas, The	6,683.7	6,716.9	-33.1	0.0	-33.1	43.9	77.1	0.0
BB	Barbados	c	c	-0.7	0.0	-0.7	0.1	0.7	0.0
BM	Bermuda	1,954.3	834.1	1,120.2	906.5	213.6	1,132.4	12.2	359.4
KY	Cayman Islands	1,639.4	1,525.7	113.7	0.0	113.7	135.8	22.2	0.0
CU	Cuba	145.2	144.4	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
DM	Dominica	-5.5	3.4	-9.0	0.0	-9.0	0.1	9.1	0.0
DO	Dominican Republic	31.8	31.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0
GD	Grenada	0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
GP	Guadeloupe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HT	Haiti	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
JM	Jamaica	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
MQ	Martinique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MS	Montserrat	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
AN	Netherlands Antilles <sup>1</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BQ	Bonaire, St. Eust., Saba (BES) <sup>1</sup>	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CW	Curacao <sup>1</sup>	176.6	2.4	174.3	0.0	174.3	180.1	5.8	0.0
SX	St. Maarten <sup>1</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PR	Puerto Rico	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
KN	St. Kitts and Nevis	95.0	29.8	65.2	50.2	5.0	95.8	30.6	0.0
LC	St. Lucia	2.7	0.0	2.7	0.0	2.7	3.9	1.2	0.0
PM	St. Pierre and Miquelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
VC	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	-11.3	0.1	-11.4	0.0	-11.4	0.2	11.6	0.0
TT	Trinidad and Tobago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TC	Turks and Caicos Islands	-1.8	0.0	-1.8	0.0	-1.8	0.0	1.8	0.0
VG	Virgin Islands, British	37,989.7	35,729.6	2,260.1	508.6	1,751.5	5,328.9	3,068.7	585.9
VI	Virgin Islands, U.S.	-0.8	0.1	-0.9	0.0	-0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0
A69 Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region		c	c	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Automatic Formula	Sum of Reported Data, excl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region (calculated)	48,695.9	45,019.1	3,676.2	1,475.4	2,200.7	6,922.6	3,246.5	945.3
	Total Reported Data, incl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by North Atlantic and Caribbean	c	c	3,676.2	1,475.4	2,200.7	6,922.6	3,246.5	945.3
	Please check following issues:								
	South America								
AR	Argentina	10.1	2.0	8.0	0.0	8.0	9.5	1.5	0.0
BO	Bolivia	0.0	c	c	0.0	c	c	0.0	0.0
BR	Brazil	54.0	c	c	0.0	c	c	0.0	0.0
CL	Chile	1.9	0.2	1.8	0.0	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
CO	Colombia	4.3	c	c	0.0	c	c	c	0.0
EC	Ecuador	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GF	French Guiana	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GY	Guyana	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
PY	Paraguay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PE	Peru	7.9	1.3	6.5	0.0	6.5	6.6	0.0	0.0
SR	Suriname	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
UY	Uruguay	-3.7	0.7	-4.5	0.0	-4.5	0.8	5.3	0.0
VE	Venezuela, Republica Bolivariana	c	c	c	0.0	c	c	c	0.0
A7E9 Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region		c	c	c	0.0	c	c	c	0.0
Automatic Formula	Sum of Reported Data, excl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region (calculated)	76.2	5.1	12.7	0.0	12.7	19.6	6.9	0.0
	Total Reported Data, incl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by South America	c	c	c	0.0	c	c	c	0.0
	Please check following issues:								
	Countries of Persian Gulf								
BH	Bahrain	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	0.5	1.1	0.0
IR	Iran, Islamic Republic of	c	c	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IQ	Iraq	113.4	112.8	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.0
KW	Kuwait	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OM	Oman	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
QA	Qatar	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SA	Saudi Arabia	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
AE	United Arab Emirates	818.3	745.5	72.8	0.0	72.8	136.5	63.7	11.9
S3SE9 Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region		c	c	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Automatic Formula	Sum of Reported Data, excl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region (calculated)	931.3	858.6	72.7	0.0	72.7	137.8	65.0	11.9
	Total Reported Data, incl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Countries of Persian Gulf	c	c	72.7	0.0	72.7	137.8	65.0	11.9
	Please check following issues:								
	Other Near and Middle East Economies								
AM	Armenia	1,191.9	1,223.5	-31.5	13.2	-44.7	170.3	201.8	67.5
AZ	Azerbaijan	28.3	14.4	13.9	0.0	13.9	17.9	4.0	0.0
GE	Georgia	342.8	320.8	21.9	0.0	21.9	29.3	7.3	0.0
IL	Israel	581.9	546.2	35.7	1.3	34.4	59.0	23.3	0.0
JO	Jordan	6.9	7.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
LB	Lebanon	0.9	2.3	-1.4	0.0	-1.4	0.0	1.4	0.0
SY	Syrian Arab Republic	-1.3	0.0	-1.3	0.0	-1.3	0.0	1.3	0.0
PS	West Bank and Gaza Strip	c	c	c	0.0	c	c	c	0.0
YE	Yemen, Republic of	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.4	0.0
S37E9 Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region		c	c	c	0.0	c	c	c	0.0
Automatic Formula	Sum of Reported Data, excl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Region (calculated)	2,151.1	2,114.3	36.8	14.5	22.3	276.5	239.7	67.5
	Total Reported Data, incl. Not Specified (Including Confidential) by Other Near and Middle East Countries	c	c	c	14.5	c	c	c	67.5
	Please check following issues:								
	Central and South Asia								
AF	Afghanistan, Islamic State of	-0.1	c	c	0.0	c	c	c	0.0
BD	Bangladesh	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
BT	Bhutan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BN	Brunei Darussalam	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
KH	Cambodia	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
IN	India	105.2	91.6	13.7	0.0	13.7	15.5	1.9	0.0
ID	Indonesia	4.2	5.1	-1.0	0.0	-1.0	0.4	1.3	0.0
KZ	Kazakhstan	3,008.6	1,132.8	1,875.8	45.4	1,830.4	1,906.9	31.1	1,339.5
KG	Kyrgyz Republic	166.6	132.3	34.3	0.0	34.3	41.6	7.4	0.0



**Geographic Breakdown of Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Banking Sector of the Russian Federation**

**(As of March 31, 2018)**

(in millions of U.S. dollars)

	Foreign Assets			Foreign Liabilities			Net foreign assets and liabilities
	Short-term	Long-term	Total	Short-term	Long-term	Total	
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,691</b>	<b>136,573</b>	<b>201,263</b>	<b>38,634</b>	<b>123,278</b>	<b>161,912</b>	<b>39,351</b>
<i>of which:</i>							
Abkhazia	c	c	0	6	0	6	-6
Afghanistan, Islamic State of	c	c	0	19	1	20	-20
Algeria	0	0	0	14	0	15	-15
Angola	c	c	533	c	c	2,065	-1,532
Argentina	c	c	0	c	c	8	-8
Armenia	53	531	584	140	22	162	422
Australia	4	0	4	19	132	151	-147
Austria	1,420	4,512	5,932	689	3,451	4,140	1,792
Azerbaijan	292	338	630	c	c	468	162
Bangladesh	c	c	0	c	c	10	-10
Belarus	1,167	3,162	4,328	907	197	1,104	3,225
Belgium	424	54	479	315	223	539	-61
Belize	c	c	2	235	77	313	-311
Bermuda	4	146	150	c	c	1,809	-1,659
Bosnia and Herzegovina	c	c	214	c	c	28	186
Brazil	c	c	c	8	1	8	c
Bulgaria	3	32	35	33	14	47	-12
Canada	210	219	429	42	204	246	184
Cayman Islands	6	5	11	169	423	592	-581
China, P.R.: Hong Kong	347	28	376	84	20	103	272
China, P.R.: Mainland	c	c	c	4,417	3,650	8,067	c
Colombia	c	c	0	2	1	3	-3
Croatia	c	c	c	24	25	48	c
Cuba	c	c	327	132	0	132	195
Cyprus	12,519	33,945	46,464	4,763	4,919	9,583	36,781
Czech Republic	c	c	141	86	207	293	-152
Denmark	38	3	42	21	188	208	-167
Ecuador	0	57	57	c	c	5	52
Egypt	c	c	0	17	36	53	-53
Eritrea	0	0	0	c	c	c	c
Estonia	4	1	5	50	27	77	-72
Finland	c	c	c	1,319	247	1,566	c
France	555	54	609	1,304	3,846	5,150	-4,541
Georgia	c	c	c	c	c	36	c
Germany	6,868	1,611	8,479	1,084	2,663	3,746	4,733
Gibraltar	c	c	c	5	0	5	c
Greece	69	119	188	70	62	132	56
Guernsey	0	549	549	c	c	c	c
Hungary	c	c	c	90	351	441	c
India	c	c	243	67	67	134	108
Iraq	c	c	0	24	0	24	-24
Ireland	214	17,737	17,950	133	18,844	18,977	-1,027
Israel	2	10	12	95	44	139	-128
Italy	c	c	2,699	c	c	c	c
Japan	305	0	305	210	2,811	3,021	-2,716
Jersey	c	c	10,075	c	c	109	9,966
Jordan	c	c	0	3	0	3	-3
Kazakhstan	63	5,770	5,833	801	445	1,246	4,587
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North Korea)	0	0	0	c	c	68	-68
Korea, Republic of (South Korea)	20	1	21	188	256	444	-423
Kuwait	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Kyrgyz Republic	1	22	24	230	61	291	-268
Latvia	28	160	188	337	51	388	-200
Lithuania	3	17	20	37	10	47	-27
Luxembourg	836	12,586	13,422	872	22,437	23,309	-9,887
Macedonia, FYR	c	c	0	1	0	1	-1
Malaysia	c	c	c	4	0	4	c
Malta	c	c	38	c	c	45	-7
Marshall Islands	c	c	c	c	c	16	c
Mexico	c	c	32	c	c	3	29
Moldova	1	7	9	124	31	156	-147
Monaco	0	0	0	1	1	1	-1
Mongolia	c	c	96	c	c	30	66
Montenegro, Republic of	0	0	0	10	3	13	-12
Morocco	0	0	1	3	0	3	-3
Myanmar	c	c	0	c	c	35	-35
Netherlands	2,834	9,160	11,995	2,231	6,735	8,967	3,028
New Zealand	c	c	1	c	c	127	-126
Nigerian	0	0	0	c	c	17	-17
Norway	11	0	11	c	c	683	-672
Pakistan	c	c	0	3	0	3	-3
Panama	c	c	135	c	c	68	67
Philippines	c	c	c	3	0	3	c
Poland	32	42	74	44	7	50	24
Portugal	c	c	0	5	310	315	-315
Romania	c	c	1	c	c	20	-19
Saudi Arabia	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Serbia, Republic of	59	67	126	65	14	79	47
Seychelles	c	c	0	43	4	47	-47
Singapore	683	51	734	101	234	335	389
Slovak Republic	c	c	952	21	10	31	921
Slovenia	c	c	c	15	1	16	c
South Ossetia	c	c	c	c	c	167	c
Spain	c	c	c	46	9	56	c
Sweden	c	c	103	378	1,717	2,095	-1,991
Switzerland	4,241	4,082	8,323	785	1,219	2,004	6,319
Taiwan Province of China	0	0	0	c	c	23	-23
Tajikistan	1	36	37	174	14	188	-151
Thailand	c	c	c	6	0	6	c
Tunisia	c	c	c	3	0	3	c
Turkey	c	c	6,836	158	204	362	6,474
Turkmenistan	5	1	5	35	12	46	-41
Ukraine	117	3,347	3,463	707	209	916	2,547
United Arab Emirates	3	3	6	c	c	977	-971
United Kingdom	7,054	6,173	14,127	4,057	4,174	8,232	5,895
United States	15,467	1,262	16,729	c	c	c	c
Uzbekistan	c	c	143	377	136	513	-370
Venezuela, Republica Bolivariana de	c	c	c	c	c	637	c
Vietnam	c	c	89	85	3	88	1
Virgin Islands, British	42	90	132	929	128	1,057	-924
International Organizations	36	415	450	984	543	1,527	-1,077
Other countries (including Confidential)	7,742	30,154	35,235	6,930	40,198	39,676	-
Unallocated	5	13	18	1,245	1,346	2,591	-2,573

*Notes:*

Financial derivatives are included in short-term assets and liabilities of the Russian banking sector. Equity securities refer to long-term assets and liabilities. "c" - indicates confidential data. The item "Other countries" covers, *inter alia*, confidential data, except totals for corresponding rows.

**DON'T TURN YOUR FACE ON TERRORISM**

**AUB**



**LOOK AT THE PROSPECT OF TERRORISM FACE TO FACE  
AND SMILE - AUB-**



**DON'T LISTEN TO TERRORIST MEDIA SHAMING WOMEN WHO WORK**

**AUB**



**DON'T ALLOW PEOPLE WHO JUDGE YOUR PROFESSIONAL OR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE BY YOUR AGE, GENDER OR BACKGROUND IN YOUR LIFE .**



**BE DIPLOMATIC AND PROFESSIONAL AT ALL TIMES.  
SMILE AND NEVER RAISE YOUR VOICE AT COLLEAGUES  
OR CLIENTS. CLASS IS A MUST. AUB**



**IF CALLED OLD BE PREPARED TO LOOK 20 YEARS YOUNGER. AUB**





**STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR WORK AND IGNORE CONVERSATIONS AT WORK ABOUT YOUR ETHNIC GROUP, AFGHANISTAN POLITICS AND IF TERRORISM IS EVER JUSTIFIED. ALL THESE TOPICS OF CONVERSATION ARE SPIRITUAL CALLS FOR EVIL. STAY SAFE, STAY BLESSED.**

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**RUSSIA INVOLVEMENT IN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN PALESTINE, PAKISTAN, ANGOLA**

**AND THE KURDISH NATION—BALANCE AND REVIEWS -**

The Soviet Union Communist Ideological Machine and the KGB , the Russian Secret Service expansion and historical responsibility in creating and radicalizing Political and Religious movements in Africa, Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East is well documented so is no surprise that the books I am reviewing have been used more than at least 100,00 each in university student essays, media articles and as general introduction to Russia role in fueling conflict and capitalizing with natural exploitation resources .



verall Russia role in 90 years of involvement in Nationalist Liberation movements in Palestine, Pakistan, Angola and the Kurdish nation was methodically done in the lines of,

1. Ideological Engagement
2. Radicalisation , either as Communist Liberation or Religious Extremism
3. Arming and International media outlet engagement
4. Involvement of supported groups in regional conflicts and sect support.

While in Palestine the Russian involvement in the National Liberation movement was done most primarily via socialist ideology and fuelling of conflict , in Angola and Pakistan was done through militarization of liberation groups, ideological and military empowerment of the military groups and construction of a vicious nationalism and anti colonialist rhetoric and in the Kurdish nation was done in a most vicious way by promoting the groups politically affiliated with Russian Communism , branding them internationally as seeking independence, arming them and supplying them with terrorist training and drugs.

The most blatant and unnecessary case was the Kurdish nation. Before the Soviet Union Communist expansion into the Mediterranean and the Middle East The Kurdish enjoyed a relative good life, with rights and property in Iran. The Soviet Union intervention and ideological brainwashing transformed the Kurdish nation in Iran into a threat and dictated the fate of the Kurdish Liberation movements in the region covering Turkey, Iraq and Iran.

After my balance of Russia last 90 years of involvement in Nationalist Liberation movements in Palestine, Pakistan, Angola and the Kurdish Nation I review Selected Bibliography on the topic.

The world turns round and round : day in and day out, militant groups wage war against each other , against different ethnic groups, against Governmental institutions and against the random member of the public going about his life.

There is a tick, there is a tick tock and there goes the sound of the blast of another explosion. That is how the Nationalist Movements start, with a tick and a tock, with a tick tock as if the time is up , the pressure—like the pressure cooker of a bomb—is up and nothing else can be contained within the little space of accumulated pressure.

The sound of the blast , the propagation of electro magnetic waves vibrate within and throughout communities and historical accounts of the powerful sound of words that in the English language have seven syllables:

POVERTY

FREEDOM

JUSTICE

This is how the Third World National Liberation movements started , with powerful words that gained momentum in a climate under pressure to liberate itself from injustice, forced poverty and lack of freedom and equality.

It started like this but the National Liberation movements we analyse in this article went from this to strategic devised economic regional threats to their neighbours . In the case of Pakistan and Palestine because the assumed ideological identity and perceived Colonial threat allowed, in the case of Angola because the fuelling of civil conflict to gain access to natural resources allowed and in the case of the Kurdish nation because their innocence proved to be all it was required to plot conspiracy theories in the Middle East .Their ideological affiliation with Communism paved their way to conflict, regional isolation and prolonged military conflicts within or in their vicinity.

Without this ideological affiliation with Socialism and military support from the formal Soviet Union all these nations would have followed a different route and would be successfully running their resources and enjoying their right to the land and nation. Pakistan would not have had a military saying in Kashmir and Afghanistan Pashto melodramatic nationalist quest, Palestine would have allied itself with countries at the time emerging financially like United Emirates and Saudi Arabia and would have continued in the path of promoting education and Arab positive cultural references, Angola would not have allied itself with Portugal Communist Part and viciously pursue a violent military campaign against the UNITA , and the Kurdish Nationalist groups would not have assumed such radical socialist liberation rhetoric's, engaged in terrorism and distanced themselves so much from the perfect lives back in the 1980's in the Middle East and Turkey.

The ideological affiliation and the military supplies were fuelled with how their neighbours started to see these countries and nations, as fuelling of trouble and refugee making machines. The isolation for these nations meant more problems as cyclical poverty infiltrated these communities widening the gap between the very well off and the less well off and the perceived as perfectly integrated and pro western and the perceived as still abiding by their laws and customs and therefore a potential threat.

Another historical element that al these nations have in common is that westernisation relatively liberated these nations from the former Soviet Union tentacles as the general public start questioning events taking place in the name of their community and most importantly , the agents responsible for the perpetration of the acts—the vocalisation of national liberation movements and what really meant.

The fact that societies progressed up to the 90's towards a higher degree of each other's acceptance and that multiculturalism became a popular concept , helped shape open communities that exchanged experiences with local communities and brought each other's experiences to life. This shed light to the amount of foreigners perpetrating terrorist attacks in Pakistan and Palestine. Also the Kurdish nation was able to distance themselves from Socialist terrorist rhetoric and to produce a common sense of being Kurdish, being proud, being anti communist and above al being anti terrorist.

The anti terrorism stance equally opened the Local Kurdish leaders to the phenomenon of foreigners bombing targets of neighbouring communities in the name of their local groups. What was in question was more than a regional ethnic fanatism but a terrorist machine that really did not care about the Kurds, only fed off the Kurdish anguish for migration and a safe heaven from mass expulsion from their homelands.

Historians narrating events with hate or ideological frameworks only damage young minds and in certain parts of the Globe fuel terrorism. I found the following books very difficult to digest.

Review of the account by ***Smith, Pamela , Palestine and the Palestinians 1876-1983 , Croom Helm, 1984.***

This historical account of the Palestine Liberation movement sheds light to Russia role as an Imperialist Expansionist force. While putting the British Colonialism and Zionist settlement into historical perspective, the author narrates how Russia gained " the right to occupy Istanbul under the 1916 Sykes– Picot Agreement while all participating nations agreed to discuss Palestine partition in a later Peace Conference attended by the US Government. I found most of the book to be written in a discursive way as almost legitimising the terrorist activities that sections of Palestine communities engaged in a period of their history. For example the capitalist relation is illustrated in certain parts of the book as Israeli as explorers and Palestine's as exploited . These accounts seem quite biased considering that Palestine also have social classes based on capitalist relations. The author mentions these social classes on page 195 in relation to how they saw Fatah's Palestine Nationalism but no mention throughout her book as to how the "exploited" were seen by the Palestinian upper classes and if in the same way as by the way she described the "Rothschilds" did.

Another biased work is ***Fieldman, Fred and Georges Sayad, 'Palestine and the Arabs Fight For Liberation', 4th Ed., 2002,***

***Pathfinder***

- Palestine and the Arabs fight for liberation
- The West Bank and Gaza : A cheap labour pool for Israeli capitalists

This relatively recent book in the shape of a 72 pages pamphlet examines the policies and social mechanism utilised by Israeli Government in pushing Palestinians into working forces and forcing educated Palestinians into exile. This pamphlet is unapologetically written from a socialist point of view. The nationalist Palestinian liberation movement is placed against a broader US Imperialist movement in the Middle East instrumentalised by Israeli Governments that successfully exercise racist military exercises against Palestine and Arab neighbours.

I found this book lacking critical analysis towards the movements that flagellated the Arab region. I would welcome such work if it comprised how Palestine's and Arabs fuelled their movements with foreign aid and soviet guns at the expenses of Palestinian refugees displaced in horrible places, and with their lifespan cut by half in consequence of the dehumanising living conditions.

Also this book lacks a comparative study with the Nomads in the Middle East like the Kurds as this study would enlighten the role of Communism and the Soviet Union arms supply in the region's National Liberation movements.

Another instance of an ideological , but this time Imperialist Capitalist account of events ,

" .....Israel invades Lebanon...and then...confident of Washington's backing, the Israeli Government launched massive bombings and invasions of Syria, Jordan and Egypt on June 5, 1967....."

The pamphlet misses casuistic explanation of regional military strategies by Israeli and how funders of the Nationalist Palestine Movement at the time were perceived by Israel as the cause of the terrorist threat Israeli settlements were experiencing at the time.

***Dukes, Paul,' A History of Russia c. 882-1996, 3rd edition page 311*** twice mentioned a pattern of US—Soviet Trade Deal Bill followed by Russia invasion of a country followed by a signing of the invaded country of a supply deals with the US, yet , the historian missed this pattern and choose instead to write shortly after analysing the Afghanistan invasion in December 1979 , the following " Africa was of more recent importance, both as a continent of interest to the Soviet Union and as a source of tension between the USSR and the USA".

The historical analysis of the Kurdish Nation History in Iran, Iraq and Turkey is perhaps the most incendiary because chronological facts and dates , in nothing relevant to the Kurdish nation history and dynamics , are pointed and linked as a direct cause of the ethnic group ethnic discrimination when as an historian I am more inclined to concur that the Kurdish nation problem has been and will always be location and the value of this location in terms of national resources and accessing borders of different countries and different economies.

Is quite alarming to read historians pick on Folk rituals of the Kurdish nation and paint them as a distinctive element that have a definitive impact on the way the Kurdish are treated in the Middle East , when with all fairness , Iraqis, Iranians and Turkish minorities well located have been suffering from the same institutional theft.

The Kurdish Political Parties don't hold any particular element on public indecency or feminist extremist therefore Kurdish women integration in the market force is not a particular element to the Kurdish nation and should not be allowed to be featured as such.

The Kurdish movement lacks support from International Indigenous Organizations and has been severely discriminated against if compared with the Palestine movement. I feel this is a clear indication of how the Palestine Movement have been appropriated by Anti Semitic and Anti Zionists to hinder Judaism as a whole.

I would suggest historians changing their perspective in relation to the Kurdish nation and abandoning ethnic historical versions of the group struggle and instead adopting a strong international law historical approach to act as an activist of the group and claim indigenous rights in the Middle East and protection as endangered vulnerable groups subject to harassment and persecution.

Equally changing their perspective in relation to the Soviet Union legacy in Russia and the world and use History to stagnate the viciousness with which History and racist versions of History are being used to diminish groups that experienced years of conflict and now are tied up with contracts of exploitation of resources by China or private businessmen working on behalf of Russia. Historical Activism is now needed.

If you are interested in a full account of the Soviet Union in the Kurdish Liberation movement, the training of military in the Middle East and Central Asia plus detailed KGB worldwide record of activities then I recommend you reading Richard Deacon '***A History of the Russian Secret Service***' ( 1987). The Chapter 25 of this book provides an accurate historical account on how the Russian Secret Services put forward elaborate military projects—that fully succeeded—in taking over Afghanistan, convincing Gaddafi to influence and change the character of the Palestine Liberation groups and in training Iraqis. A young Saddam Hussein and a not so Islamic radicalised Iran were victims of the most horrific project of militarisation which History saw unfold into regional military unrest.

The author also recommends on page 401 a Sunday Telegraph article by Yuri Krotkov, '***Secrets of Russia's Security Police*** ( 13th of September 1970) .

I find CNN the most Kurdish People friendly TV Channel . So if you are looking for accurate information on the Kurdish nation, do make use of CNN 's archive of previous articles. In particular Kurdish People Fast Facts and maps published over the years detailing their movement, natural resources, etc.

A massively thick book but equally fascinating is ***Vasili Mitrokhin Archive*** ( Penguin : 2000) . Vasili Mitrokhin was a formal KGB Officer working in their Archives. His exile brought tons of information regarding the KGB work influencing European and the US elections and manipulating power groups in the Middle East. Vasili Mitrokhin wrote this book with the assistance of Christopher Andrew . This books is definitely a must read.

If you are from the Baltics then I most recommend you reading '***The Red Web- MI6 and the KGB Master Coup***' by Tom Bower ( Arrow Boks : 1989). I found this book a very reliable source of work because it was based on over 200 interviews with KGB , CIA and MI6 officers, direct access to public archives and sponsored by the BBC. Is almost a pocket book, not very thick so is definitely a good read for trains or out and about.

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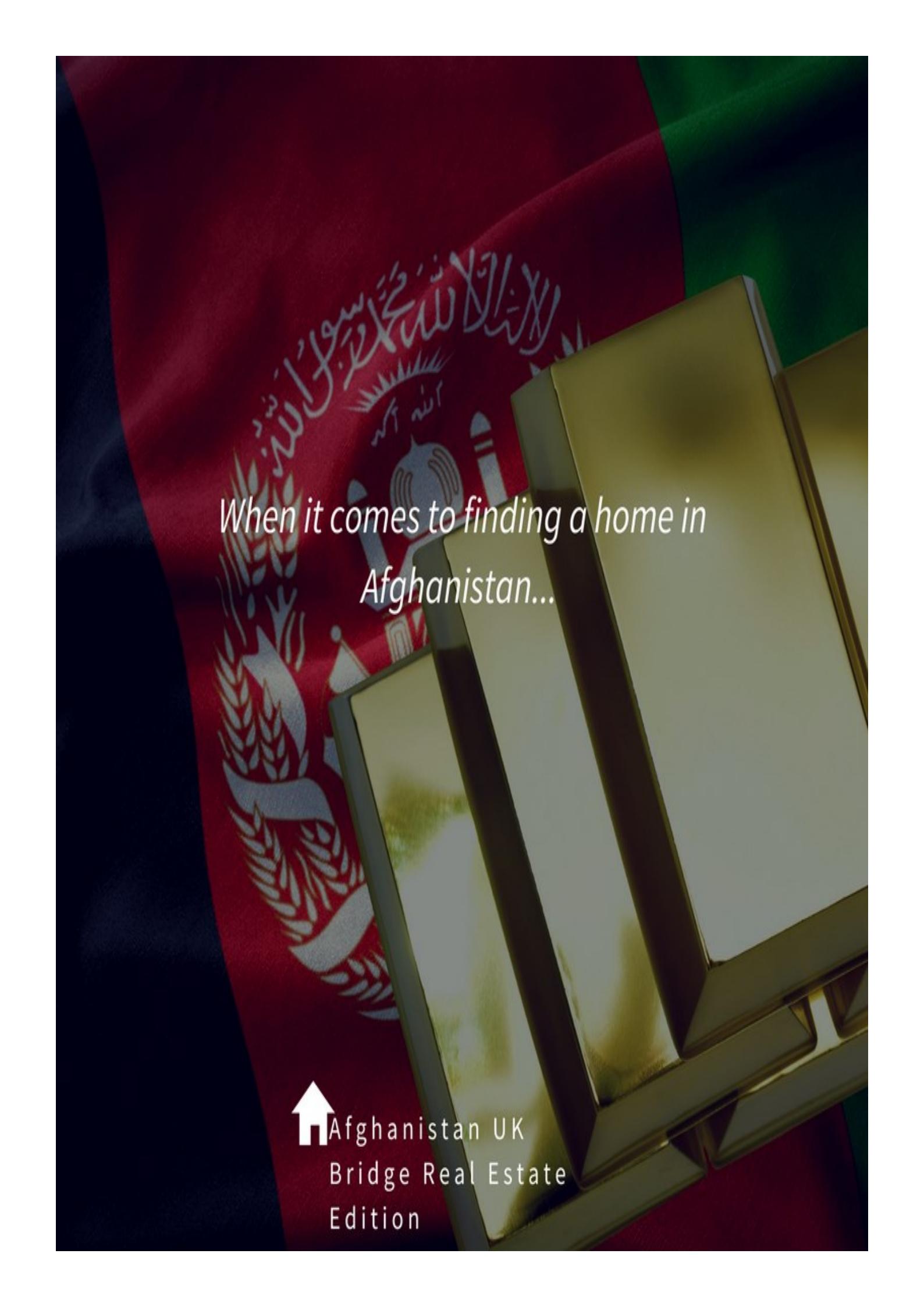
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*Stay blessed., Ariane Brito , AUB Editor*



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