Geology of Afghanistan
Afghanistan

Borders

- **Pakistan**: 2,430km
- **Tajikistan**: 1,206km
- **Iran**: 936km
- **Turkmenistan**: 744km
- **Uzbekistan**: 137km
- **China**: 76km
Background Information

• **Largest Cities**

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<th>City</th>
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• **Key Data**

  • Region: Asia
  • Population: 24,405,000 (estimated)
  • Area Total: 647,500 km²
  • Coast Line: Landlocked
Afghanis

• **Ethnic Divisions**
  • Pashtun 38%
  • Tajiks 25%
  • Hazara 19%
  • Other 7%
  • Uzbek 6%
  • Turkmen 2%
  • Qizilbash 1%

• **Religions**
  • Sunni Muslim 84%
  • Shi`a Muslim 15%
  • Other 1%
More Key Data

- **Languages:**
  - Pashtu
  - Afghan Persian
  - Turkic Languages
  - 30 minor languages
- **Currency:** 1 afghani (AF) = 100 pulis
- **Holiday:** Independence Day, 19 August
- **Climate:** arid to semiarid
- Kabul
  - **January:** 27°F
  - **July:** 76°F
- **Annual Rainfall:** 13"
- Cold winters and hot summers
- Similar to Denver, CO
- Isolationism
- Russia’s influence
- Outdated data
- Mining
- Key rock types
Fuel Resources mostly in North
- Tectonic compression zone, formed with Himalayas
- Many Gas Pockets mostly in Jurassic, some in the Cretaceous
- Few Oil Traps in Neogene and Paleogene Beds
- Stable since Mesozoic
Sandstone Bluffs typify the Central Region
Hari Rud Strike-Slip Fault
Aerial Photo of Northern Kabul Region

-Mountains surrounding river valley with alluvial vegetated area at valley end
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Simulated Hyperspectral Classification of Surface Materials
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