Geology of Afghanistan

Afghanistan

UZBEKISTAN KYR CHINA TAUKISTAN **Borders** TURKMENISTAN Shir Khān Kheyrābād Kondüz Bagram, Hindu Kush Mazār e • Pakistan: 2,430km Sharif INDIA • Tajikistan: 1,206km Towraghondi KABUL_® Herāt Jalālābād • Iran: 936km Ghaznī_ Shindand Line of •Turkmenistan: 744km Control Kandahār Zaranj • Uzbekistan: 137km PAKISTAN •<u>China</u>: 76km 150 300 km 0 INDIA 300 mi 0 150 RAN

Background Information

Largest Cities

- <u>City</u>
 Population Estimated
- Kabul (capital)
- Qandahar
- Mazer-e-Sharif

2,142,3002002 339,2002002 239,8002002

Key Data

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

Afghanis

<u>Ethnic Divisions</u>

- Pashtun 38%
- Tajiks 25%
- Hazara 19%
- Other 7%
- Uzbek 6%
- Turkmen 2%
- Qizilbash 1%
- <u>Religions</u>
- Sunni Muslim 84%
- Shi`a Muslim 15%
- Other 1%



More Key Data

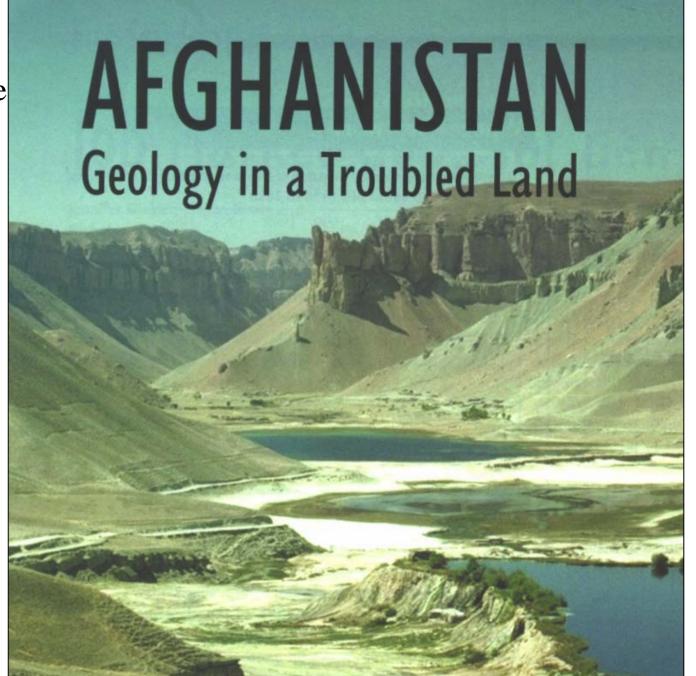
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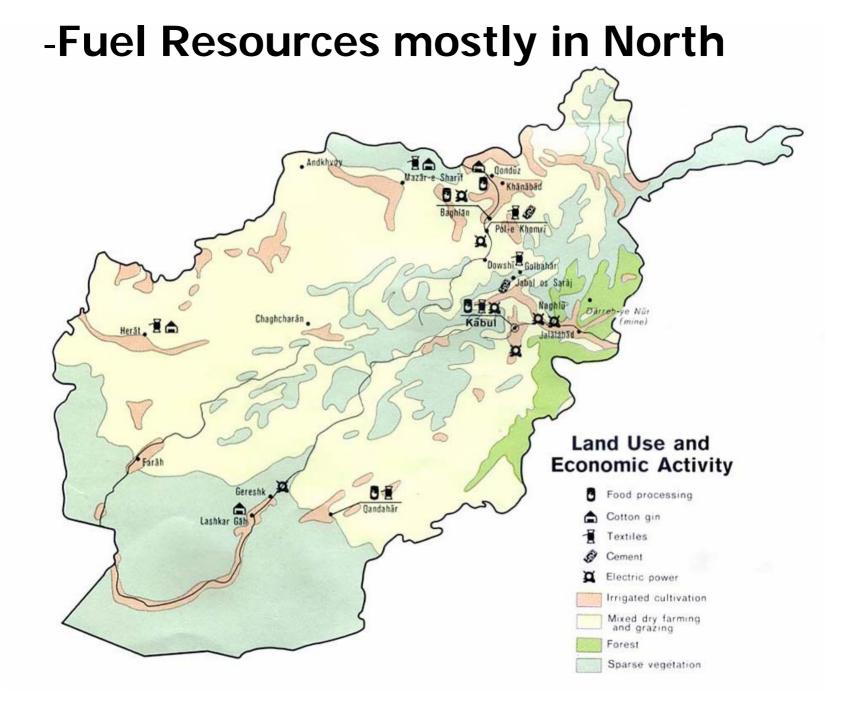
- Pashtu
 Afghan Persian
 Turkic Languages
 30 minor languages
- Currency: 1 afghani (AF) = 100 puls
- Holiday: Independence Day, 19 August
- <u>Climate</u>: arid to semiarid
- Kabul
 - January: 27°F
 - **July:** 76°F
- Annual Rainfall: 13"
- Cold winters and hot summers
- Similar to Denver, CO



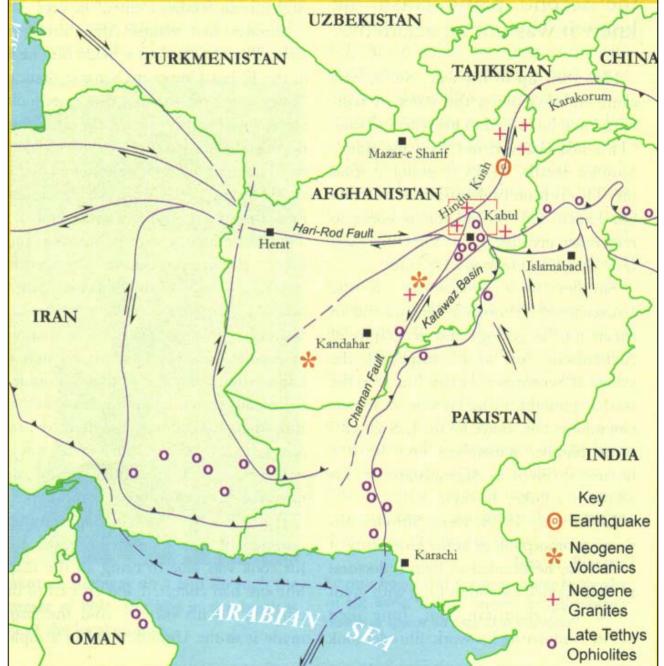


-Isolationism
-Russia's influence
-Outdated data
-Mining
-Key rock types





-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



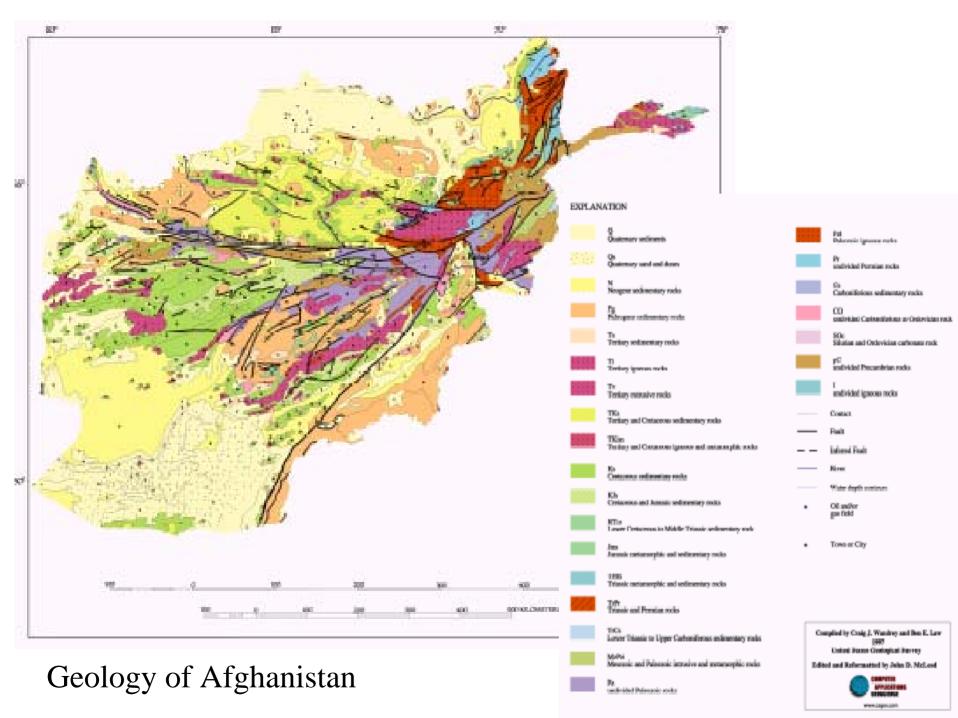
Sandstone Bluffs typify the Central Region

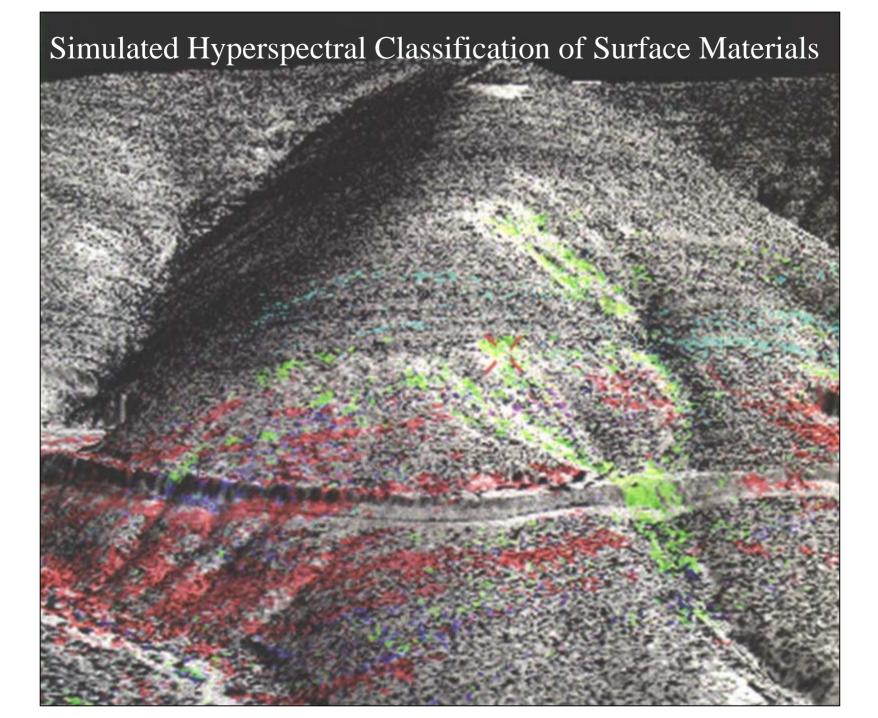
Hari Rud Strike-Slip Fault

Aerial Photo of Northern Kabul Region



-Mountains surrounding river valley with alluvial vegetated area at valley end





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