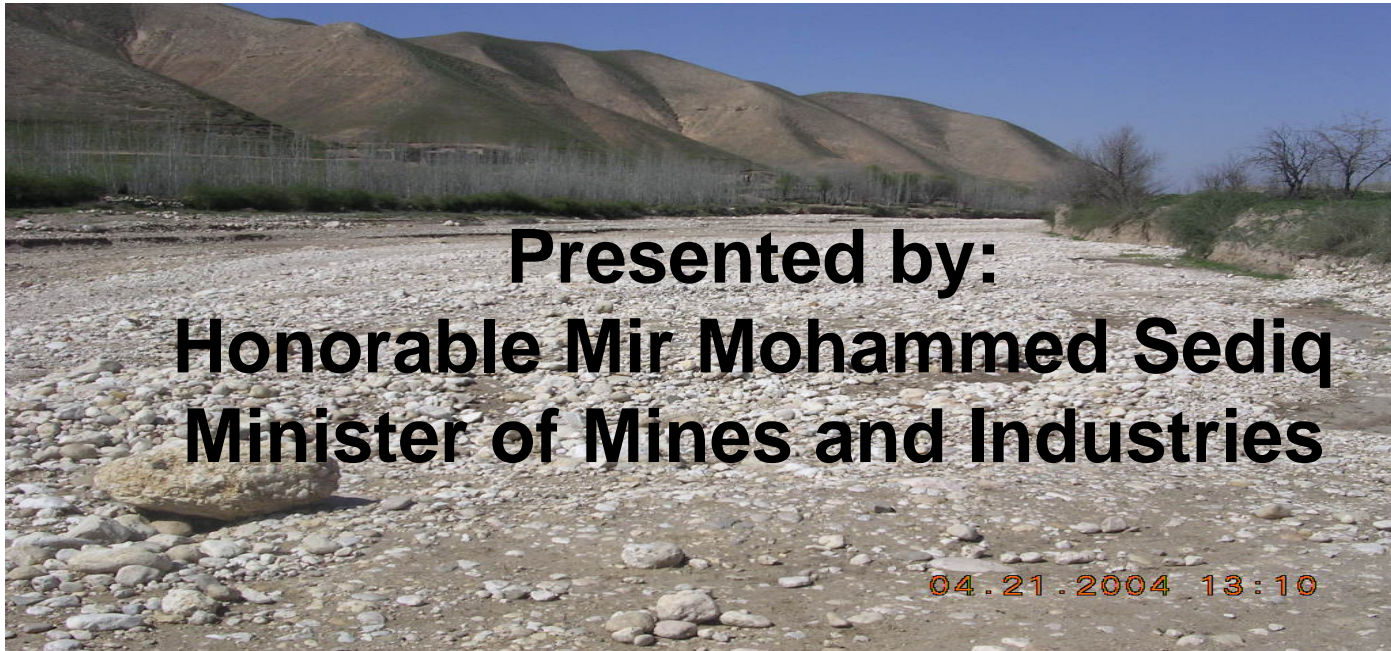


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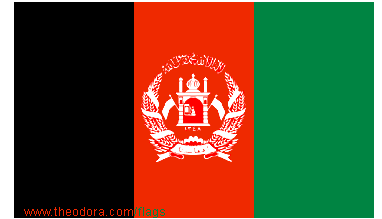


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Minister of Mines and Industries**

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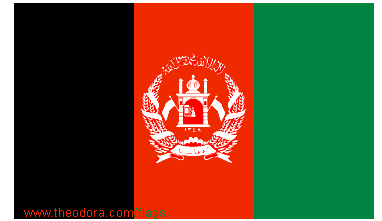
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Afghanistan: MMI Overview



- New Minister of Mines and Industry (MMI),
Mir Mohammed Sediq
- Immediate access to President Karzai, Vice Presidents, & Regional Leaders;
- Increasing donor support:
 - Asian Development Bank (ADB)
 - World Bank
 - US Agency for International Development (USAID)

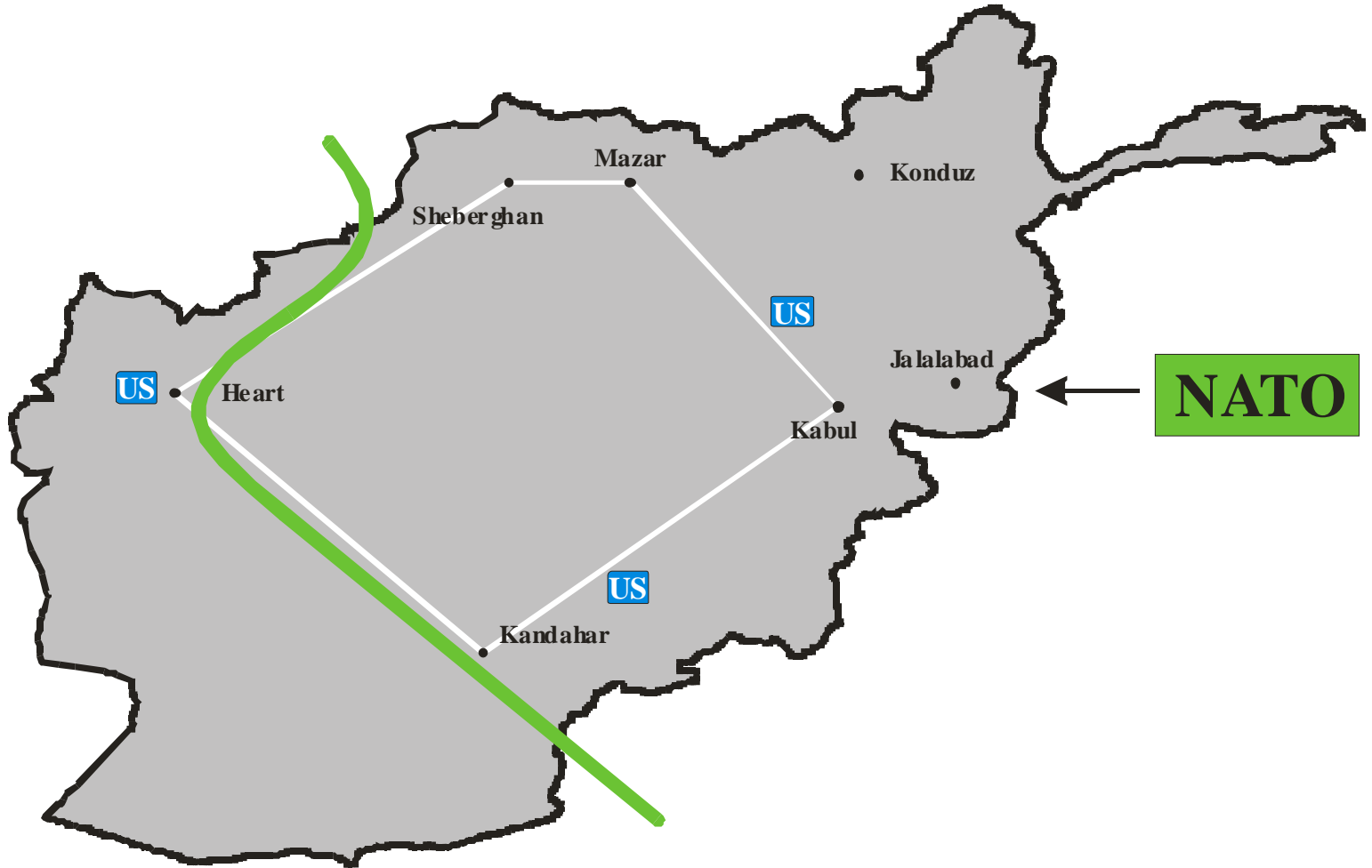
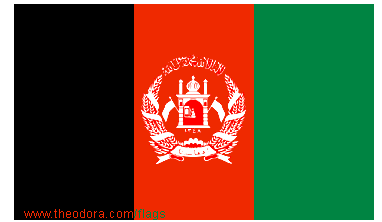
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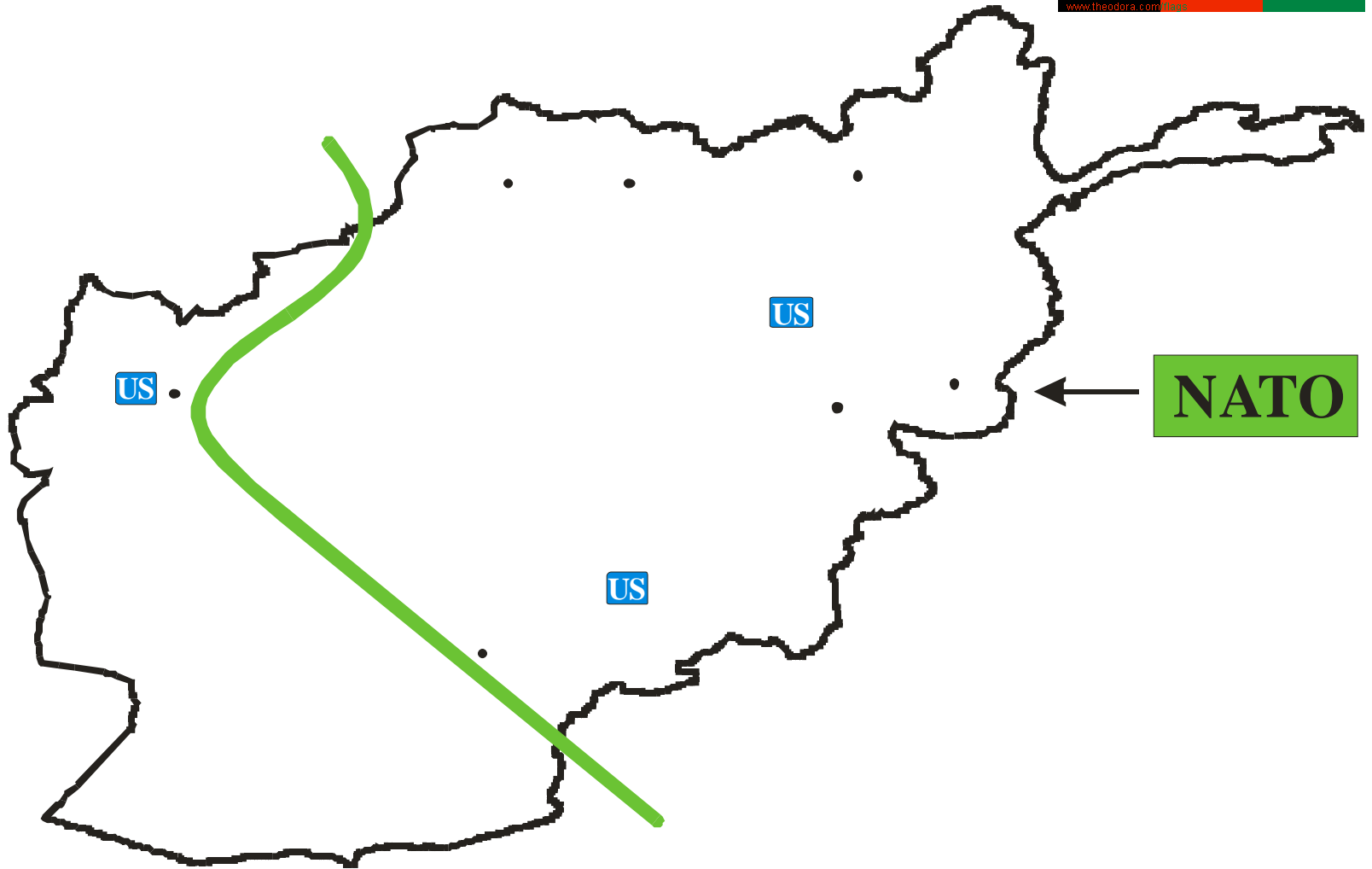
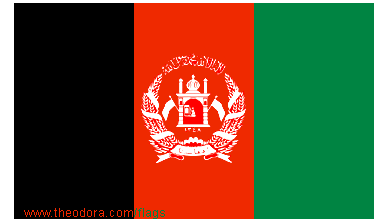
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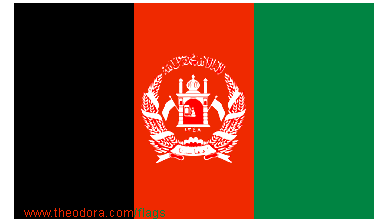
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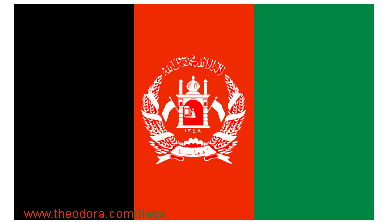


TAP: Security



- Afghan National Army increasing.
- Major Infrastructure investments for long-term stability.
- International Security Afghanistan Forces (NATO, or “ISAF”).
- US and other Military presence.

TAP: Highway Security



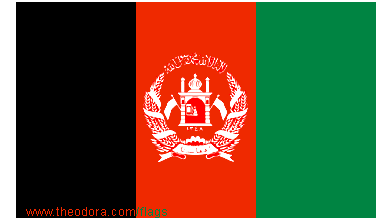
Symbols of Improving Security:

Kabul-Kandahar – (almost complete)

- Kandahar-Herat – (under renovation)
- Puli Kumri - Andkhoi (under renovation)
- Design work underway:
- Ankhoi – Herat
 - Farahrud – Zaranj
 - Farah Ring Road

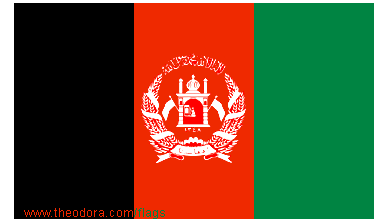


TAP:Mines



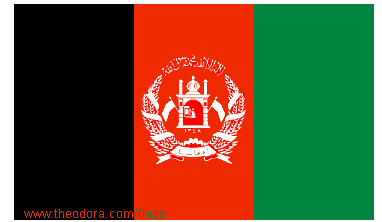
- All major highway routes de-mined.
- Proposed pipeline route is NOT located in heavily mined areas.
- Regional leaders coordinating with national redevelopment plans.

TAP: De-mining:



- Afghanistan maintains 5 experienced de-mining organizations.
- Minister of Mines and Industries presently chairs Afghanistan's National De-Mining Committee.

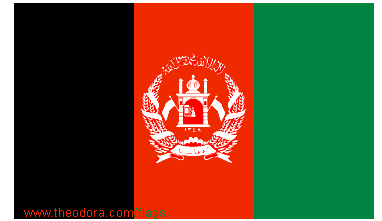
TAP: Rights of Way:



- Most of the proposed route passes through low population density areas.
- Government of Afghanistan has right of eminent domain.
- Securing rights of way is NOT difficult.

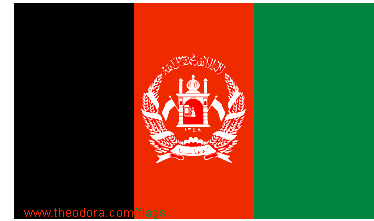


TAP: Enabling Environment



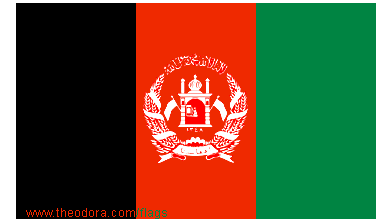
- Draft hydrocarbon law prepared.
- Gas regulatory body being established.
- Environmental protocols under development.
- No significant problems with relocation issues.

Afghanistan: A Good Neighbor

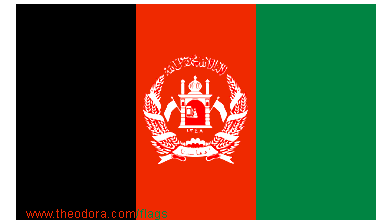


- Afghanistan is building regional relationships to promote trade.
 - ECO
 - SARC
 - Shanghi 5
- Afghanistan will issue multiple-entry visas to support pipeline works.
- *Simple administrative requirements will NOT stop TAP.*

TAP: Afghanistan Conclusions



- Is a transit country for TAP.
- Is not a producer or principal consumer of gas to/from TAP.
- Seeks to enhance regional trade cooperation.
- Will collaborate with TAP partners.



Thank you.

