



# Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Ministry of Transport

Regional Seminar on Tackling Main Causes of Road Traffic Crashes,  
Fatalities and injuries in Asia-Pacific Countries

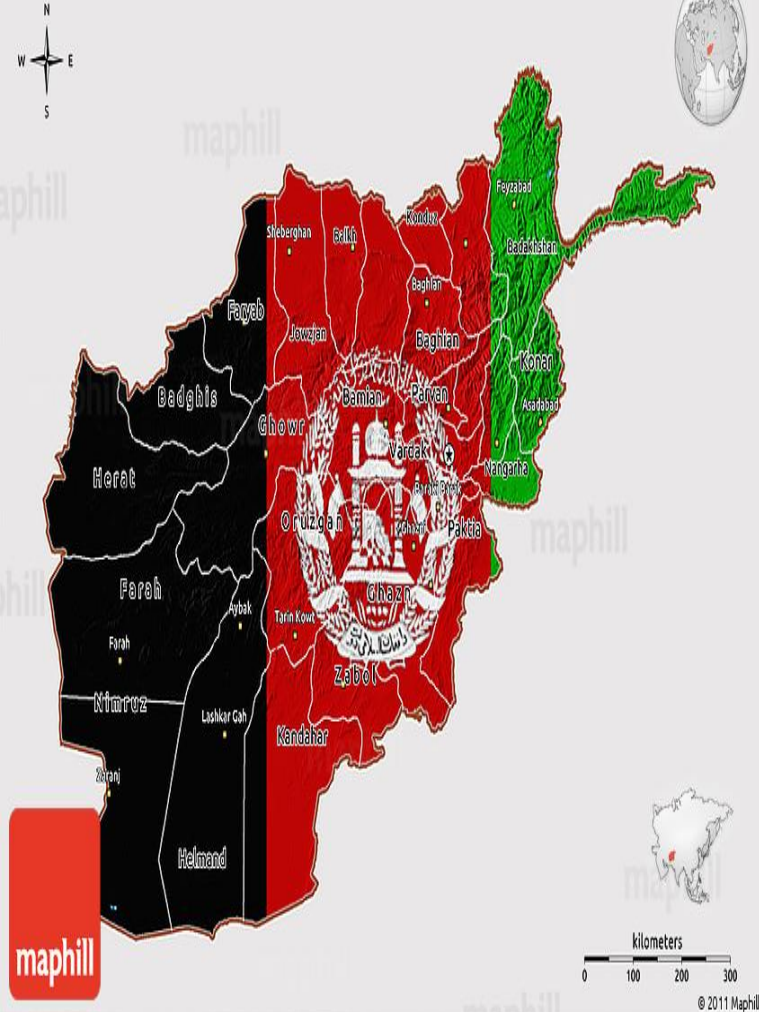
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# Afghanistan

Afghanistan is located in south and central Asia, it has long been a trade hub connecting Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. A landlocked country bordering Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, China and Pakistan, it is considered a “land bridge” connecting trading partners and offering a point of access to an expanded regional market of more than two billion people.

Capital : Kabul



# The following is a partial list of national roads:

- ✓ Kabul-Kandahar Highway
- ✓ Kabul-Jalalabad Road
- ✓ Kabul-Herat Highway
- ✓ Kabul-Mazar Highway
- ✓ Kandahar-Bamyan Highway
- ✓ Kandahar-Boldak Highway
- ✓ Kandahar-Herat Highway
- ✓ Kunduz-Khomri Highway
- ✓ Herat-Islam Qala Highway
- ✓ Herat-Mazar Highway

# Kabul Way to Kandahar:

This way is one of the main transit routes in Afghanistan and links the major provinces of the country. The length of the road was 483 kilometers



## Kandahar, Herat and Turgant:

The highway is one of the most modern highways in Afghanistan, almost entirely made of concrete.

The length of this road is 674 kilometers



# Afghanistan's role in transport and transit of the region

Geography is not destination,  
Geography is changeable,  
Commitment Changes  
the Geography

H.E Ashraf Ghani, Iran, Chabahar Meeting



# Afghanistan as a Connecting Corridor for Regional Countries

## **New Silk Road Initiative**

This is a plan of transforming Afghanistan into a center for economic and transport integration. The view is to revive the Afghan Silk Road, which is central to the economic activities of the region and enables the country to attract investment, use of natural resources and provide economic opportunities for the people.

Providing modern and standard transport infrastructure and international trade Will turn this perspective into reality.

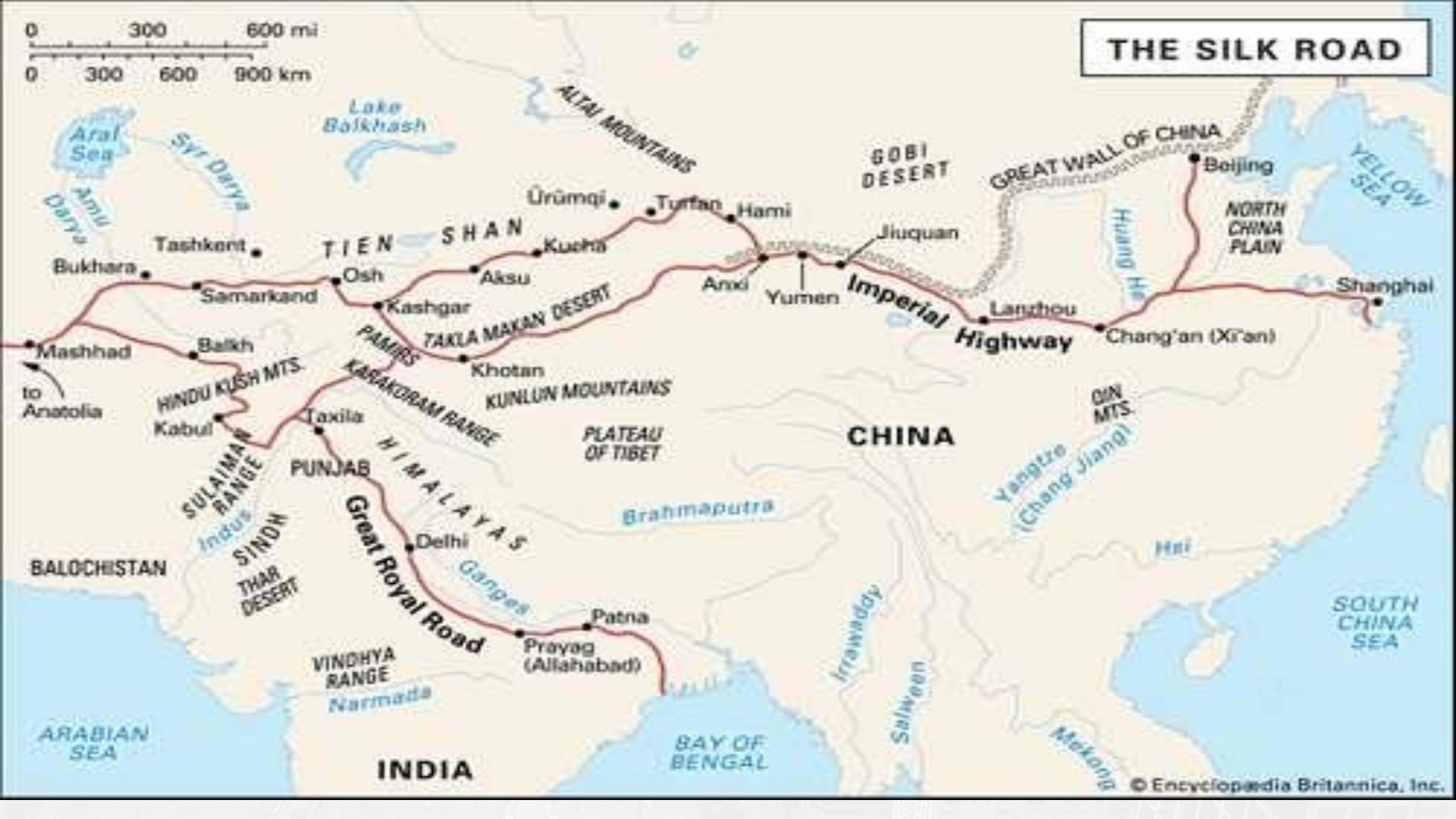
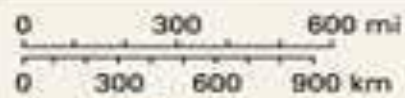


# Afghanistan as a Connecting Corridor for Regional Countries

## Modern Silk Road

This Road is to simplify the border procedures between the 17 countries of the Silk Road and several international organizations such as the world Customs Organization, the UN Economic Commission for Europe, the European Organization for Logistics and Transport, and the World Road Transport Union.

# THE SILK ROAD



route is one of the Asia-Europe routes which has got a history of two thousand years and it, originally, was one of the routes of the Silk Road. The Lapis Lazuli transit and trade route that connects Afghanistan and South Asian countries to Europe through road and railway is expected to be one of the shortest and most important transit routes for a landlocked country like Afghanistan in order to get connected to Europe. This route can be counted as one of the important initiatives of Afghan government in regards to the facilitation of Afghan transit and trade with different countries in the region and



## Road situation:

The status of ground communications in Afghanistan is very inappropriate. Of the 21,000 kilometers of road built in Afghanistan, 7,000 kilometers of that paved road.

These roads interconnected 24 provinces of the country and it should be one of the ways to connect Central Asian countries to South Asia.

# Challenges

- The destruction of infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, and the lack of road construction, is one of the major challenges facing the Afghan transportation system.
- In addition, the lack of technical capacity and trained staff for road maintenance is another challenge in this country.



## Traffic:

The lack of traffic police in the highways, the lack of traffic signs and the low-lying roads are one of the main factors driving traffic accidents in Afghanistan. In the past year, there have been 3771 traffic accidents in Afghanistan, killing 1406 people and injuring 4,544 people.



# cause of traffic accidents:

- Failure to observe the rules (use of drugs, drinking wine, Tiredness, sleepiness and high speed)
- Lack of traffic control system, especially on highways,
- armed insurgents destroy public roads



Road Expert calls, Afghanistan roads is “ road of death” It has not been able to create a safe route for road traffic and minimize road accidents.





## Transport Sector

40 years before we had national policy and national strategy for road safety in Afghanistan those which have been made for that situation and now the population became too much increase and it is not implementable in this time, in the word road safety like a speech in Afghanistan, even we don't have any department of safety in our country even though the lows traffic of roads and three regulations of it, Bill and the acceptable and implementing instructions of road traffic that are using for road safety and bring traffic safety to defend from usually dangerous happens in the future, has been created and implement it.

And it is also mentionable to say ministry of transport made policy of road safety at once in 2012 but unfortunately it had some legislations problems and again in this year 2019 it becomes under work in next 3 months it will made ready.

# Solutions:

- Activation of intelligent transportation system in Afghanistan
- Creating a specific policy to standard roads and transportation routes
- Availability of funds to pursue programs and policies
- Provide scholarships in transportation sectors



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