

Afghanistan: Humanitarianism Unravelled?



Giving “Humanitarian” a bad name



- A NATO/ISAF press release reads: “Humanitarian assistance operations are helping both the people of Afghanistan and coalition forces fight the global war on terror
- . During a recent mission in both Faryab and Badghis Provinces, the Afghan National Army and their coalition mentors...provided relief to the Afghan people....In return for their generosity, the ANA asked the elders to provide them with assistance in tracking down anti-government forces.”

Hearts and Minds



Medical stabilization Operations

- *“Stability operations are humanitarian relief missions that the military conducts outside the U.S. in pre-conflict, conflict and post-conflict countries, disaster areas or underdeveloped nations, and in coordination with other federal agencies, allied governments and international organizations*
- *. The new policy elevates the importance of such military health support in stability operations, called Medical Stability Operations (MSOs), to a DoD priority that is comparable with combat operations.”*

Fortified Aid Compounds



Equidistance?

- “I express my admiration for all the dedication of the women and men of the United Nations, voluntary humanitarian workers, NGOs and other members of the international community, including ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) for their dedication and commitment,” (UN SG, Kabul, October 2010)

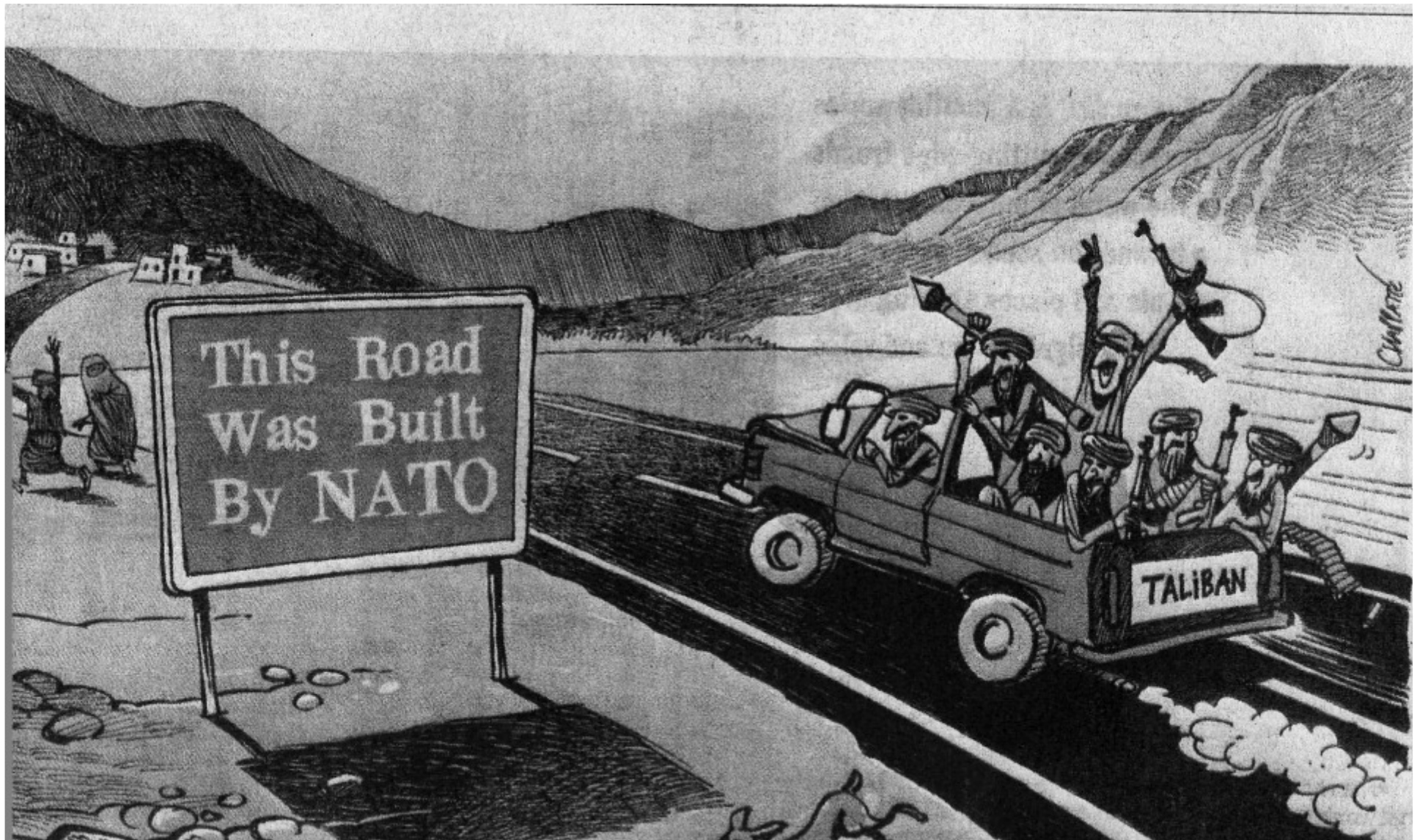
Afghan Hospitality



Where do we go from here?



Development and Security



Hope?



