

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE ONE-ROAD INITIATIVE IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVES” AND AFGHANISTAN A STAGE OF MULTI-FIELD COOPERATION WITH OTHER POWERS.

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My country. I am talking through an academic
approach about “ **The Belt and Road
Initiatives**” and Afghanistan a stage of Multi-field
Cooperation with other powers”.

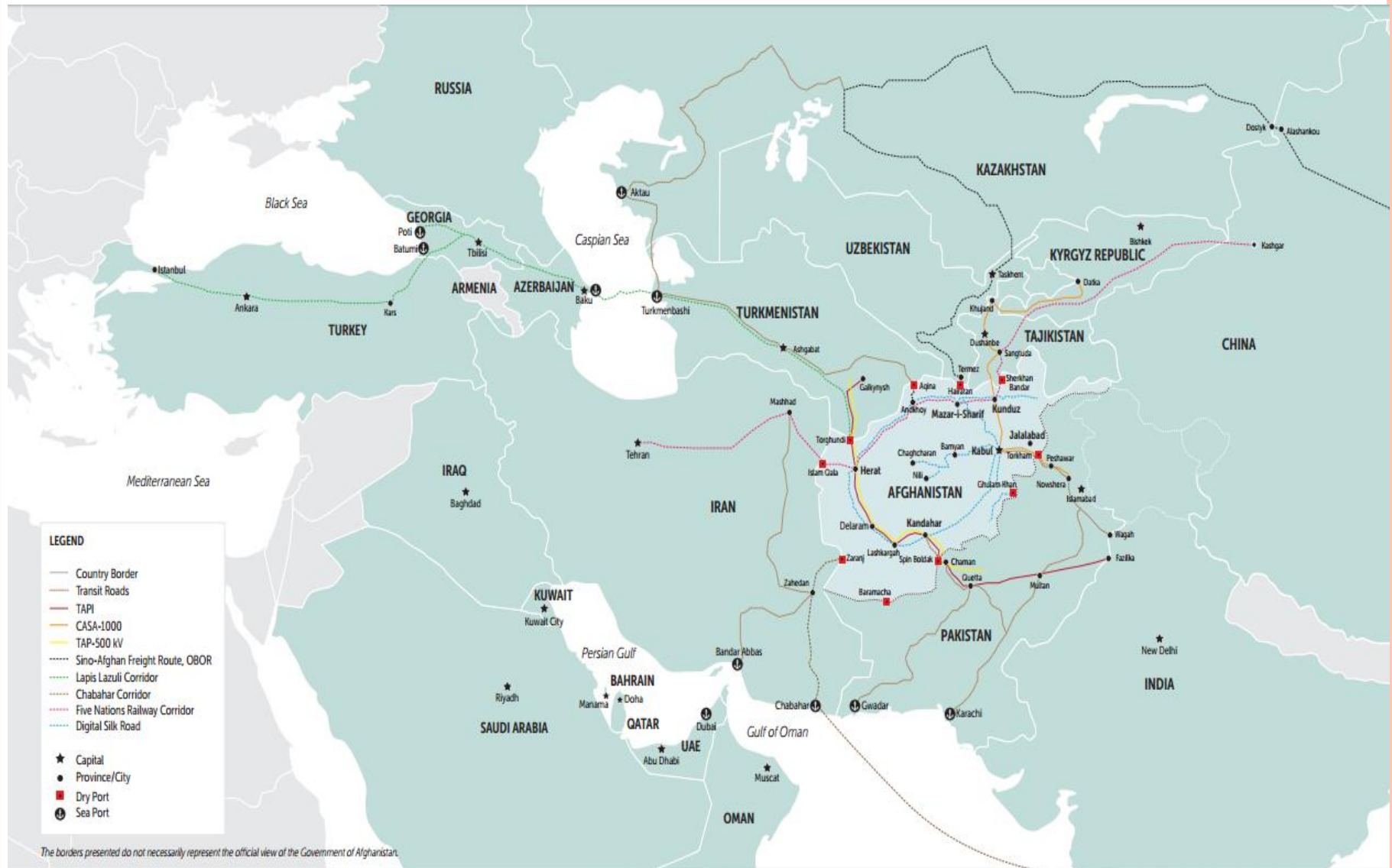


MY MAIN OUTLINES ARE AS BELOW:

- Importance of Afghanistan; Geo- Economically, for the Economic Corridors of Regional and Beyond Regional Actors.
- Importance of OBOR and other Economic Corridors.
- Afghanistan and capability in facilitating Connection and Collaboration between Economic-Trade Corridors.



THE IMPORTANCE OF AFGHANISTAN AS LAND TRANSIT-HUB FOR THE ECONOMIC INITIATIVES



REGIONAL PROJECTS THROUGH AFGHANISTAN

Energy:

- 1) TAPI GAS Pipeline
- 2) CASA-1000
- 3) TAP-500 KV
- 4) Afghanistan-Tajikistan gas pipeline

Transport Networks:

- 1) Joining OBOR Initiative
- 2) Lapis-Lasuli, trade and Transport Route Agreement.
- 3) International Transport and transit Corridor (Chabahar Agreement)
- 4) Five Nation Railway Corridor.
- 5) Afghanistan Rail network
- 6) Trans-Hindukush road Connectivity Project.



AFGHANISTAN INVESTMENT PROJECTS

Transit Facilitation

- 1) APTTA implementation
- 2) CBTA and TIR Convention
- 3) Special Economic Zones/ Multimodal Transport and logistic Facilities
- 4) Regional Customs and border Management Cooperation

Communications

- 1) Digital Silk Road.
- 2) B2B and Labor Support
- 3) Enhancing Regional B2B Partnership
- 4) Afghanistan- Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan AGRO Food Industry Development
- 5) Labor Exchange and Remittance.



1**TAPI NATURAL GAS PIPELINE**

A historic Memorandum of Understanding and Shareholders Agreement was signed, in December 2015, by the Governments of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India and associated investors.

12**LABOR EXCHANGE & REMITTANCES**

To further labor migration benefits for Afghan workers, the Afghan Government is focused on remittances, the Afghan Diaspora, and facilitating return and reintegration of migrant workers.

11**ENHANCING REGIONAL BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

The Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries has forged alliances with a dozen business chambers in neighboring countries.

10**DIGITAL SILK ROAD**

To date, 23 provincial capitals and over 70 major districts maintain broadband connectivity.

2**CASA-1000 REGIONAL ENERGY MARKET**

Construction of the 500 KV transmission line between Tajikistan and Pakistan through Afghanistan commenced in May 2016 for this project which also includes the export of hydropower from the Kyrgyz Republic.

12 REASONS

THE SILK ROAD THROUGH AFGHANISTAN IS UNDERWAY

A new, modern Silk Road through Afghanistan is becoming a reality—brick-by-brick as new transport corridors are developed, with the arrival of new shipping containers by rail and road, through the transfer of digital data, and as each negotiation between the regional governments of Central, South, and Southwest Asia unleashes the full potential from greater business-to-business and people-to-people interaction between our proud nations and rich cultures of Eurasia.

9**SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES/MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS FACILITIES**

The Afghan Government is supporting dry port development in, for example, Kabul, Jalalabad, and Mazar-i-Sharif. Several NATO bases could also be converted into dry ports.

3**TAP-500 KV LINE**

In December 2015, the Governments of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan pledged to work to establish a new 500-KV transmission line, and Tripartite Technical Groups were set-up in May 2016 to help advance negotiations.

8**WTO ACCESSION OF AFGHANISTAN**

Regional trade relations enhanced as Afghanistan became the 164th Member of the World Trade Organization

(29 July 2016)

4**ONE-BELT-ONE-ROAD INITIATIVE & AFGHANISTAN**

The first train arrived at Hairatan in northern Afghanistan, on 7 September 2016, from China, following a Memorandum of Understanding signing in May 2016.

5**LAPIS-LAZULI TRANSIT, TRADE & TRANSPORT ROUTE AGREEMENT**

Discussions are ongoing to improve road, rail, and sea infrastructure and transit procedures between Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Turkey.

6**INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT AND TRANSIT CORRIDOR (CHABAHAR AGREEMENT)**

The agreement was signed in May 2016, paving the way for new Indian investments in Chabahar port and an associated transport corridor to Afghanistan.

7**FIVE NATIONS RAILWAY CORRIDOR**

The feasibility study for the rail corridor—connecting China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, and Iran—is ongoing.

AFGHANISTAN IS ONE OF THE FIRST STATES IN LIBERATING OF TRADE AND TRANSIT IN THE REGION

- The Above Projects about Transit, Communications, energy and Transport show that Afghanistan is one of the first state for the Liberation of B2B and P2P between South, West and Central Asia.
- If we have a glance at these projects, they are mostly supported by regional and beyond actors toward liberating energy and trades between these three Regions.
- With this understanding, Afghanistan can be Considered as a good stage for Multi-field Cooperation with other powers between three regions.



THERE ARE AT LEAST FIVE CONCURRENT OR PROPOSED “SILK ROAD” PROJECTS IN ASIA TODAY, NAMELY:

- 1) **BRI**; (Include Afghanistan);
- 2) **The Silk Wind initiative** involving Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Turkey;
- 3) **Indian-Iranian corridors** from Chabahar to Central Asia(Afghanistan is included)
- 4) **The New Silk Road initiative** supported by the United States.(Include Afghanistan)
- 5) **Turkey’s Middle Corridor or Modern Silk Road project**, (include Afghanistan);





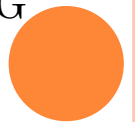
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Distribution
Network of
U.S



BRI
from
Central
Asia



Lapis-
Lasuli
AfG



BRI CENTRAL ASIA + NORTHERN
DISTRIBUTION NETWORK + LAPIS-
LASULI =ARE PASSING SAME WAY WITH
A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENCE, IF THEY
SUPPORT EACH OTHER SO THE RESULT
IS CLEAR.



IMPROVEMENT OF BRI AND AFGHANISTAN

- Afghanistan Signed, MOU on BRI with China, Beijing on 16 May 2016.
- Afghanistan and china has signed MOU but there is no any action plan in development of BRI in Afghanistan.
- There should be a clear tasks and action plan with specific timetable between both states and states along BRI to obtain BRI.



ON 7TH SEPTEMBER OF 2016 WE RECEIVE THE FIRST TRAIN FROM CHINA AT HAIRATAN. IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC EVENT FOR AFGHANS ON AFGHAN TRADE.



THE FIRST TRAIN FROM CHINA TO AFGHANISTAN IS NOT COMING THROUGH THE REAL BRI ROUTE.
IT SEEMS WE NEED MORE ROADS AND BELTS FOR SEEKING EACH OTHERS

TRANSPORT NETWORKS

Regional Cooperation & Investment Projects



ONE-BELT-ONE-ROAD INITIATIVE AND AFGHANISTAN

The silk road through Afghanistan



IMPORTANCE OF STUDY ON COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

- Belt and Road Initiatives of China.
- The New Silk Road initiative supported by the United States. (TAPI, CASA 1000, TAP-500KV)
- Turkey's Middle East Corridor or Modern Silk Road project and Turkey Railroad.
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- Indian-Iranian corridors from Chabahar to Central Asia



FOUR MISTAKES OF INTERNATIONAL COLLATION UNDER U.S. IN AFGHANISTAN WHICH CAN BE UNDERTAKEN WITH REGIONAL ACTORS.

- **First mistake:** International collation, made Afghanistan's economy more depended to foreign Aids rather invest.
- **Second mistake:** Defeating Terrorism Militarily.
- **Third Mistake:** Trusting the States with Double Standard Policy and Strategy.
- **Forth Mistake:** Counting and relying just on beyond regional or international Support to counter terrorism. It is needed to facilitate regional environment and consensuses to reduce the threat of terrorism and increase economic cooperation.

Things show, we need a regional consensus and cooperation seeking sustainable development.



Final Call

For having a prosperous future:

It is better to have a technical research on joining BRI with other economic initiatives in south, west and central Asia.

It is better not to have just one road toward development, there should be many roads and belts.

It cannot be a pure economic initiatives rather it should be an economic-Political & security initiatives



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