

CANADIAN FORCES SENIOR LEADERSHIP GERTRUDE KEARNS

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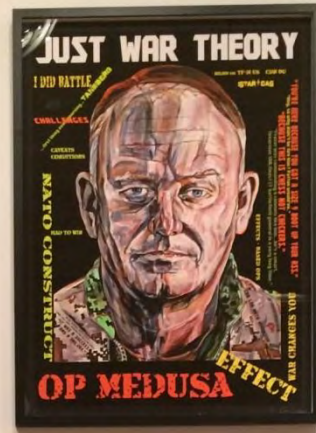
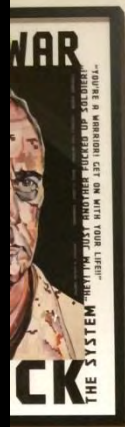


2017

THE ART OF COMMAND

PORTRAITS + POSTERS
FROM CANADA'S AFGHAN MISSION







WORTH THE SHOT

AFGHANISTAN TRANSITION FROM COMBAT S TO TRAINING N

COMBAT GENERAL
MULTI PURPOSE
INSTINCTIVE

NO
Effortions
in KABUL

"We put a great emphasis on CULTURE, HUMOR, BUSINESS and LEADERSHIP TRAINING."

In this counter-insurgency you want to support the population, so you have got to be careful. WHAT YOU WANT TO AVOID IS CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

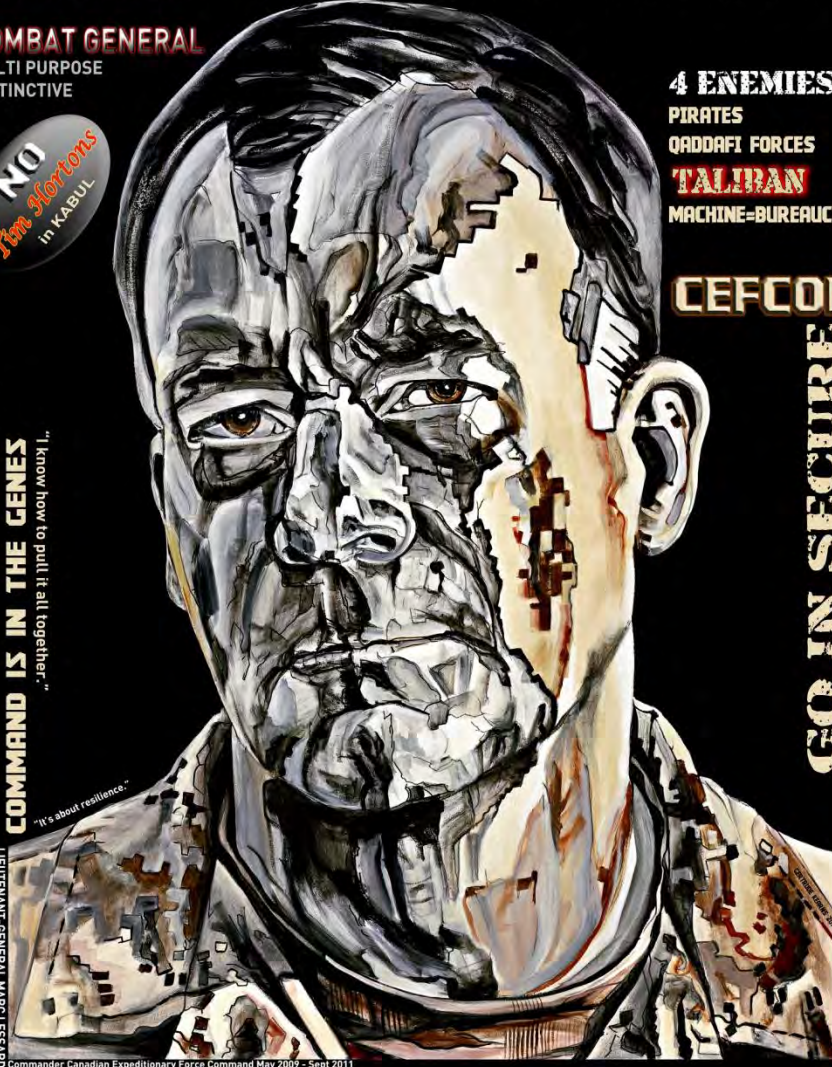
COMMAND IS IN THE GENES

"I know how to pull it all together."

"It's about resilience."

LEUTENANT-GENERAL MARC LESSARD

Commander Canadian Expeditionary Force Command May 2009 - Sept 2011



4 ENEMIES
PIRATES
QADDAFI FORCES
TALIBAN
MACHINE-BUREAUCRACY

CEFCOM

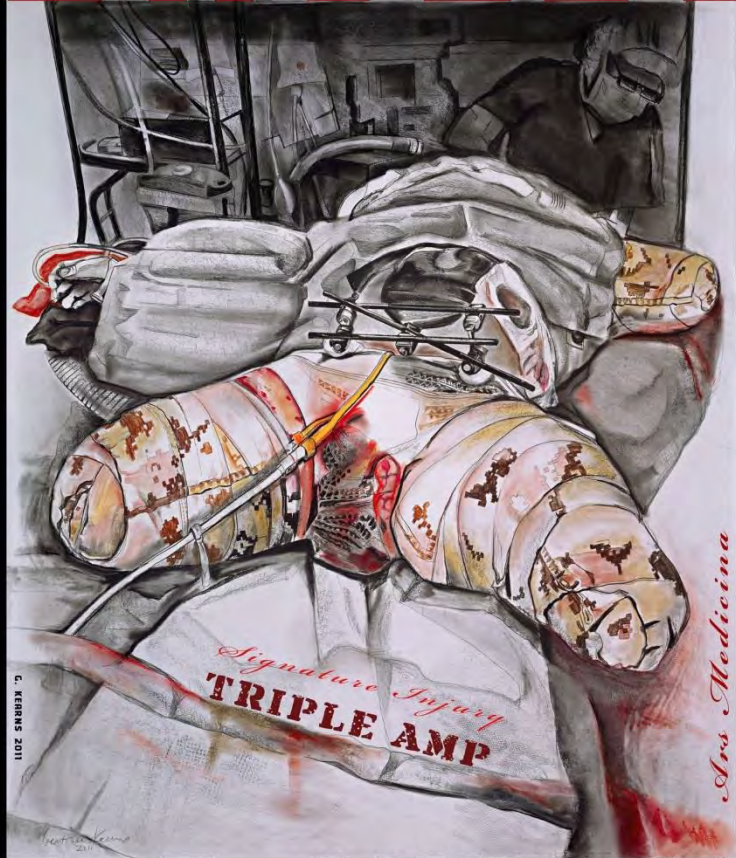
PROVIDES FORCE FOR DIRECTING AND UNLEASHING IN THEATRE
ARRACES NI QD

"OUR JOB IS TO SUPPORT THE COMMANDERS, THE ROCK STARS ARE THE PEOPLE REPLEATED."

"Lessard is a commander who knew what his job was."

CENTRE OF GRAVITY

SAVED:



FOR WHAT?



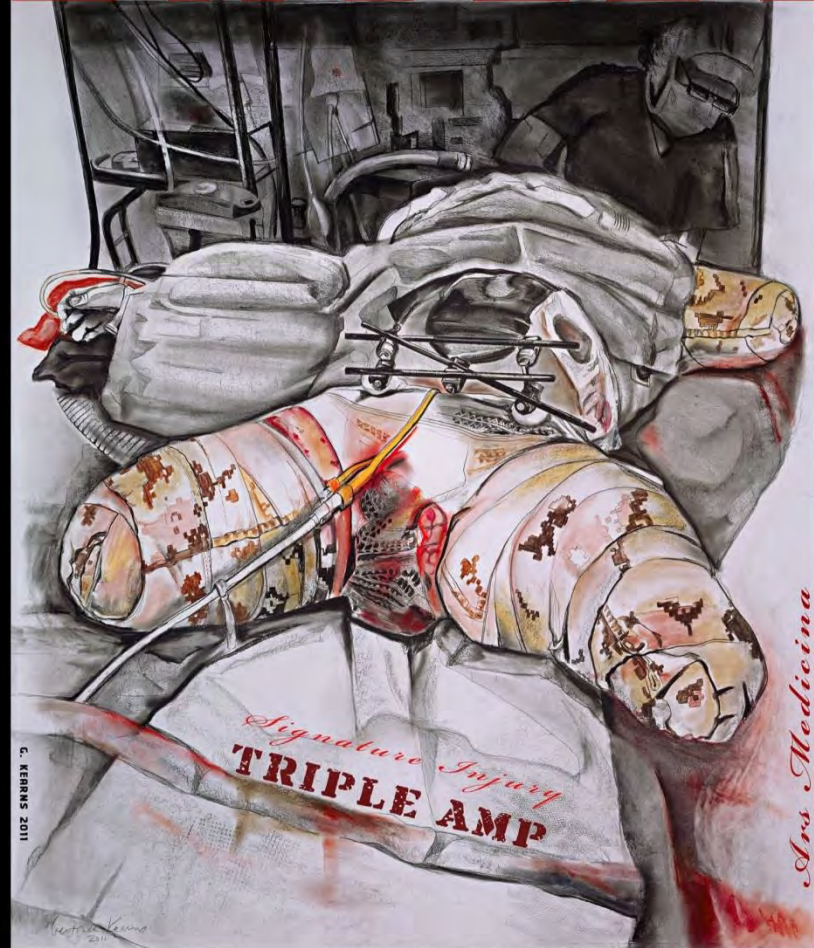
**IF YOU CANNOT
GIVE A LIFE**

YOU CAN

SAVE A LIFE

By Helping the Canadian Red Cross

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FOR WHAT?

ART OF WAR

“YOU’RE A WARRIOR! GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE!”
“THEY’M JUST ANOTHER BROTHER IN THE LINE.”

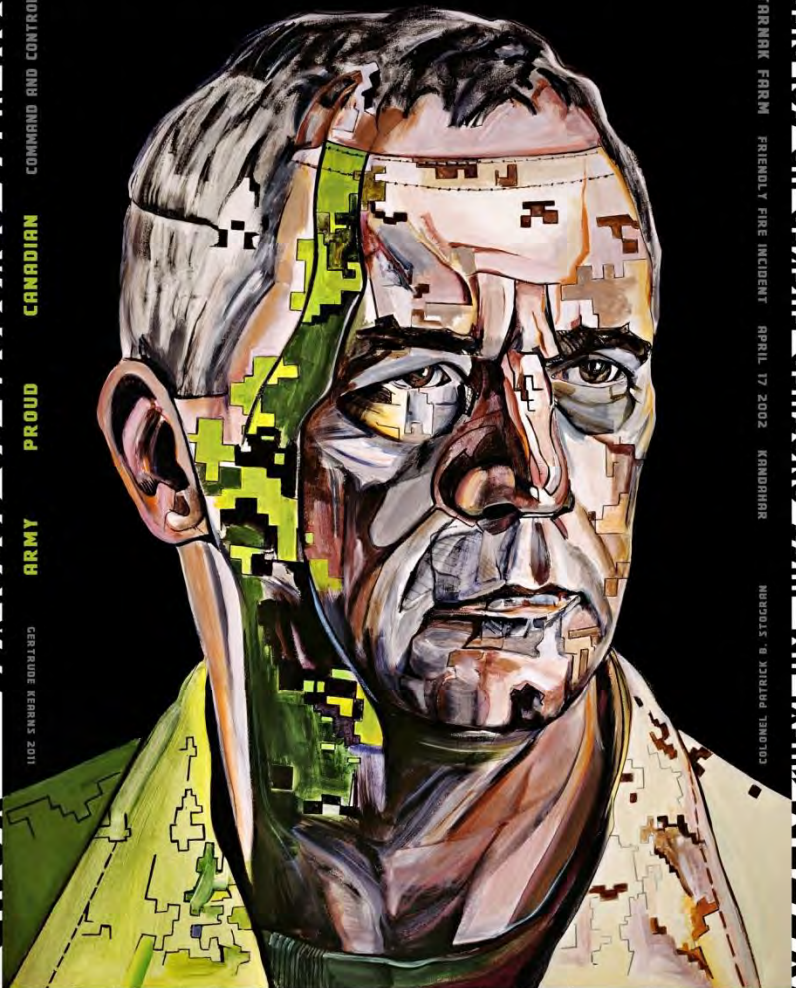
TRINAK FRIM

FRIENDLY FIRE INCIDENT

APRIL 17 2002

KANDORRR

WARCRAFT 3: REBORN



COMMAND AND CONTROL

CANADIAN

PROUD

ARMY

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT 2011

FROM VETS ADVOCATE TO CATALYST
ON THE OSI AND DISABILITY BATTLEFIELD

THE SYSTEM
UNFUUCK YOUR HEAD





Portrait of a Soldier
2005
Watercolor and Ink
100 x 150 cm



Portrait of a Soldier
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Watercolor and Ink
100 x 150 cm



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THE LONG FIGHT

END OF WAR?...THIS IS JUST THE AFGHANISTAN PHASE

MULTIPLE POSSIBLE FUTURES ALL BETTER THAN THE PAST
DESPITE FAILURES WE WERE RIGHT TO INTERVENE

FOR ME THE AFGHANISTAN MISSION WAS PART OF A MUCH BIGGER PICTURE AND I FELT COMMITTED TO THAT ENDEAVOR AS PART OF A FIGHT AGAINST RADICAL TERRORIST ELEMENTS IN 2006 (GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDS) "TRANSPLANT" NATIONAL CAPABILITY IN MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO DEFEAT ISIL AND AFRICAN VEOs ON THEIR OWN.

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We see the war in southern Afghanistan as the historical test is that nobody has ever ruled Afghanistan without holding Kandahar, Herat, or even Kabul. The Taliban are eating them now.
Graeme Smith 2013



LAST CHANCE FOR VICTORY

SPIN US DEBATE
BEING THERE WAS 'THE STRATEGY'
STRATEGIC VS TACTICAL 2002-2009
STRATEGIC 2009-2014
TRAINING MISSION OF AFGHANISTAN

DEVELOPMENT CAN'T LEAD

YOU NEED NATIONAL GOVERNANCE INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE CREDIBLE FIRST, AND THE ANA IS BECOMING THAT NATIONAL INSTITUTION

LECTURE FOR BRIDGE GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK (COLLECTIVE TRAINING) CENTER JULY 2012 - JULY 2013

IN THE END OF THE ROAD, IS/TALEB STRATEGY 2002-2009, THE SACKING OF OUR SOLDIERS SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING THEM OFF, WE DEVELOPED A NATIONAL INSTITUTION BUILDING STRATEGY THAT BETWEEN 2009-2014 CRAFTED A VISIBLE PLAN CAPABLE OF REPLACING US IN THIS FIGHT.

THIS WAS OUR LAST BEST CHANCE TO PULL SOMETHING LIKE VICTORY OFF IN AFGHANISTAN.

CHRYSTINE REYNOLDS 2014

"The greatest optimism training environment you can have is the one where you are not the one being trained. Older Afghan leaders were Soviet-trained and understood the importance of the Science of War, which helped overcome the notion that the younger officers lacked map reading and technical skills. He taught them that they needed each other, and once we demonstrated the science of war, they were fine."

HE IS A CANADIAN MILITARY LEGEND.

HE WILL BE THE GO TO GUY FOR THIS IS OWAZ.

COUP DOELL CIRCA 1850

HISTORICAL ROLE OF ARMIES IN NATION BUILDING

ANSF CONSTRUCT

45% PASHTUN 32% TAJIK 12% HAZARA 7% UZBEK
FAMILY + TRIBAL CULTURE

"A CONW trainer told me in Kabul 2006, at the CA ANTC Bldg. 'We're sending these poor guys into a feeding meat grinder. The ANA now may be a little better, but they're still a feeding meat grinder. From 2014 on, what will be major challenges to the ANA?' Big professionalism."

"A disbanded ANA is more unlikely with a smooth transference of power from Afghan President Hamid Karzai to his successor in 2014 than on any inevitability that there could be civil war or that the Taliban could take over the country."

CONCEPT AND WAR

COUNTER-INSURGENCY
COUNTER-TERRORISM

"Going back in again to command a second time after 11 months was not easy."
"Now THE battalions were one OIF before the US came in under McChrystal who had great abilities and was proving himself. Petraeus was already a star from Iraq. The Manley Panel had made the case for more resources and to continue until 2011."

"UN VISIONNAIRE DE LA CONTRE-INSURRECTION
ET L'EXEMPLE PARFAIT DE 'LEAD FROM THE FRONT'"



LAWRENCE OF ARABIA COMMAND STYLE HAS ITS LIMITATIONS...AND STILL DOING 100 PRESS-UPS IS NOT A QUALIFICATION AT GENERAL LEVEL.
"MY FATHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN EXAMPLE. IT IS NOT ABOUT COMMAND PERSONA. I ADAPT TO EACH SITUATION AND DON'T GO IN WITH 'A PERSONALITY'."

"Extra victory not legislate it by working inside the coalition"
"...SOMETIMES TOO FAR FORWARD FOR HIS RANK AND POSITION..."
"BUT...I WOULD PROBABLY DO THE SAME THING..."
"THE STRAT SLOWED HIM DOWN."
"TO FOLLOW HIM INTO MY WRA."

WIN THE BATTLES
LOSE THE WAR !!

BRIGADIER-GENERAL JONATHAN VANCE COMD JTF RECONSTRUCTION AND TASK FORCE KNIGHTHAR

PIT BULL NO TIME FOR HOLLYWOOD MOMENTS
DELIBERATE STABILIZATION AFGHANISTAN 2009-2010

THE WAY AHEAD

LA VOIE À SUIVRE

THIS IS VICTORY?

"Can ISIL generate more fear for potential western troops on the ground?"
 "Taliban decapitated too. We were prepared for that. So ISIL beheadings do not intimidate us."
 "The ISIL is attracting volunteer internet generation combatants on both sides. Lots of people that fought in AFG were not from AFG."

CURRENT RISKS & THREATS

GLOBALLY

"I am a realist. I do not see ISIL as an existential threat to the west."
 "But maybe they are to the region. With this 'common enemy' how will the region respond?"
 "En particulier, **LE MONDE ARABE** est en ébullition, en effervescence. Les pays de cette région prennent une part plus active à leur sécurité collective."

These will become various HYBRID WARS: TACTICALLY/OPERATIONALLY/STRATEGICALLY, characteristics TO BE DETERMINED. Do not tend to POWER CHARGE without comprehensive good analysis. I do not see ISIL as an existential threat to the west.

UN Security Council Dec 2001 to NATO Dec 2003-Dec 28 2014
ISAF COMBAT MISSION AFGHANISTAN WE WERE RIGHT TO BE THERE

"I needed to move from 4th to include 1st Generation warfare. It would be more difficult to follow ROE. If you are in a close combat battlefield fight to the death, where would battlefield ethics be?... The Geneva Convention, The Law of Armed Conflicts... in order to follow the Rules of Engagement?"

ISAF COMBAT MISSION AFGHANISTAN WE WERE RIGHT TO BE THERE

News avisés une noble cause en Afghanistan, malgré les difficultés, nous avons remporté victoires. Il y a eu des nombreuses rétroactions positives de nos partisans. We were not fighting in vain."

"I do not think the West has created ISIL. It's more complex, with indigenous roots as well. BRIDGEMAN-GENERAL, RICHARD CACIARET, COMMANDANT GENERAL, CANADIAN FORCES COLLECTIVE, JUNE 2015-JAN 2015"

REMARKABLE TRINITY

LES NOUVELLES MENACES SONT-ELLES DES MENACES EXISTENTIELLES?

"How big a threat is it?"
 "Il est difficile de mesurer l'ampleur de cette menace. Cependant, ils sont efficaces dans la manipulation de l'opinion publique, dans leurs initiatives propagandistes."
 "This enemy needs to be fought on several fronts including Cyber, but a retaliatory focus on western propaganda as a weapon should not preclude old-fashioned police work."

WHY DID JEROME-PAUL CARTEUR MAKE OF THESE TIMES IN FRANCE? TODAY, THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO LIVE IN PEACE?



HYBRID WAR PROPAGANDA

REDEFINE WAR

REDEFINE LOSS

3 BLOCK WAR

REMARKABLE TRINITY

HALT THE ADVANCE!

La remarquable trinité (le peuple, le chef militaire et son armée, système de médias) les nouvelles forces ont combles qui émergent, ce que les politiques sociales et les complexités des réalités politiques et militaires.

UNITY MARCH PARIS 1/11/2015 DE QUOI S'AGIT-IL?

EPOQUE alyptique

Instability Radicalism Jihadism

NEW NORMAL SOFT TARGETS AT WAR

9/11 = chance + deliverance for Afghanistan

DIPLOMACY POLITICS IN WAR

"With the UN, I was responsible for political affairs, which included all forms of support for the Afghan government, coordination with ISAF and Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as police reform, disarmament and demobilization, electoral reform, support for parliament, rule of law, governance, human rights and regional cooperation, especially with Pakistan and Iran."

MUHAMMAD DAUD DADOU, THE FORMER N ALLIANCE MILITARY CMDR, DISPLAYED COURAGE BY BEING THE FIRST TO DISARM AFTER A QUARTER CENTURY OF CONFLICT. FIRST TO SUBMIT TO NEW REGIME WEAK BUT LEGITIMATE GOVT IN KABUL.

Fighting THE WAR LORDS
HAS THE ONLY LANGUAGE THEY UNDERSTOOD.

In times of war, laws fall mute.

"He did a tremendous amount of good work, especially on the issue of transfer of detainees. There was far more work done, largely by military lawyers."

"He did this through 'rule of law' programs and trg conducted by NATO and other allies. A lot of the positives from trg on the ml side were incorporated into trg on the civilian side." MGen B Blake Callcut JAG 2010

2002-2009

"I've struck a strategic value for Canada in Afghanistan. We have already achieved strategic effects and Chris accomplished the mission. We have the go-to ambassador on my arrival and next with the UN. Many within Foreign Affairs were jealous of his success. Canada became a hotbed thanks to his leadership." MGen (ret) David Fraser 2016

"He had so much foreign service experience when he came in. He was great in the UN job, saying to generals, 'You can do this! You can't do that!'" MGen (ret) Marc Lessard 2016

"The most successful politician and diplomat I have ever known. Chris was the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General for Afghanistan from 2002 to 2009. He was a true diplomat and a true leader."

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NEW GREAT GAME
COIN (counter-insurgency)
3D (Defence, Development and Diplomacy) Comprehensive/Integrated Approach
ANDS (Afghanistan National Development Strategy)
SSR (Security Sector Reform)
DDA (Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration)
DIAG (Disbandment of Illegal Armed Groups)
NSP (NATIONAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAM) key role in developing rural regions with small-scale water projects and microfinance
PAG (Policy Action Group) set up by Alexander with the ISAF Commander and the key ambassadors to better coordinate the military and political campaign against the Taliban with Karzai and his ministers

Chris Alexander 2016

David Fraser 2016

Marc Lessard 2016

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When I was there 2002-4 as COMD TR A Det & the Ambassador was energetic and insightful, understanding the issues more than others. With a sense of history he described our 2005 Kabul to Kandahar transfer, somewhat tongue in cheek, as part of the military campaign against the Taliban. MGen (ret) Steve Noonan Aug 2016

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PAKISTAN'S VISION OF GREAT GAME

IS THAT THEY ARE THE CONDOM OF THE WEST - A PROPHYLACTIC VS THE SOVIETS, THEN VS MILITANT ISLAM.

States arena calm silent legs.

Chris Alexander 2016

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DRUGS / WARLORDS / POWER POLITICS / CULTURE OF PAYBACK + VENGEANCE
OPium was bankrolling the insurgents.
Pakistan: large UN troop contributor vs host to
AL-QAEDA + TB
Pakistan has a Kalishnikov culture beyond its control.

ACCOUNTABILITY = STATE STABILITY
CONCEPT OF OUR FUTURE
FATA
federally administered tribal areas:
along with Baluchistan
= TB and al Qaeda sanctuary
+ TB decision-making base
+ logistical apparatus

PROXY WARFARE
KORAN IN WAR AND PEACE
COMMISSION OF THIS MISSION

AL-QAEDA + TB
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US air strikes went wrong
HE CRUSHED MANY TALIBAN BUT PRECIOUS FEW TALIBAN
FATA
PROXY WARFARE
AL-QAEDA + TB
Pakistan has a Kalishnikov culture beyond its control.

BLAND IS TOXIC

... "CANADA WITHOUT ARMED FORCES?" ...

NATO trained



"...through the mud and blood to the green fields beyond..."

OUR HOME AND NATIVE LAND?

PATRIOT

Sapientia et Doctrina Stabilitas

NEW COLD WAR

... "ARCTIC SOVEREIGNTY'S TRAPPED IN A POLICY ICE JAM" ...



STRONG AND FREE! \$? THE TRUE NORTH

O CANADA

