

## Selected Articles: Extended US Military Occupation in Afghanistan - For What?

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### [The Spoils of War: Afghanistan's Multibillion Dollar Heroin Trade](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), August 22, 2017

Afghanistan produces over 90 percent of the opium which feeds the heroin market.

In turn, the US is now sending more troops to Afghanistan. Lest we forget, the surge in opium production occurred in the immediate wake of the US invasion in October 2001.



## [Afghanistan - Trump to Announce Four More One-Year Wars](#)

By [Moon of Alabama](#), August 22, 2017

During 16 years the U.S. failed to set a realistic strategic aim for the occupation of Afghanistan. It still has none. Without political aim the military is deployed in tactical engagements that make no long lasting differences. Any attempts to negotiate some peace in Afghanistan requires extensive engagement with the Taliban, Pakistan, China, Russia and Iran. No one in Washington is willing to commit to that.



## [Will Blackwater Replace the World's Most Powerful Military to Win Afghan War?](#)

By [Masud Wadan](#), August 19, 2017

Afghanistan has its own grim record of the security company's inappropriate and fatal operations. In 2010, Afghan government unexpectedly stepped forward and disbanded all the national security firms for its inadequacy and risk-posing to the nation. Many years later now, the US is considering putting those bitter experiences back into play.



## [US to Send Up to 5,000 More Troops to Afghanistan](#)

By [Jordan Shilton](#), June 19, 2017

The move will mark a dramatic escalation of the longest war in US history, which has already claimed the lives of thousands of US troops and hundreds of thousands of Afghan civilians, and is increasingly developing into a wider regional conflict.



## [US Will Have a Presence in Afghanistan for Another 50 Years. Retired Army Colonel](#)

By [Steven MacMillan](#), February 15, 2016

In an [interview](#) at the end of 2015, the former chief of staff to Colin Powell and retired US Army Colonel, Lawrence Wilkerson, outlined the realistic timescale he believes the US will be involved in Afghanistan, in addition to emphasizing the strategic importance of the country to the US. Speaking to Abby Martin on her show '[The Empire Files](#)' for Telesur, Wilkerson asserted that the "US presence in Afghanistan will not go away for another half-century" (from 20:05 into the [interview](#)).



## [“The War is Worth Waging”: Afghanistan’s Vast Reserves of Minerals and Natural Gas](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), August 22, 2017

While Afghanistan is acknowledged as a strategic hub in Central Asia, bordering on the former Soviet Union, China and Iran, at the crossroads of pipeline routes and major oil and gas reserves, its huge mineral wealth as well as its untapped natural gas reserves have remained, until June 2010, totally unknown to the American public.

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