

The Multi-billion Dollar Laundering of Drug Profits. United Nations Reports Record Afghan Opium Production

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The United Nations reports a 50% increase in Afghan opium production, a record crop in 2013, and no end in sight for opium eradication.

Corporate mainstream media outlets politely warn of “failed” eradication, and of the spread of “unchecked” opium cultivation, the corruption of the Karzai administration, and profits to Taliban drug syndicates in the wake of the planned departure of American military forces in 2014.

What this popular characterization studiously avoids is the fact that this narcotics nightmare scenario is a triumph for the CIA and the world economy. The multi-billion dollar laundering of drug profits supports the Western banking system and the world economy. As explained by Michael C. Ruppert in *Crossing the Rubicon*, “the CIA is Wall Street, and drug money is king”. Drug money, in Ruppert’s analysis, is the steroids of the financial world.

The US occupation of Afghanistan existed in large part to revitalize and protect (not “eradicate) the opium market, and to establish a [permanent drug empire](#). This, along with oil and gas related agendas, was a central pillar of the Anglo-American geostrategy that the 9/11 false flag operation and the “war on terrorism” made possible. The Taliban’s destruction of the Afghan opium crop in 2001—economic warfare aimed at the West, designed to hobble world stock markets—was one of the many triggers that inspired the subsequent US attack and occupation.

Although US military forces are allegedly scheduled to depart from Afghanistan in 2014 (and simply moved to nearby areas, for coming wars in Syria, etc.), the actual control of the opium racket will never be relinquished. Given that the president Hamid Karzai is a longtime CIA asset, (his brother Ahmed Walid Karzai, a drug lord, was a known CIA asset) and given that the various Afghan warlords are also CIA assets, it is “in good hands”.

Narcotics profits go “unchecked”, stock markets hit record highs.

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