

WEB GLEANINGS

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Afghanistan, the Taliban and Related Sites



Detonated Buddha Statue in Afghanistan
Taken from: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/gall/0,8542,550821,00.html>

With the events of September 11, 2001 and the ensuing military actions, it was felt that the most appropriate focus for this issue's "Web Gleanings" would be sites about Afghanistan, the Taliban and related subjects. Many official Taliban sites have been removed from the WWW but there are still articles and books predating September 11, 2001 that remain on the Web. Due to the large number of sites offered in this issue's column, the notations will be more brief than usual.

GATEWAYS/LINK COLLECTIONS**Title: Afghanistan Resources**

URL: <http://www.aems.uiuc.edu/HTML/AfghanistanLinks.htm>

Links to Lesson Plans, Maps, Photos, News, etc. Highly recommended, and a good starting place for teachers.

Title: Yahoo! – Taliban & Al-Qaeda Network

URL: <http://uk.fc.yahoo.com/a/afghanistan.html>

Yahoo! UK links to articles and multimedia on the conflict in Afghanistan.

Title: Afghan Network

URL: <http://www.afghan-network.net/>

A portal to information on many areas of Afghan life.

Title: Afghanistan Online

URL: <http://www.afghan-web.com/>

A site published in the U.S. with links to information about Afghanistan ranging from the history to languages to sports.

Title: America Responds to Terrorism

URL: http://www.crf-usa.org/terror/terrorism_links.htm

A huge number of links to lesson plans, to information on terrorism, to Middle Eastern sites, to background articles, to information on Islam, to broadcast media, and more.

LESSON PLANS**Title: NY Times: America Attacks**

URL: <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/specials/terrorism/index.html>

Lesson plans for grades 6 – 12.

Title: PBS: America Responds

URL: <http://www.pbs.org/americaresponds/educators.html>

Classroom resources from PBS.

Title: All About Afghanistan for Kids and Teachers

URL: http://www.oxfamamerica.org/kids_and_teachers/index.htm

Facts, maps, activities for kids, background information on Afghanistan.

NEWS AND CURRENT EVENTS**Title: IslamiCity**

URL: <http://www.islamicity.org/>

Latest news links and articles from Afghanistan and other Muslim nations.

Title: Azadi Afghan Radio

URL: <http://www.afghanradio.com/>

News, Interviews and Special Reports from Afghan Radio.

Title: Afghan News Network

URL: <http://www.myafghan.com/>

Located in the U.S. and run by college students, this site collects the latest news about Afghanistan.

ARTICLES**Title: Institute for Afghan Studies**

URL: <http://www.institute-for-afghan-studies.org/>

Extensive coverage of the current events, history, economy, the Taliban, human rights, and the country of Afghanistan.

Title: The Toledo Blade

URL: <http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/oversikt?Kategori=SRTALIBAN>

Articles on "Taliban's Forbidden World" dating from before Sept. 11, 2001.

Title: Understanding the Mid East & Central Asia**URL:** <http://www.alternet.org/issues/index.html?IssueAreaId=28>

Articles about the "War on Terrorism" from an organization 'dedicated to strengthening and supporting independent and alternative journalism.'

Recent offerings include articles from *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, and *The New York Review of Books*.**MEDIA SPECIAL REPORTS****Title: CNN: War Against Terror****URL:** <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/islam/>

CNN special collection of articles on Islam.

Title: Washington Post: Pakistan**URL:** <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/world/pakistan/front.html>

Answers to questions about Pakistan with respect to the military conflict against Afghanistan.

Title: New Battlefield: The Afghan files.**URL:** http://www.msnbc.com/modules/new_battlefield/afghanistan.asp

Military and political issues in the conflict with Afghanistan.

Title: Online NewsHour—Afghanistan**URL:** <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/asia/afghanistan/index.html>

PBS News Hour Special Report on Afghanistan.

Title: Life in Afghanistan**URL:** <http://www.guardian.co.uk/gall/0,8542,550821,00.html>From the *Guardian* in the UK, an index of articles and photos on life in Afghanistan.**U.S. GOVERNMENT SOURCES****Title: CIA World Factbook - Afghanistan****URL:** <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/af.html>

Facts and figures about Afghanistan.

Title: U.S. State dept. Focus on Afghanistan**URL:** <http://usinfo.state.gov/regional/nea/sasia/afghan/>

U.S. Policy with regard to the Taliban and Afghanistan.


MISCELLANEOUS**Title: Heroes of the Age: Moral Fault Lines on the Afghan Frontier****URL:** <http://escholarship.cdlib.org/ucpress/edwards.xml>

A book written in 1996 by David B. Edwards about "the moral incoherence" of Afghanistan. The full text is offered on-line.


Title: Taliban Photo Gallery**URL:** <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/photography/uimonen/index.html>

Photos taken in 1996 of the Taliban for National Geographic magazine. ■

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