

The Tragedy of Afghanistan

- Life After the US invasion
- Market Economy?
- Life with poverty and hopelessness
- Civilian casualties
- Life with uranium weapons
- Cancers, Congenital Deformities, other unexplained diseases

Market Economy/Development?

- Infant Mortality Highest in the world
- 1 in 5 children dies before age 5
- 10 million mines--The equivalent of roughly one for every child
- Male Life Expectancy: 45
- Female Life Expectancy: 44
- 50,000 mostly Orphans roam streets of Kabul

Development?

- Only 10 % of pregnant women receive maternal care
- 50-70 mothers die from childbirth complications EVERYDAY
- In Badakhshan Province for every 100,000 babies born 6500 women lose their lives
- For every 1000 children born, 165 die in the first year

Reconstruction: an Illusion

- Billions of dollars of “development assistance” is truly phantom
- 86 cents in Every dollar is phantom aid-- tied to donor’s economy
- 47 % of all the aid is used on overpriced experts
- 75% of aid disbursed through NGOs & consulting firms

DEVELOPMENT?

- The military spending outpaces development & reconstruction spending by a colossal 900%
- 1 doctor per 7066 Afghans--while
- 1 soldier 742 Afghan

Economy: Whose Economy

- Influx of foreign NGOs made life very expensive in major cities
- Real Estate prices--rent for a modest house near Kabul was \$50 b4 the US invasion, but \$1500. A house in the affluent neighborhood of Kabul used to cost \$300, but now \$15000
- This economy is not for the Afghans





**AFGHAN CIVILIANS ARE KILLED
IN BOMBING 15/06/2006 at 8 AM**









Uranium Munitions: DU & NDU

- Depleted Uranium results from the enriching of natural uranium
- Non-DU is Comparable to Natural but Having Quantities of U 236--man made
- ISOTOPE NATURAL DU 1/2 Life
- U-238 99.2749% 99.7947% 4.49 billion
- U-235 0.7196% 0.2015% 710 million
- U-234 0.0055% 0.0008% 248,000

Uranium Weapons

- DU or NDU--the disaster is beyond repair
- Processed Uranium has U-236, plutonium, neptunium, americium, and nearly 200 other unstable transuranic elements and fission by-products, including strontium-90 and Cesium-137
- Poisoning People & Their Environment Beyond Repair

FACTS, US LIES

- The US government established the use of DU in 1943 & Knew of its Lethality
- 1st used by Israelis in 1973 against Egypt; US used in massive quantities 1st Gulf War
- After the First Gulf War, > 250,000 US soldiers filed for disability
- 12,000 are dead
- Took Pentagon 10 years to acknowledge Gulf War Syndrome

FACTS

- US claim there is no relation between Depleted Uranium and Cancers
- Dr. Hari Sharma, a Canadian radio-chemist, confirmed linking tissue samples of 38 dead Iraqis from Basra using a supersensitive instrument known as a mass spectrometer, he found DU in the lungs, thoracic lymph nodes and kidneys & livers
- Afghan, Balkans & Iraqis Share Almost Identical Conditions/Diseases & Deformities

FACTS

- UN Organizations are Seriously Compromised Due to the US Pressure
- US Prevented the Release of 2001 World Health Organization (WHO) paper on the effects of DU. The monograph was the work of Dr. Keith Baverstock, the WHO's top radiation expert for 11 years.
- Dr Durakovic Samples Were Stolen
- Continuity of Attacks on Credibility of Those Opposing these Weapons

HEALTH EFFECTS

- One milligram of U-238 can give off 1,071,000 alpha particles in one day. Each alpha particle releases over 4 MeV (million electron volts) of energy, which will hit cells randomly. Just 6-10 eV (electron volts) are needed to cleave the nuclear DNA strand in a cell.
- While a Cellular Voltage is 10 Electron, DU Alpha particle 4 million electron Voltage

Uranium Weapons Health Effects

- Uranium Isotopes Serve as Catalyst for Known & Unknown Deformities
- Lungs Cancer, Leukemia, Stomach cancers
- Esophageal Cancers, Increase in All Types of Cancers
- Deformed Genitalia, Deformed faces, Lack of Skin, Bodily Organs Out of Body
- Tumors Instead of Eyes
- Multiple Cancers in one person--Basra

Uranium Weapons Used

- 22,000 weapons - ranging from cruise missiles to heavy fuel-air bombs
- More than 10000 tons of bombs dropped
- 6600 Weapons, 1/3 were uranium bombs--
SOME OF THESE BOMBS have more
URANIUM THAN entire amount used in
First Gulf War
- Land, Water & Air Contaminated

Uranium Weapons Used in Afghanistan

- Normal Concentration of Uranium Isotopes Combined per Liter of Urine would not exceed 10 Nanogram
- 300-400 Nanogram--average concentration of uranium isotopes in Afghan population
- 2031.6 Nanogram concentration of Uranium Isotopes in One Boy--Hussein lost 27 members of his family

Uranium Weapons in Afghanistan

- These uranium isotopes contained in the fine dust of atmosphere, Uranium Oxides remain suspended in the atmosphere, that is why these weapons are called mesospheric toxins because they are in upper and lower atmosphere & permeate human habitat when internalized through inhalation and incorporated in the body--Half Life of 4.5 Billion Years

Types of Conditions Then-Now

- Kuram village, Surkhroad district of Nangarhar Death without Physical Injury
- Afghan Fighters & Civilians Vomiting Blood, Urinating Blood, & Defecating Blood
- Spontaneous Abortion among women & Animals in Tora Bora Area
- Pachir Wa Agam district near Tora Bora Women Collapsed & Died after experiencing Anger

Types of Conditions Then-Now

- Kabul, Paktia among others Deformed Genitalia & Absence of Anus
- Increased Mental Retardation in Paktia, Nanagrhar, Bagram, Mazar-e-Sharif & Kundoz
- Skin Lesions Leading to Death in Most Cases
- Rupture of Internal Organs

Weapons Used

- SMART BOMBS
- GBU-15
- GBU-24
- GBU-27
- GBU-28 B/B
- GBU-31 JDAM
- GBU-32 JDAM
- GBU-37 B/B
- SSB **P (Prototype)**
- Thermobaric Bombs

WEAPONS USED

- **Guided Missiles**
- AGM-86D CALCM
- AGM-130C
- AGM-142 Hav Nap
- AGM-154C JSOW 154 P
- AGM-158 JASSM **P**
- BGM-109 Tactical Tomahawk **P**
- Storm Shadow / SCALP **P**
- BLU-97B cluster bomb

According to Professor Yagasaki

- The Americans used more than 2000 tons
- Professor Yagasaki of Japan calculated that 800 metric tons of Depleted Uranium equals 13,000 Hiroshima Bombs and 83,000 Nagasaki Bombs
- The US used Anthrax and White Phosphorus



Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.

Use of Uranium Munitions by the US & resulting congenital deformities





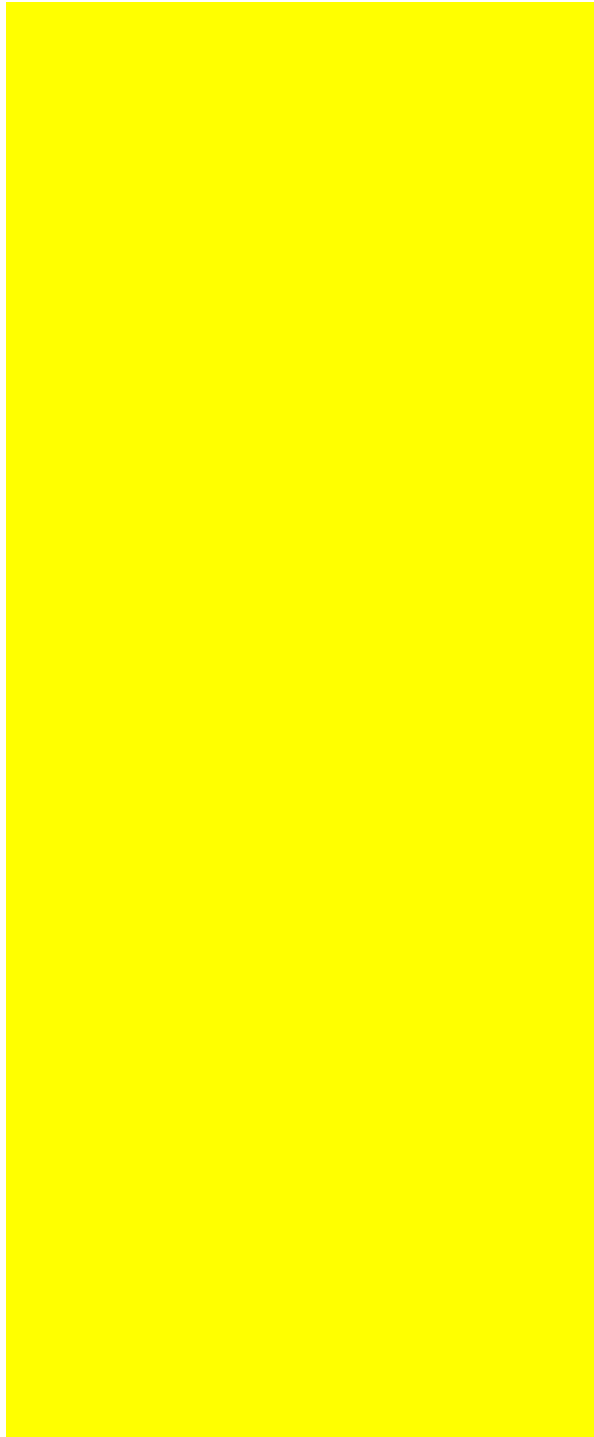
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that keeps on giving**



URANIUM
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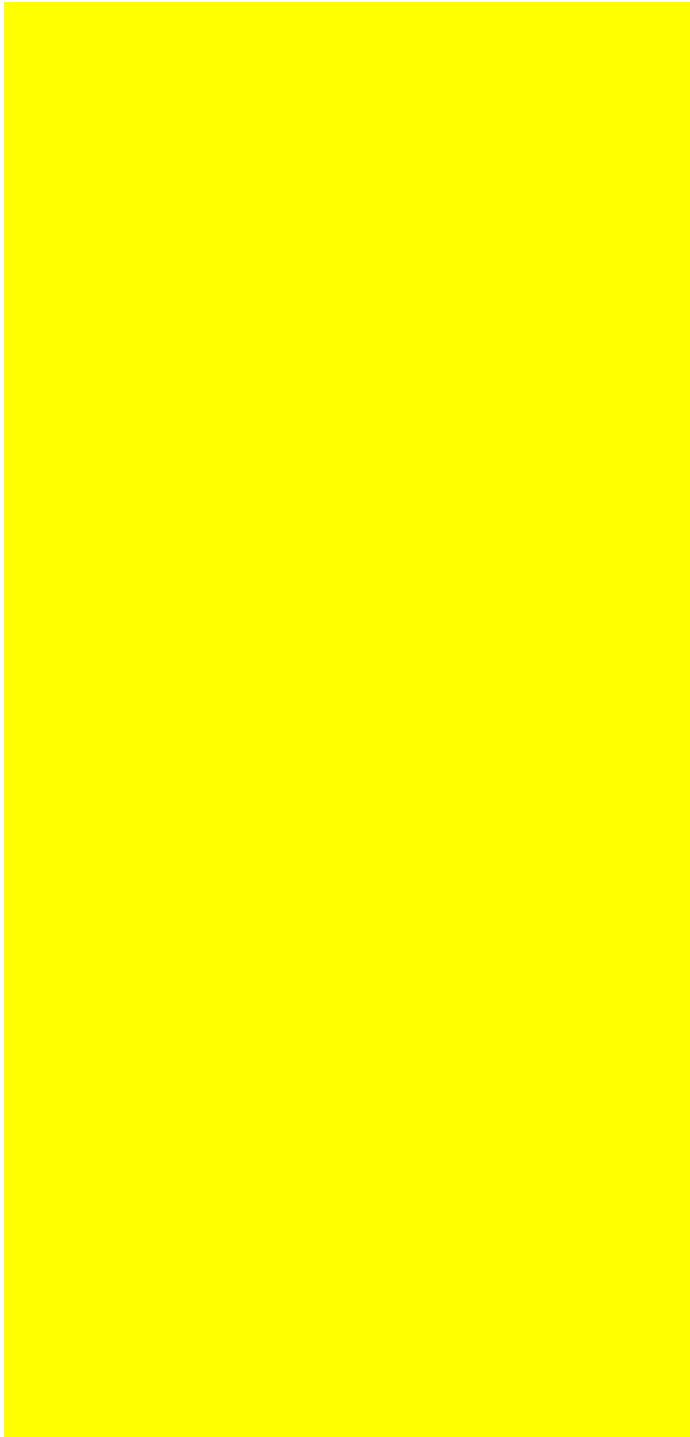
















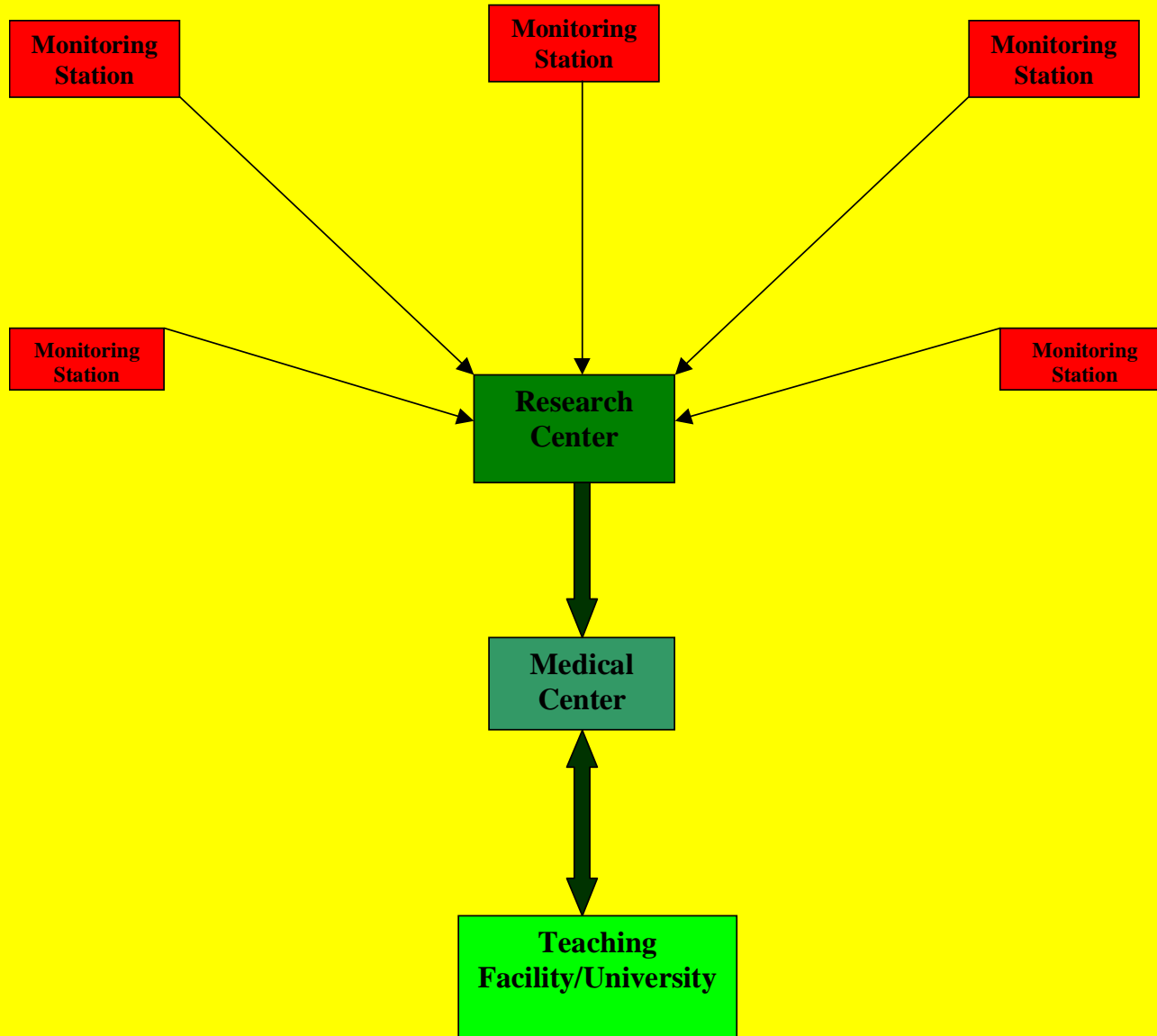


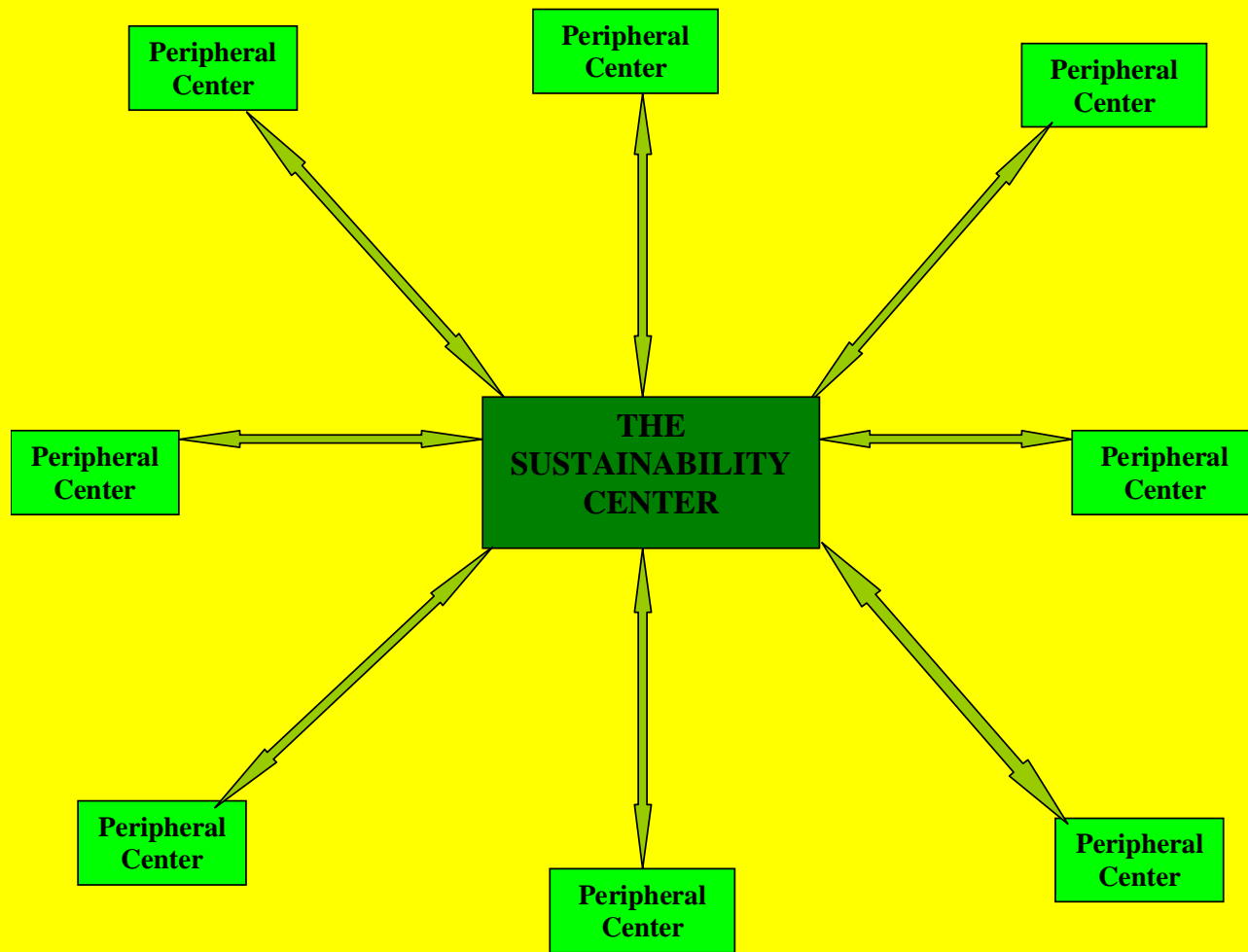




THE SUSTAINABILITY CENTER

- The New Paradigm of Sustainable Wellbeing
- It Would Make Life Livable & Wellbeing sustainable
- Operationalization of this paradigm would be through The Sustainability Center
- Sustainability Center: Environmental-Health Research Center, Medical Center, & Teaching facility/university





Solution--Appears Too Late

- Stop Bombing People, Only then...
- Compromise & Reconciliation
- Unconditional Talk with Everyone
- Entrusting Individuals with Specific Tasks Aimed at Facilitating Talks
- Resorting to Unconventional “Approaches”
- Subsequent to Consensus-- Putting UN Buffer Force in Place
- And, Expedited Withdrawal of the US & Other Forces

AFGHANISTAN

After “Democracy”



**THE UNTOLD STORY THROUGH
PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES**

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