

**The Rugmaker of Mazar-E-Sharif: Research Task**  
**Use at least one appropriate photograph or image**  
**Parts of the Afghanistan/Taliban map**



**Background of the Taliban information/findings**

**What is the Taliban?**

The Taliban is an Islamist militia group which ruled parts of Afghanistan from September 1996 onwards. Taliban is in control of the Afghanistan at the time on September 1996 onwards. Their main capital named Kabul and as well as most of the country for the five years. On September 11 2001 after the attacks, the Taliban then regime and was overthrown by the Operation Enduring Freedom.

In relation to the civilian casualties, there was a report by the United Nations saying that The Taliban needs to be responsible at an amount of 76% of the civilian casualties in Afghanistan. This was in the year in 2009. Leading on the laws which is to the Human Rights Watch, Taliban's bombings and few other attacks have led to civilian casualties which "sharply escalated in the year of 2006". At an amount of 669 Afghan civilians got killed in at least of 350 armed attacks. By in the year of 2008, the Taliban armies had increased the numbers of suicide bombers and as well as targeted unarmed civilians aid workers.

In total, it is to be believed that there are 28000 of Pakistani nationals were fighting inside Afghanistan. 20 000 were the regular Pakistani soldiers either from the Frontier Corps or army. It is estimated at around 8000 were the militants were recruited in madrassas filling the regular Taliban ranks. Al Qaeda, in the year of 1996, Osama Bin Laden moved to Afghanistan from Sudan and came without the invitation. He sometimes irritate Mullah Omar with the declaration of war against the citizens of third-party countries.

Addition to these ideas, many Afghanistan women have work and jobs which also links onto the book called 'The Rugmaker of Mazar-E-Sharif' based on how women works in their jobs and how much they have to pay for each day.

One of the information that is relevant to Encountering Conflict such as the number of increased of being suicide and as well the bombing which is

relevant to the Encountering Conflict. This is because it is based on war and fighting against the other conflicts. Also it is relevant to the Encountering Conflict because due to fighting against the another country. It also reflects on the time of death where many soldiers had died due to the bombings of war and soldiers being shot. Not only due to the bombings but also other soldiers that are not very well protected which include families that do live in Taliban/Afghanistan. This is one of the idea on how it related to Encountering Conflict which reflects through the time of war, deaths, poverty.

One of the information/ideas that are relevant to our text 'The Rugmaker of Mazar-E-Sharif' because in the text in 'The Rugmaker of Mazar-E-Sharif' it's mainly about how war had happened during the time when Najaf was at one of the countries. That includes Afghanistan. Which this shows that it is relevant to 'The Rugmaker of Mazar-E-Sharif' is because it is relevant to family how many families in Afghanistan had died due to the invasion that they had brought up. One of the reasons why one of these ideas are relevant to the text 'The Rugmaker of Mazar-E-Sharif' is because it is about a person that learns how to make rugs and also learning the facts about the place he visits to which also relates women society lives with their children.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taliban#Targeted\\_killings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taliban#Targeted_killings)