

Afghanistan

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The Most Dangerous Country in the World

- According to the **Institute for Economics and Peace's** annual report.
- Just **edged out Syria** this year.
- **Its the site of the most violent conflict**
- Its been reaching **its 19th year** and with **no end in sight** in near future
- Mohib Iqbal, “[Afghanistan] is now the world's most violent conflict with the **highest number of deaths from war and terrorism.**“

🔗 Most Dangerous Countries in the World by Population 2019

Source: [10 most dangerous countries in the world in 2019](#)

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| Country | Peace Index ▼ | Population 2019 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Afghanistan | 3.574 | 38,041,754 |
| Syria | 3.566 | 17,070,135 |
| South Sudan | 3.526 | 11,062,113 |
| Yemen | 3.412 | 29,161,922 |
| Iraq | 3.369 | 39,309,783 |
| Somalia | 3.3 | 15,442,905 |

Why there is this War?

- 9/11 in 2001, attacks nearly killed 3000 people, Osama Bin Laden was held for responsible by the US
- The Taliban refused to hand Osama bin Laden over. So, a month after 9/11, the US launched air strikes against Afghanistan.
- With other countries joining the war the Taliban were removed from power.
- But it didn't cause it to disappear- their influence grew, and they came back
- Since then, US claims to protect the government of collapse from the attacks from Taliban and this war has been going on from since.

- When the first air strikes started US President George W Bush said:

“We did not ask for this mission, but we will fulfil it, to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a terrorist base of operations and to attack the military capability of the Taliban regime“

- First targets → military sites belonging the Taliban group.
 - Training camps for al-Qaeda
 - the terror group run by 9/11

Osama Bin Laden, was also hit.

Still more than 15.000 US soldiers are on the territories of Afghanistan





- In the last decade, at least 41000 people lost their lives. This number with 7.5% constituted by women and 17.9% by children.
- Only in the first half of 2018, 149 civilians were killed, 204 got injured and in total 338 died in the air force attacks.
- In 2018, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan documented **the highest ever recorded civilian deaths**, including the **highest ever recorded number of children killed in the conflict**.
- More than 360,000 internally displaced by the conflict
- According to the UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, there are almost **2.5 million registered refugees** from Afghanistan: **the second-largest refugee population** in the world.

- However, no progress has been made in the history of the longest war by the US according to the Afghans.
- When “Around **150,000 US and NATO troops** and **hundreds of thousands of Afghan soldiers and policemen failed to win the war against the Taliban militants**, which could be expressed in thousands. Why?” has been asked by the high Peace Congress Member **Muhammed Ismail Kasimyar** he answers on his own “**whether they didn’t want it, or they couldn’t**”
- Hacı Ekrem, who is an hamal in the old city of Kabul, earning an average of 4 dollars per day states “Aid from the outside world was **shared among senior government officials before reaching the poor**. They went into their pockets. The foreigners did not correct the situation. They must go now”

- Not only Afghans, the war caused spending of \$ 132 billion so far in reconstruction of Afghanistan, which is much more than the money spent in Western Europe after the Second World War.
- In addition, \$ 750 billion was spent on military operations. Washington has recently announced that it will transfer \$ 4 billion to the Afghan security forces.

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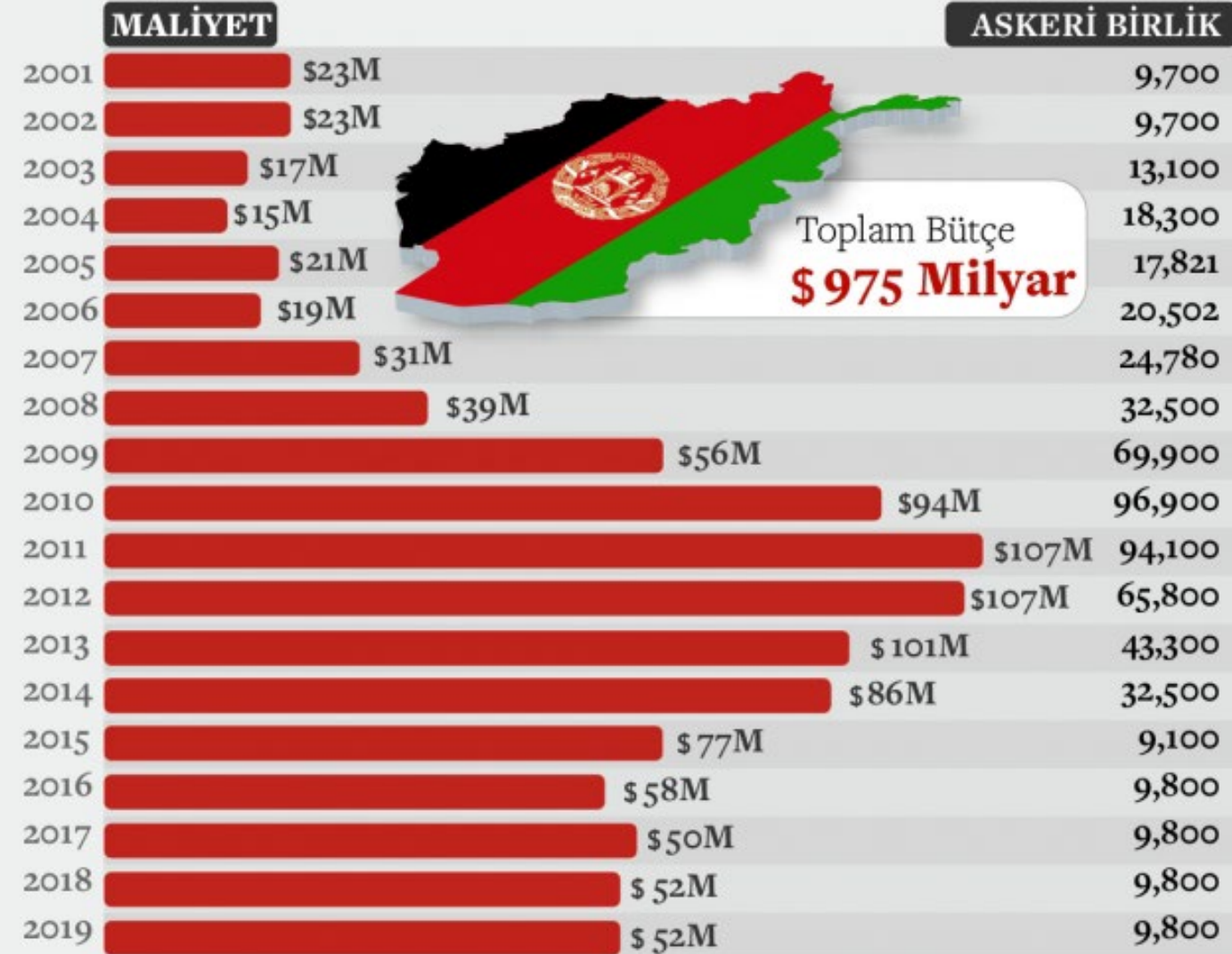
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Afganistan savaşının ABD ordusuna 2001 - 2019 yılları arasındaki maliyeti

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What Other Problems?

- But one thing is for certain, over 40 years of wars brought insufficient education, unemployment, security problems, unhappiness and frustration.
- Afghanistan is known as the center where the “global terrorism” notion has started such as Al Qaeda and Taliban.
- Challenging weather conditions
- Economical Poverty
- Different Ethnic Groups and demographical problems occurring accordingly
- Inequality
- Ongoing conflicts between government
- Never ending war
- Corruption



Women

- Seeking work and safety, countless Afghan men have fled the country or died during the war. But the situation of the **women left behind**, without their husbands or brothers and **without their protection** as the Taliban continue to tighten their grip, **got worse**.
- According to a survey found **41% of Afghans** want to **leave the country**. This rises to nearly **50% among women**, reflecting Afghanistan's status as **one of the toughest countries in the world to be female**.
- **With little education or money of their own – 80% of Afghan women are out of the workforce and 91% have only a primary education or less– the chances of women finding work elsewhere are slim.**
- The ones who attempt to leave, often **risk everything**.



Before War vs Now



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Before War



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