

A Practical Plan for Pacifying Pakistan and Afghanistan

The plans of the U S and its allies that are intended to pacify Afghanistan are doomed to failure unless the Afghans are able to realize substantial improvement in their lives and in their living conditions. Such military actions will succeed only if the majority of the Afghan people understand and support the efforts that are planned. With adult illiteracy exceeding 85% in females and 55% in males, informing and persuading the Afghans presents formidable problems. Such wide illiteracy severely inhibits the growth and development of the nation's economy, its culture, and its natural resources. At this time, the Afghans' primary enemy is not the Taliban – it is the ILLITERACY.

Only through an informed citizenry can Afghanistan become a healthy and self-sustaining nation – a positive contributor to our planet's family of nations.

The Mudoc Corporation is proposing the development and operation of a national information dispensary system (NIDS) in Afghanistan. Such a system is described in Chapter 3 of *The Mu Primer*, a textbook now being prepared for publication by The Mudoc Corporation. That chapter is now available at <http://mudoc.com/mpms3.htm>. It describes how information technology tools that are either now available – or, are just on the horizon – can enable less-developed countries like Afghanistan, with a modicum of support from the advanced nations, to move rapidly to full literacy.

Few nations are willing to contribute substantial numbers of military troops to the forces now being mounted in Afghanistan to subdue the Taliban and the other insurgents. But many nations are likely to offer to provide monies, teachers, and technical assistance to help in developing and operating the kind of national information dispensary system that is now becoming feasible. As described in *The Mu Primer*, information dispensaries will serve as the schools and the libraries in the less-developed countries until they are capable of building the costly kind of educational and library systems now found in the advanced nations. With the charitable character of many of the wealthiest nations, we could, within a few years, see many members of the [proposed] International Reading Corps swarming around Afghanistan and helping deliver literacy in large measure. One of the primary missions of the Afghan and foreign military forces that will be operating in Afghanistan could be to protect, to support, and to participate in the construction and operation of the Afghan national information dispensary system.

And the Afghanistan NIDS could become a prototype that might be replicated in the other less-developed countries around the world.

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