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Capital: Kabul

Area: total: 647,500 sq km

Area - comparative: slightly smaller than Texas

Population: 26,813,057 (July 2001 est.)

Life expectancy at birth: 46.24 years

GDP - per capita: \$800

Religions: Sunni Muslim 84%, Shi'a Muslim 15%, other 1%

Climate: arid to semiarid; cold winters and hot summers

Terrain: mostly rugged mountains; plains in north and southwest

Independence: 19 August 1919 (from UK control over Afghan foreign affairs)

