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Greetings from
Afghanistan
April opium poppies ready for harvest.



"Afghanistan Rocks!" is a trademark of the Afghan Tourism Agency, which encourages visitors to come see and get stoned for themselves.



2005 Miss Universe first runner-up out on the town.



Reading, 'ritin' and 'rithmatic in Afghanistan



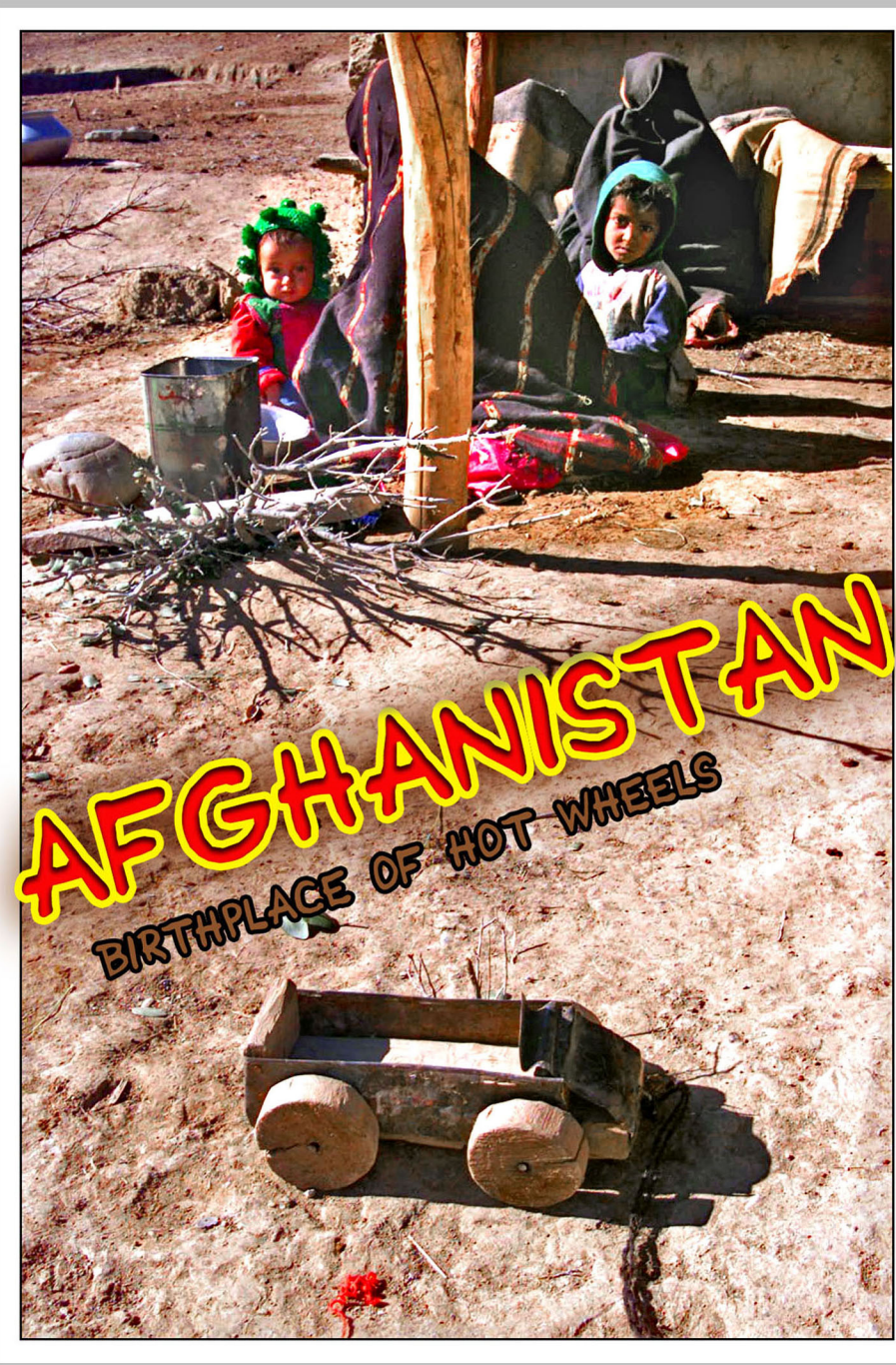
With the Taliban gone, it is back to school for girls. With classes just two hours a day, these kids are the envy of schoolkids worldwide.



Afghanistan Living it up!

Luxury homes of Kabul's upscale Beverly Hills suburb.





The Guns of AFGHANISTAN



Fashion Afghanistan



With the influence of the Western MTV/VH-1 culture, kids throughout the country have taken to sporting the "grunge look."





ADVENTURESOME AFGHANISTAN



Legal Advisory: The government of Afghanistan is not responsible for the injury or death of American boys trying this at home.

Exciting! **EXPLOSIVE!** **Afghanistan**



MODERN TOW TRUCK LIFTS A ROADSIDE-BOMBED HUMVEE TO HAUL BACK TO THE BODY SHOP.



Gift shopping for a girlfriend at the Victoria's Secret street kiosk.

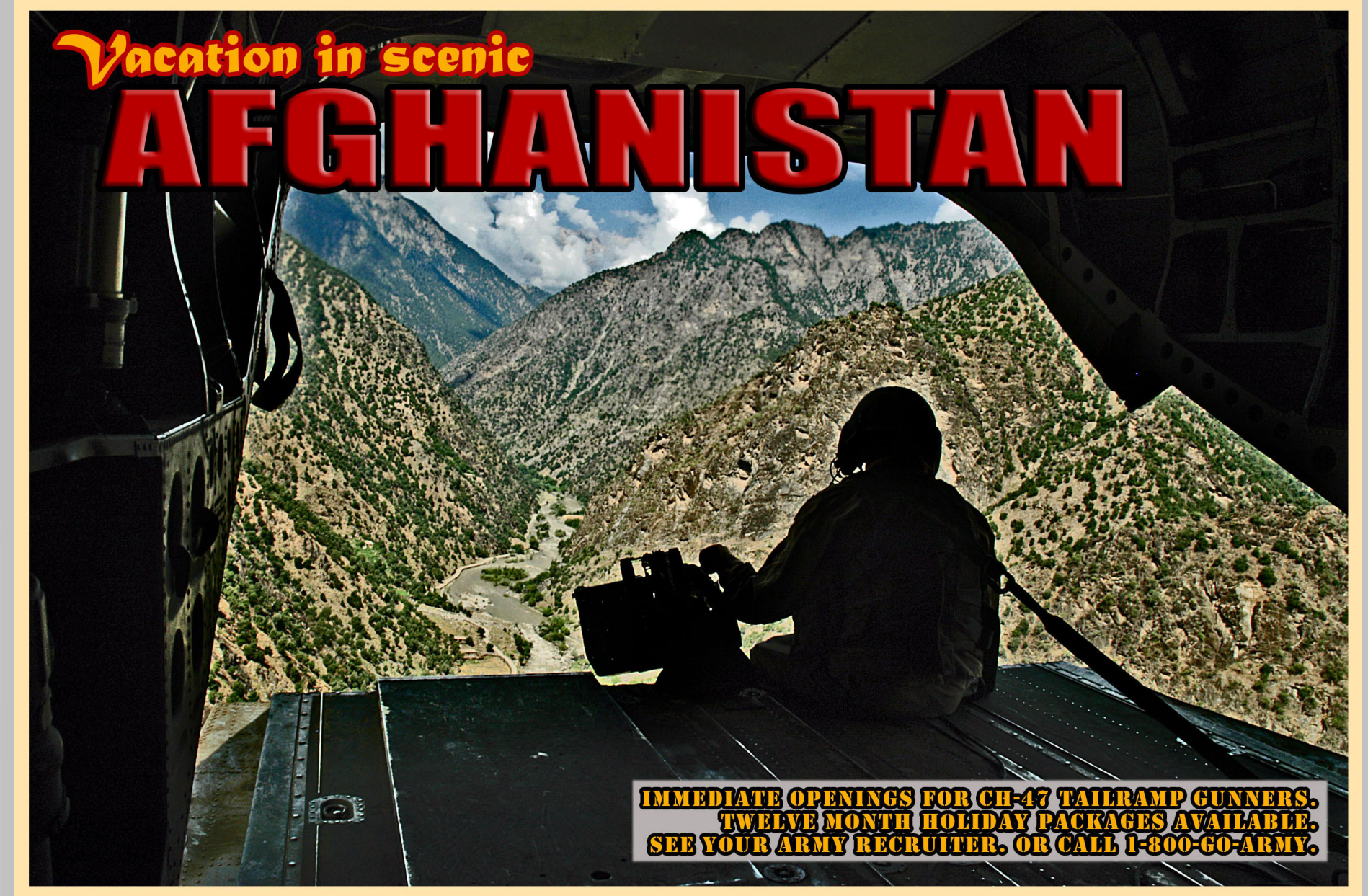


Shopping at the neighborhood Pep Boys in....

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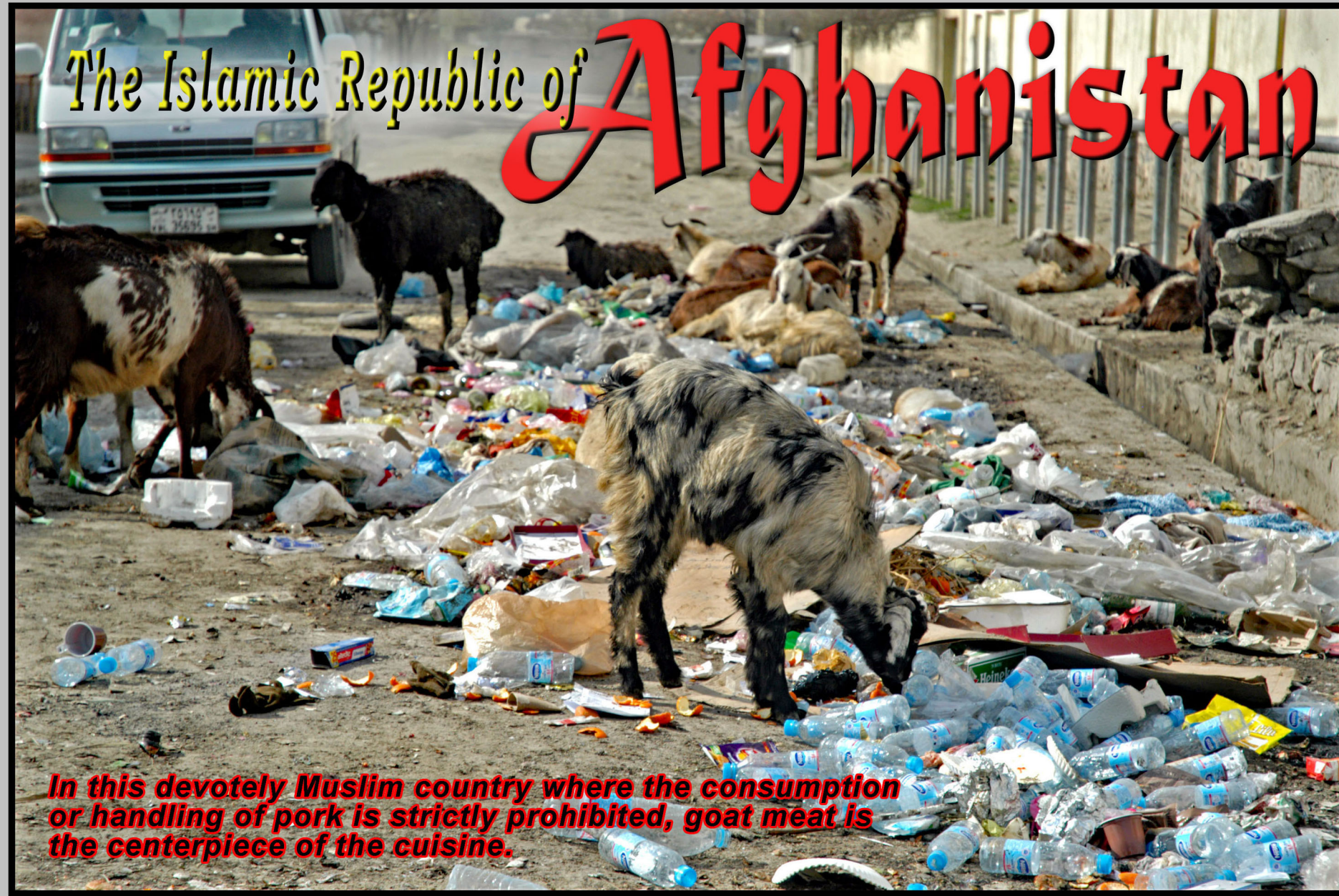
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The postcard below, purporting to represent our Islamic country and sent around the world by infidels whom we shall hunt down and behead, is a vile depiction of the following violations of Islamic law:

- Possession of alcohol.
- Consumption of alcohol.
- Listening to music.
- Dancing.
- Laughing.
- Smiling.
- Female talking to male in public.
- Female ever talking to male other than blood relation.
- Female in public without burqa.
- Display of bare shoulders or arms, male or female.
- Display of shape of female breast area.
- Getting down after sunset.
- Getting down ever.
- Sexual gyrations for purposes other than having male babies.

Violation of any of the above will be punished by death by stoning.

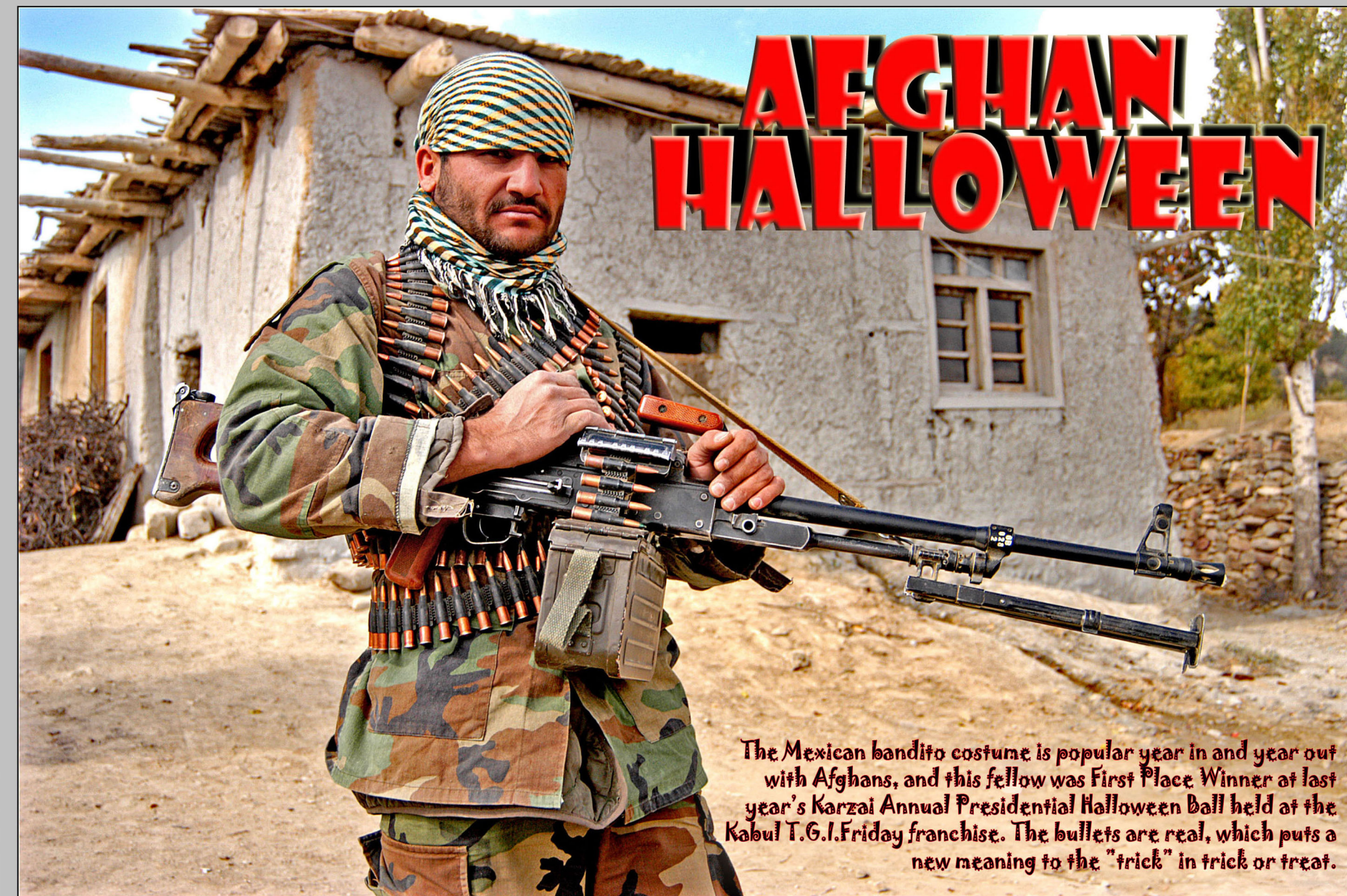
From the desk of Mullah Omar. Signed:





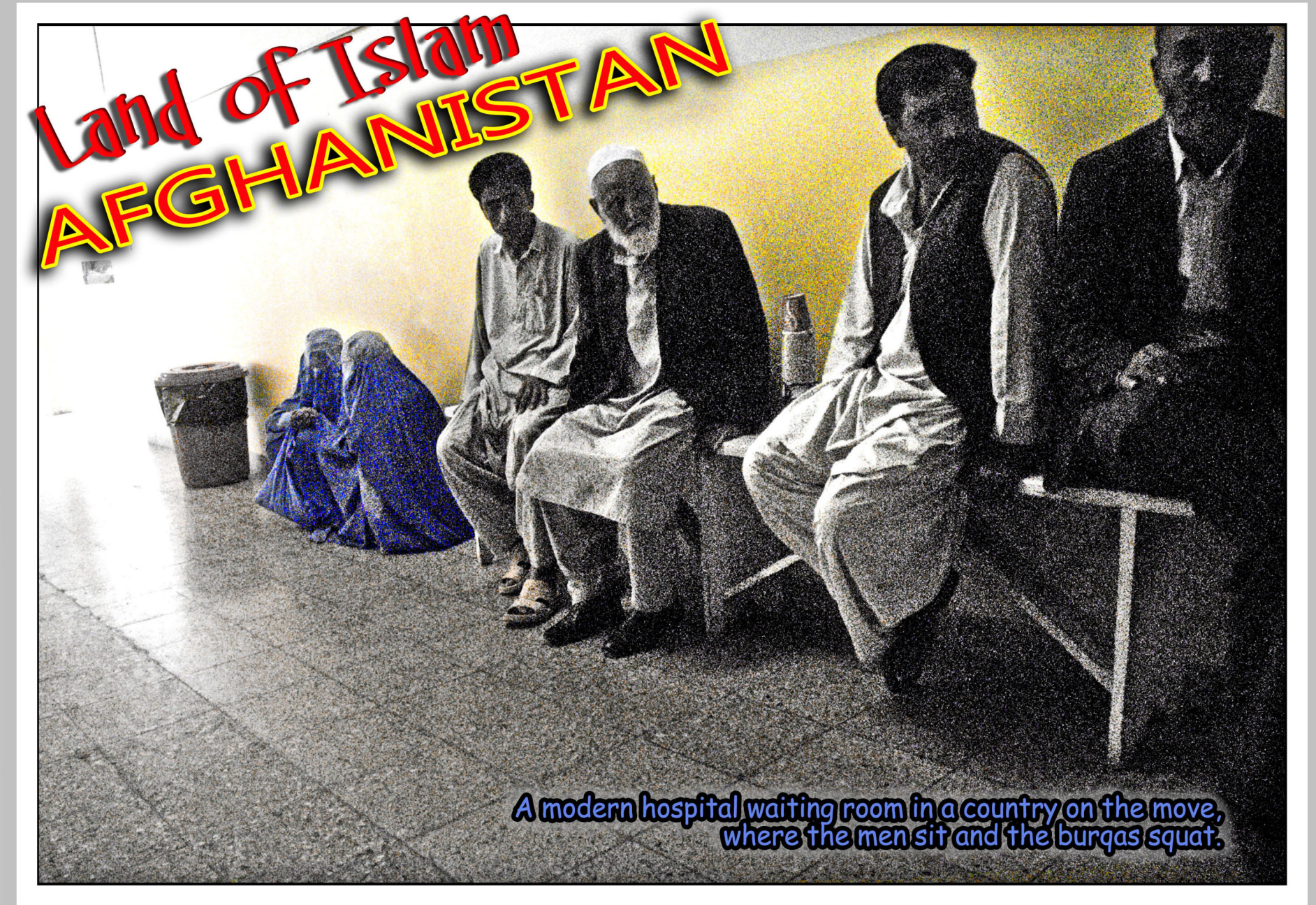
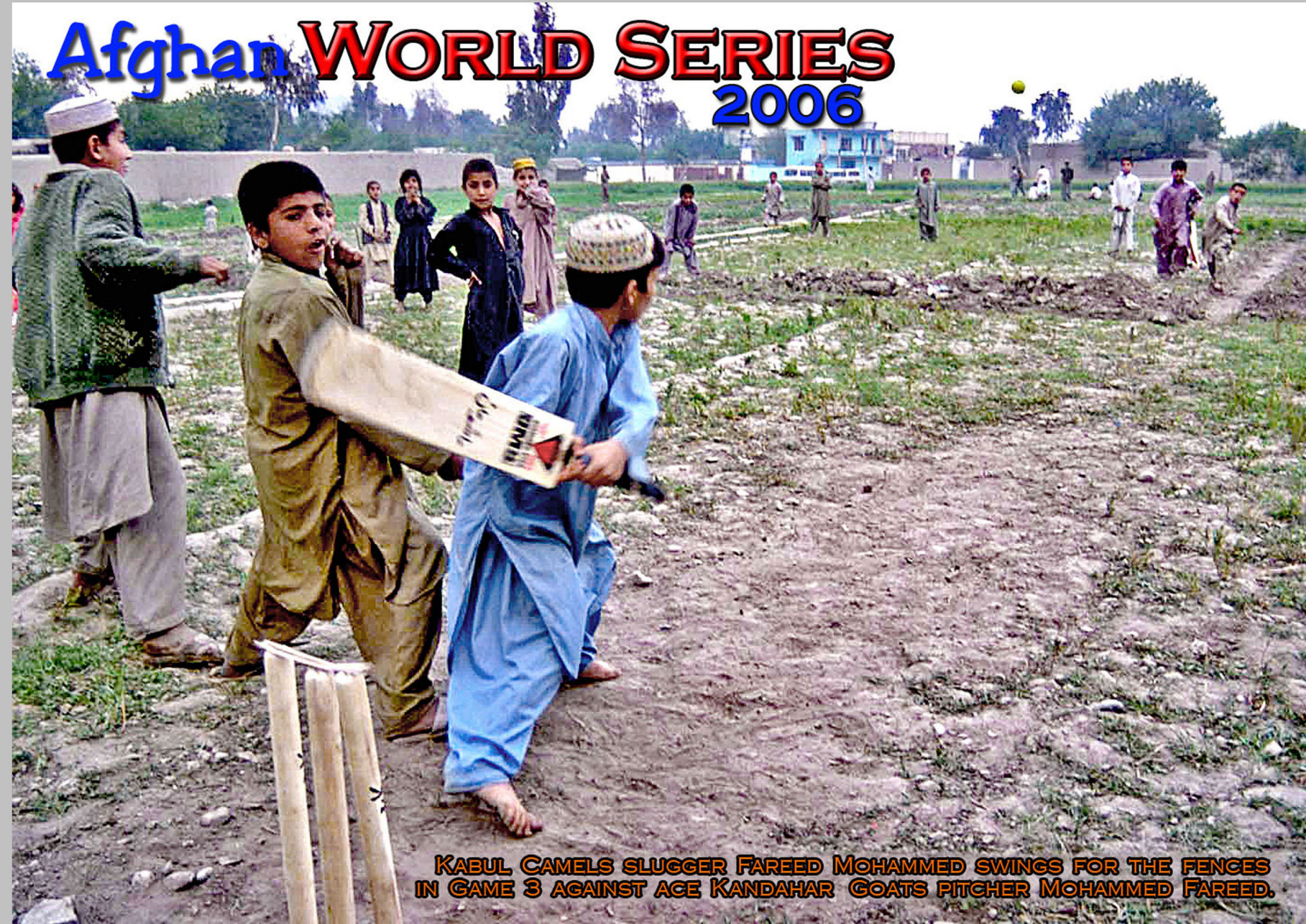


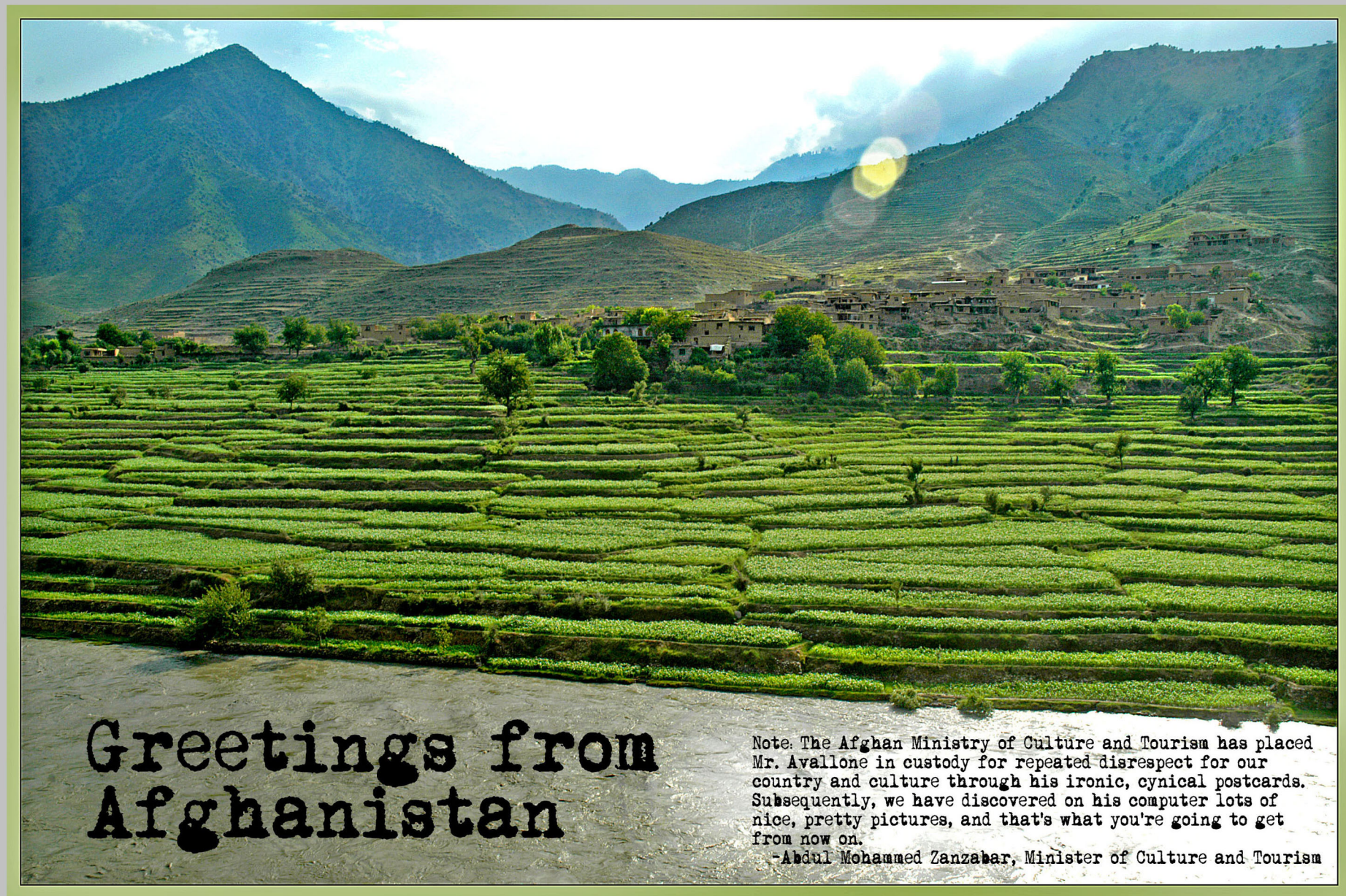
The only photos in collection that I did not take. Terp Farid returned from a few days with his family, and he showed me these three snapshots he'd taken of his daughter Atiga, and my inspiration for this postcard was immediate.



















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