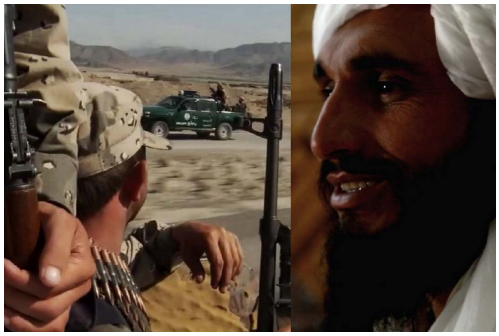

# AFGHANISTAN, THE PRICE OF REVENGE

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In October 2001 the United States launched the war against Afghanistan, with the whole world by its side, in an act of self-defence after the attacks of 9/11. By the end of 2014, most combat troops of the international coalition would be leaving. Over 3000 soldiers were lost in combat. The U.S. and their allies leave behind a country on the brink of civil war and bloodshed...

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