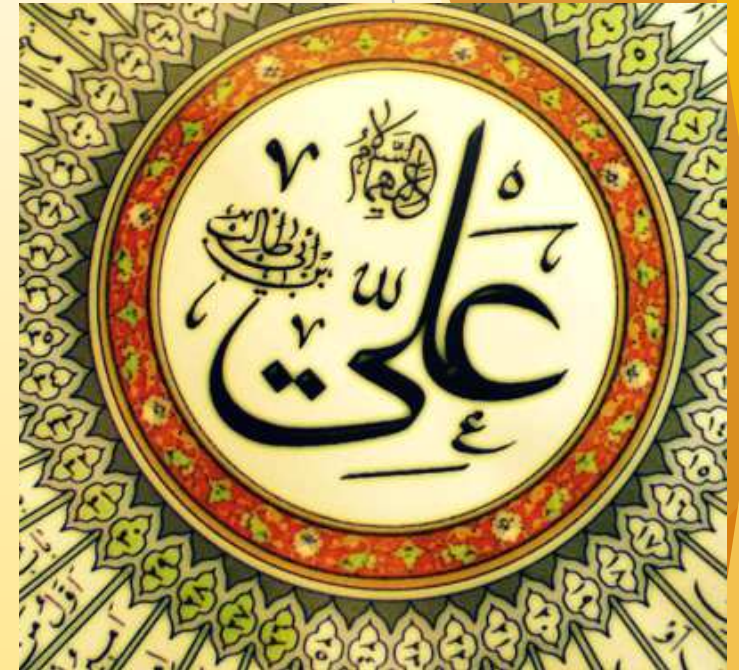
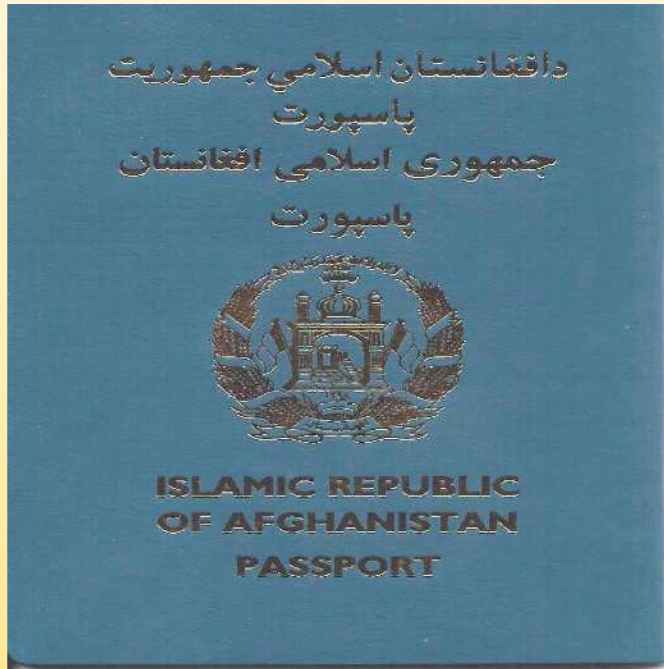


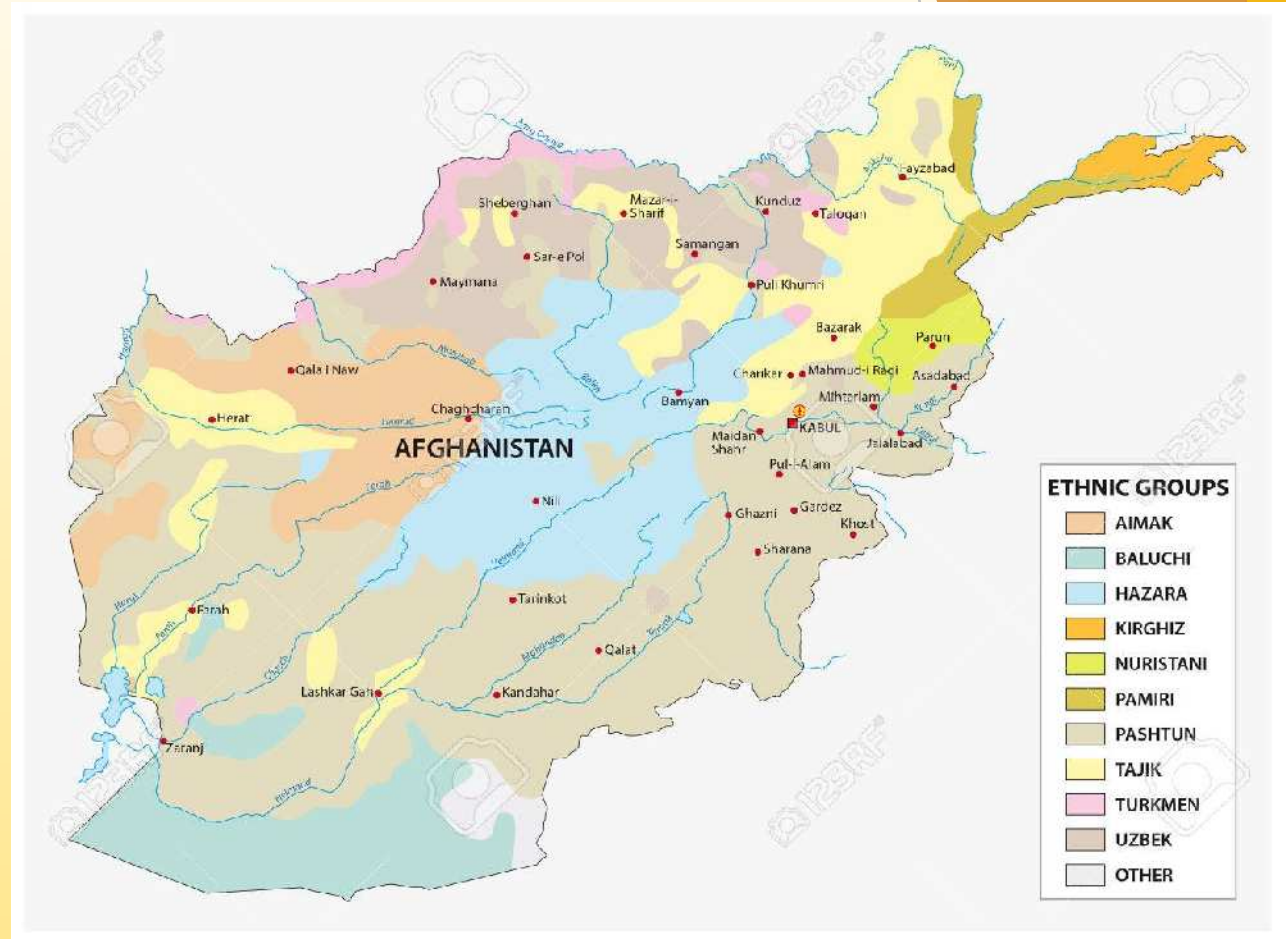
# Afghan, Hazara or Shia? Navigating identity among a migrant and diaspora community.



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**Hazara populated areas in Afghanistan in blue on the map.**



‘...in 2017 there was a marked rise in violence, principally carried out by [ISIS-Khorasan\*], against the Hazara community...There were six major attacks on Shia mosques or Shia communities during the first half of the year, all attributed to [ISIS-Khorasan]’. - US Department of State 2017 Country Report on Afghanistan.

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## Scores Killed in Afghanistan Wedding Blast

Death toll is at least 63, including children, in an attack claimed by Islamic State



Children were among the scores killed in a blast at a packed wedding hall in Kabul. PHOTO: MOHAMMAD ISMAIL/REUTERS

By *Craig Nelson and Ehsanullah Amiri*  
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KABUL—The death toll from a suicide attack on a crowded wedding hall in Kabul soared to at least 63 people, Afghan authorities said Sunday, ratcheting up worries in a capital already taut with fears that an imminent peace deal with the Taliban and a hasty withdrawal of U.S. forces will worsen security.

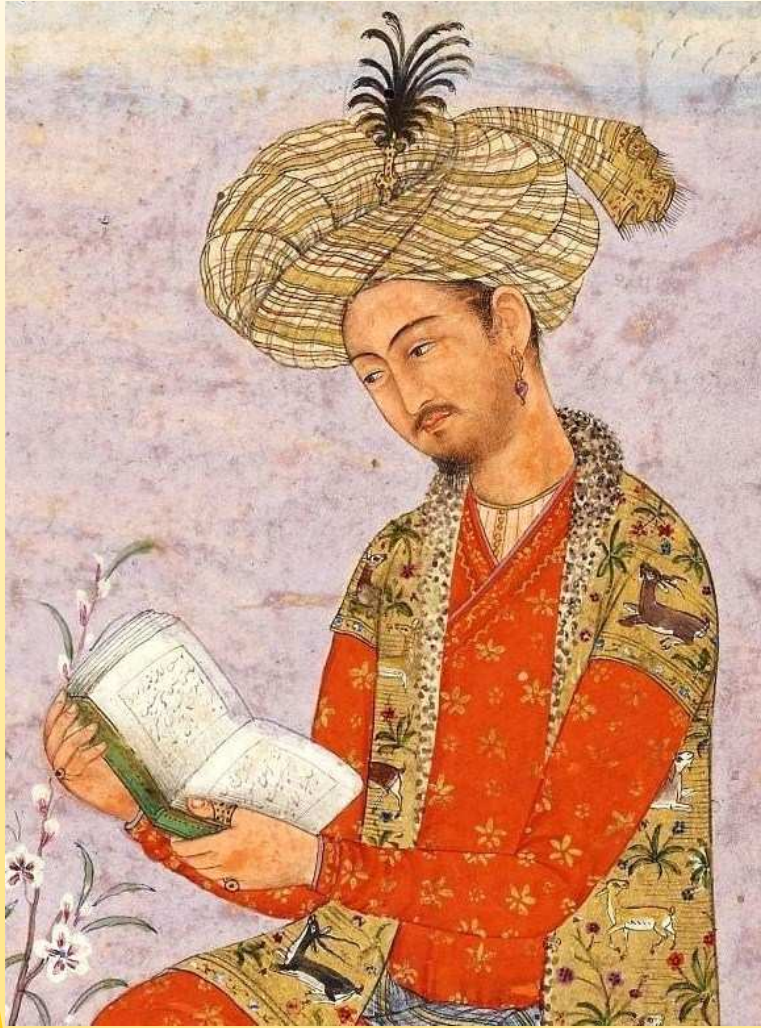
More than 182 other people also were wounded in the blast late Saturday, which tore through the men’s section of the festively decorated hall that was crowded with hundreds of well-wishers, mostly members of Afghanistan’s minority ethnic Hazara community.



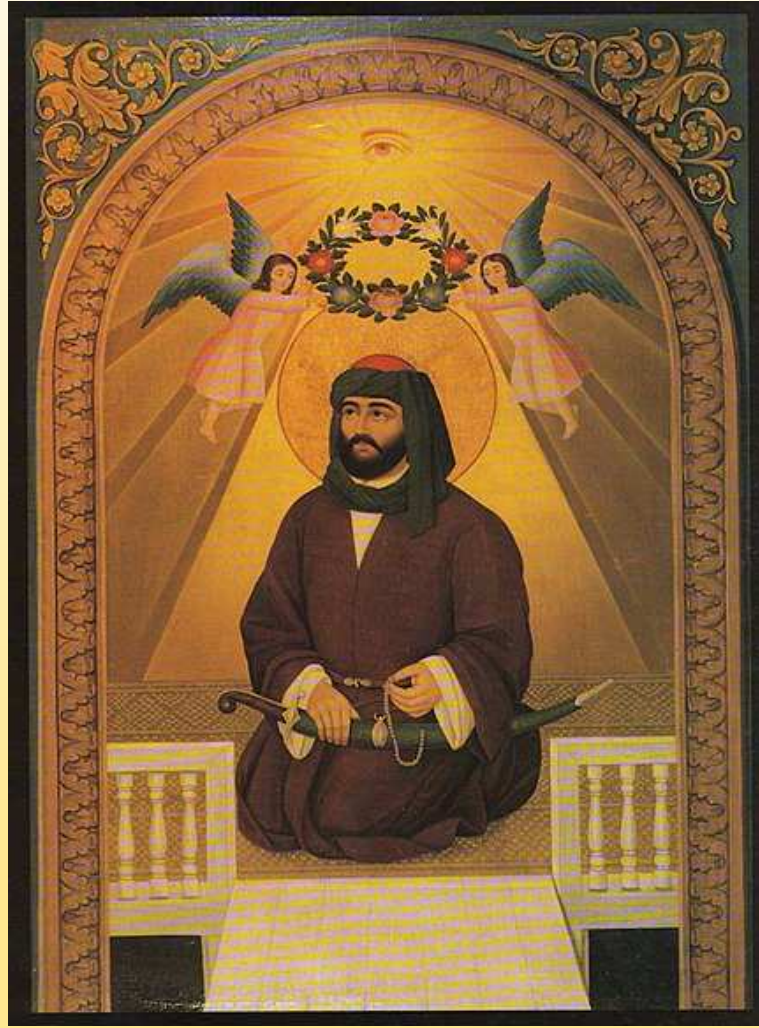
Hazara ‘Enlightenment Movement’ protester.

\*ISIS affiliate group based in Afghanistan.





**Illustration of Babur**



**Illustration of Imam\* Ali**



**Illustration of Ahmad Shah Durrani,  
founder of the modern state of Afghanistan**

\*In the Shia context 'Imam' refers to the religious leaders that succeeded the Prophet Muhammed.





**Rohullah Nikpai was the first Olympic medalist for Afghanistan (Beijing 2008), and is Hazara.**



**Zahra Elham won Afghanistan's popular music TV show 'Afghan Star' in March 2019, and is the programme's first female winner in the shows 14 year history. Elham is Hazara.**



**Laila Haidari runs Afghanistan's only drug rehabilitation centre, based in Kabul, and is also Hazara.**



# Afghanistan's persecuted Hazaras have little hope in peace talks

*Comprising 15 percent of the population, the mostly Shia Muslim ethnic minority has long suffered targeted killings.*



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Amrullah Saleh, Ghani's running mate, claims he has the voice recording of a member of Abdullah's team, who is apparently Tajik, making racist comments against Hazaras, mocking their flat noses. Many on social media ask him to share the evidence, in this case the recording.

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In 2010, singer-songwriter Elaha Soroor was in trouble. As a female Hazara singer performing on national TV, on *Afghan Star*, an Afghanistan equivalent to *American Idol*, she was basically embroiled in controversy from the start. Soroor's appearance on the show had defied the conservative society; here was a female singer, often portrayed as amoral, who was also Hazara—an oppressed ethnicity long discriminated against—from a working-class family. Some celebrated this historic first, others scorned it, and still others threatened Soroor.





**Hazara Nawroz\* celebration in Burton-upon-Trent, UK.**

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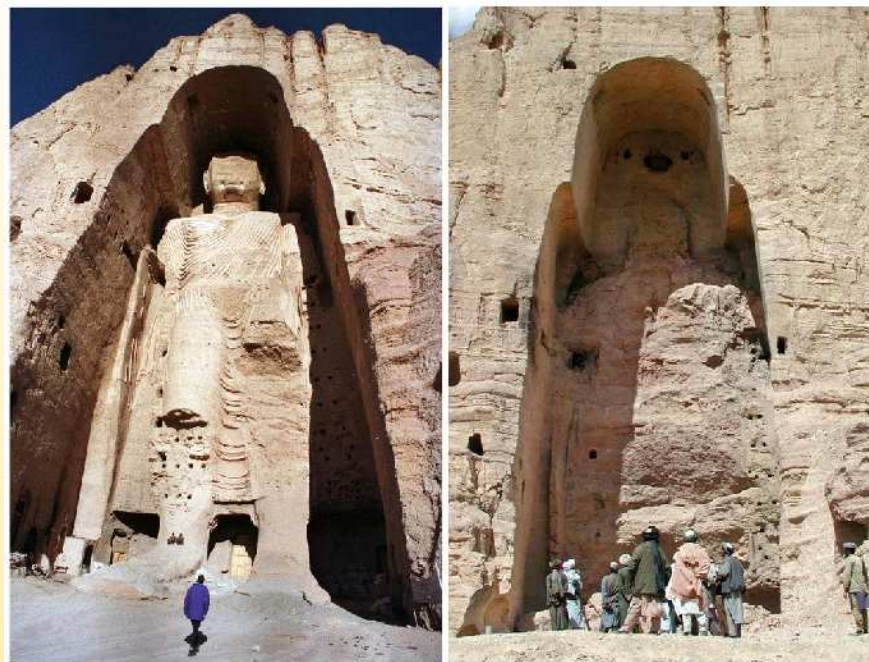
**Hazara musicians at the annual Dambora Festival in Bamiyan.**

\*Persian New Year.





Entrance to the mausoleum of Imam Hussain in Karbala.



Before and after images of one of the Buddha of Bamiyan statues, which were destroyed by the Taliban in 2001 - Bamiyan, Hazarajat.

'Buddha'  
by Hazara artist  
Amin Taasha.



Shah Karim Al Hussaini,  
Aga Khan IV,  
current Ismaili Imam.



# Thank you



Hazara boys in Bamiyan, Afghanistan.  
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