



GCSE HISTORY

Paper 1B/E: Conflict and tension in the Gulf and Afghanistan, 1990–2009

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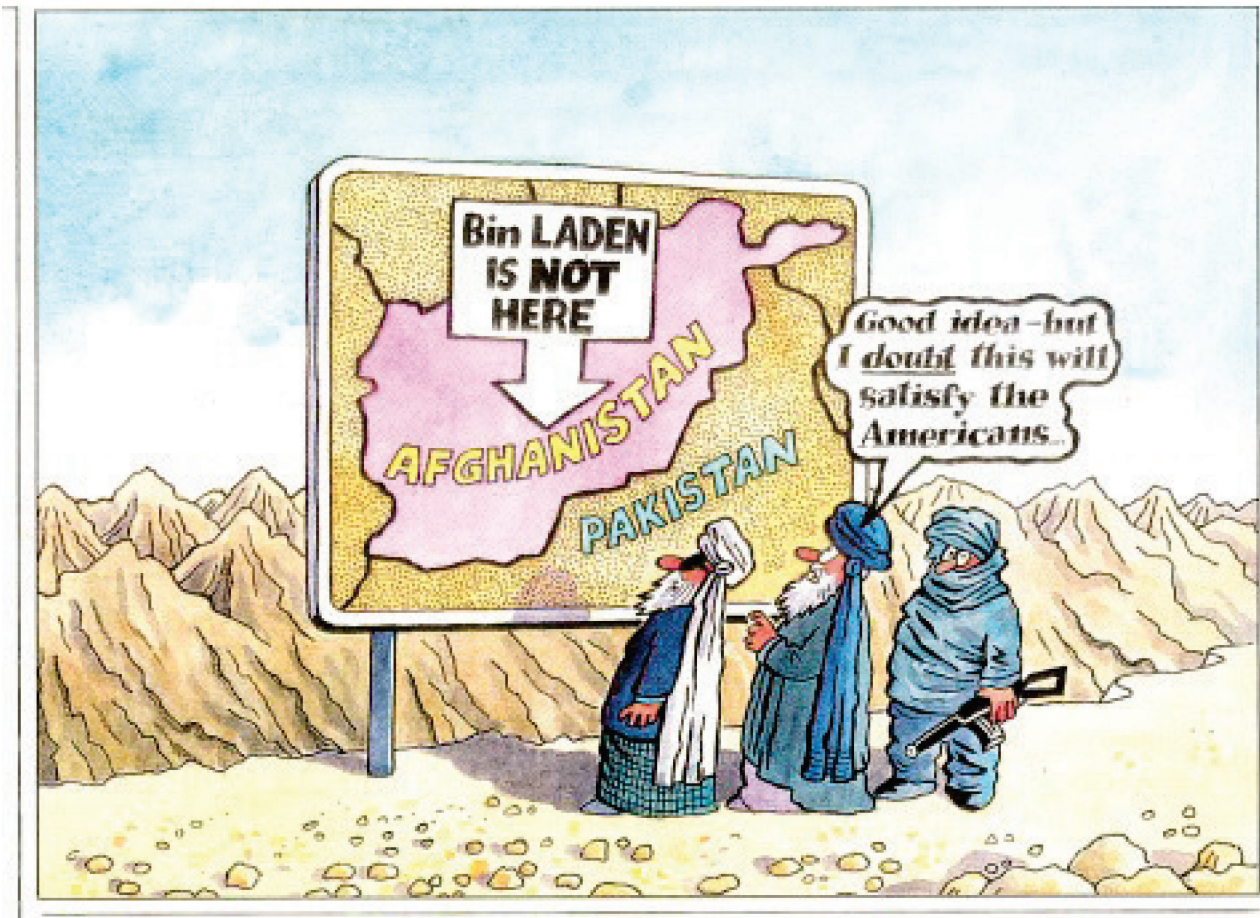
Source A

From Richard Kemp, Commander of British forces in Afghanistan, writing in 2009 about the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The Taliban in Afghanistan are cruel masters at shielding themselves behind the civilian population and then melting in among them for protection. The use of women to shield gunmen as they attack NATO forces is now so normal it is hardly worth mentioning. Schools and houses are routinely booby-trapped. Snipers shelter in houses deliberately filled with women and children.

Source B

A cartoon published in a British newspaper, 20 September 2001.

**Source C**

From a statement made by Prime Minister Blair following the first British attacks in Afghanistan, 7th October, 2001.

As you all know from the announcement by President Bush, military action against targets inside Afghanistan has begun. I can confirm that UK forces are engaged in this action.

No country lightly commits forces to military action. We stated that, following the attacks upon the US on 11 September, we would take action once it was clear who was responsible.

I am sure that anyone who has been through all the available evidence, including intelligence material, knows that these attacks were carried out by the al-Qaeda network headed by Osama Bin Laden, and supported by the Taliban inside Afghanistan.

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