



An aerial relief map of Afghanistan during the Great Game

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A very unusual aerial map of Afghanistan, published during negotiations between the British, Russians and Afghans to decide the borders of the country. In 1885 the Russians attempted to seize more land before the borders were fixed, almost leading to war with the British but, after Tsar Alexander III offered talks, Britain agreed to Russia keeping their gains, much to Afghan fury.

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