



# Movement of Cargo Supporting Operation Enduring Freedom into Afghanistanvia "The New Silk Road"

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## The New Silk Road: The Challenge

- Mission:
  - Support the imminent doubling of US Forces (primarily in the south and west) and the upgrade of Operating Bases throughout the country, without impacting on-going sustainment operations or force-rotations in the north and east regions.
- Enemy:
  - Security and Risk of theft along the existing route
  - Fragile and fractured political climate within Pakistan
- Terrain:
  - Limited ground routes through Pakistan
  - Bureaucratic processes at the AFG-PAK Border vic Peshawar
  - Limited maturity of physical Infrastructure,
  - Constrained air network in Afghanistan, particularly the south
- **Time:** Shipment times for Cargo From CONUS, Europe, Kuwait/Qatar
- WILD-CARD: The "Gray Hole" of Distribution Management Information
  - Tasking From GEN Dempsey (Interim CDR, USCENTCOM) Jul 08: By the first quarter of FY 09 initiate use of a complementary Northern Line of Communication into Afghanistan through the Central Asian States.



# The New Silk Road: The Approach

- Work with our traditional distribution partners (DOD, commercial carriers, 3PL's, Govt of Pakistan) to better manage existing flows through the PAKGLOC.
- Re-invigorate the use of non-traditional trade routes and expand the team of partner nations to develop a Northern GLOC.
- Procure goods and services from local sources wherever practicable and appropriate.
- Per GEN McNabb, CDR, USTC: "Use Existing Commercial Resources Infrastructure and Processes to move DOD Non-Hazardous, Non-Lethal Cargo through Central Asia into Afghanistan"

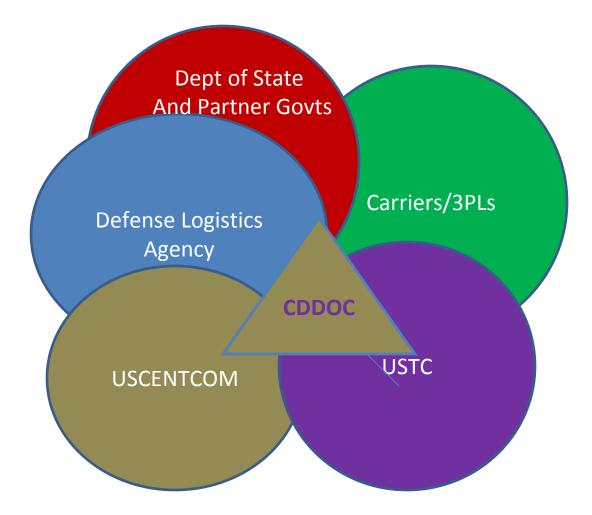


# The New Silk Road: The NGLOC Becomes the

- Northern Ground Line of Communication (NGLOC)
  - Operative word "Ground"
  - Limited routing options, flexibility, and partner nations
  - Paving an existing set of "cow-paths"
- Northern Distribution Network (NDN)
  - Operative words "Distribution" and "Network"
  - Military Teaming among Distribution Process Owner (USTC), DLA, and Geographic Combatant Commander (USCENTCOM)
  - Inter- and multi-modal, flexible, with multiple partner nations
  - Building on existing commercial relations/partnerships to create a whole new supply and distribution highway for DOD



## The New Silk Road: Synergistic Thinking, Process Design, and Unprecedented Teamwork





# The New Silk Road

# Questions?

#### **Solution Kilitary Surface Deployment and Distribution**

# 598<sup>th</sup> Transportation Group (SDDC)



## Warrior Logistics – In Motion

Panel: "The New Silk Road" Northern Distribution Network (NDN)

#### EUCOM/AFRICOM

Committed – Dependable - Relentless!

# **Guiding Principles / Intent - NDN**

- Distribution Network v. MSR/GLOC construct
  - (Mindset New Normal)
- Leverage commercial partners/integrated Supply Chain
- Manage Disruptions/Events
- O Breed Resilience Agility Flexibility
- Supply Chain Security thru Synthesis
  - Reduced Footprint
  - No visible presence
  - Noutine Traffic Flow Under the Radar



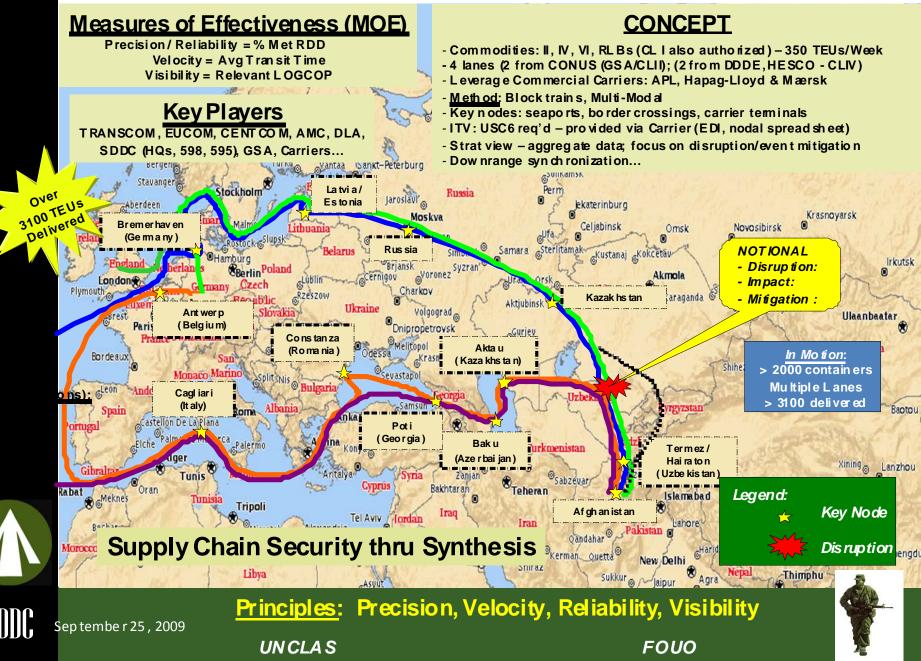
Resist urge to Mirror Image other GLOC processes (PAK, IZ, etc)
 Win the Information Domain...





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# SDDC Surface (USC6-Commercial) NDN Routes



# NDN Challenges - Mitigation

- Transit Agreements
  - Regulate cargo flow as required / Improve UZ request timeline
  - O Compliance and accuracy
- Managing Expectations
  - O Communication Collaboration Reporting
  - Commercial Military data har monization
- ITV (RFID limited viability)
  - Leveraging commercial industry capability (via USC6)
  - Working enterprise tracking solutions (via iSDDC, others)
- Managing Information Flow
  - SDDC/598<sup>th</sup> (+ 595<sup>th</sup>) is central data point
  - 8 Broad data sharing
- O Cyber/OPSEC data transparen cy/info assurance
- Vast Distances New Partnerships
- Retrograde







# NDN - Way Ahead

#### Leverage Enterprise view/Whole of Gov't approach

Synch efforts between different routes, modes, sources

- Mardwiring the NDN Optimization, identify/improve weak links...
- $\emptyset$  ITV Explore options (SAT/GPS → Diplomatic Constraints...)
- Develop Routes/Build Capacity (target 350 containers/week)

Exploit niches; Create & build multi-modal options (sea-air); flexible
 solutions tailored to meet needs

Is to accommodate more commodities, carriers, routings, increase overall capacity...

- Risk Management:
  - Foc us on identifying vulnerabilities and spotting anomalies
  - **1** Isolate disturbances; avoid disruption over-reaction; restart quickly

Push for Enterprise Solutions – Mindful of Cyber security/Info Assurance/Tracking-Reporting

Shape Retrograde CONOPS...



Magnitude of Challenge creates Opportunity...

Achieve Precision, Velocity, Reliability, Visibility - Build Certainty and Trust...Win the information domain every day!



# NDN -Thought Provoking Takeaways...

First 1000 TEUs took 5 months - now delivering 1000 per month – moving towards 1400 per month

- **Mathebra Keep all routes lubricated**
- Pressure off PAKGLOC = 35% and growing
- Logistics Paradigm Shift...
- \land New Normal
  - A lot of NDN benchmarking and modeling maps to AFRICOM
  - Expeditionary use of USC 6
  - Synchronize/harmonize expectations with carrier capabilities
  - Over the horizon logistics...to the point of impact
- All logistics is local...
- O Distribution Network approach...
  - O enhances supply chain security
  - builds resilience adaptability

or reduces logistics footprint – breeds collaboration & unity of effort

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Discovery

"Creating Full Spectrum Possibilities"

"Imagination is more powerful than knowledge - EINSTEIN!"





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# **Questions?**

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#### Surface Transportation Challenges in Pakistan/Afghanistan



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#### **Topics of Discussion**



#### Route Map to Afghanistan via Karachi

- Challenges Pilferage
  - Evolution of Security Precautions
  - Cargo Velocity in GLOC is Key to Success
    - Receiving Capabilities
    - Backlogs at ports and terminals raise visibility
      - Peshawar attacks
    - Border closures increase vulnerability
      - August 30<sup>th</sup> Chaman border attacks
    - Carrier efforts to Protect Cargo
      - Harden terminals
      - Convoy escorts to the borders
      - Secure Warehousing
      - Vehicle encasement

#### **Route Map**





# **Combating Pilferage**

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## **Evolution of Security Measures**



High security seals Bullet seals applied by KICT Cable seals applied at origin or the port **Containers loaded door-facing-door** Daily ITV reporting from checkpoints enroute Containers are "coupled" or locked together Weigh trucks at port, borders and Kabul, prior to final delivery **Email discrepancies to the MCB** Milvans stuffed in High Cubes Armed escort for convoys in Pakistan **GPS Trucks with lift sensors** Navalock high security seals Satellite tracking with direct feeds to TRANSCOM

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#### APL Afghanistan Pilferage Metrics – 2007-2009

Month FY 2007	Containers Delivered 13,160	Claims received 33 *	Percentage 0.25%
FY 2008	15,966 POLU	0 **	0.00%
YTD 2009	15,508	2 2	0.04%
FY 07,08 and YTD	09 44,634	40	0.08%

- 22 claims filed directly with the carrier in August 2007
- \*\* 2008 container pilferage claims were zero

#### **Cargo Velocity is the Key to Success**

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## **Receiving Capabilities**





Single largest constraint in a surge environment

- Volume, force protection concerns and handling equipment play a role in gate velocity
  - Inability to deliver down-line has greatest impact
  - Kandahar, Prime Vendor and ANA Depots are recent examples

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#### Backlogs increase visibility and vulnerability





### Peshawar Attacks – December 2008



- Increased Militant activity between Torkham border and Peshawar
- Border closures/receiving capability at ANA Depots create backlogs in Peshawar
- Several Terminals attacked in December 2008
- Security personnel are not able to fend off attackers
- 250-300 trucks lost during 2-3 week period



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#### **Border Closures Increase Vulnerability**





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## August 30<sup>th</sup> Attack at Chaman Border

- Dispute between Afghan border officials and Frontier Corps officials over inspection of inbound trucks to Pakistan
- Border had been closed for 2 days
- Explosion of a Fuel Tanker lead to collateral damage of 15 supply trucks 9 APL trucks, 2 Maersk trucks



# **Carrier Efforts to Protect Cargo**

## Harden Terminals in Peshawar



#### **Objective**

Harden terminals according to Frontier Corps recommendations in order to maintain CY's in the Peshawar area. Security arrangements are contracted through the Frontier Corps.

#### **Composition of the Security Team**

Ex service man/officers of Army or Frontier Corps Total Officers (Commanders) – 1 (Supervisors - 8) Total Escort Cabs - 4 Weapons - 36 (Kalashnikov AK-47) Total Personnel deployed – 58 (two shifts)

#### Security Coverage at Terminal

Watch towers (4) Lighting towers (5) Torches (10) Whistles (4)

#### Fire Fighting Apparatus/facility at Terminal

Sufficient foam cylinders, water buckets, Fire beaters and back up support of fire fighting vehicle

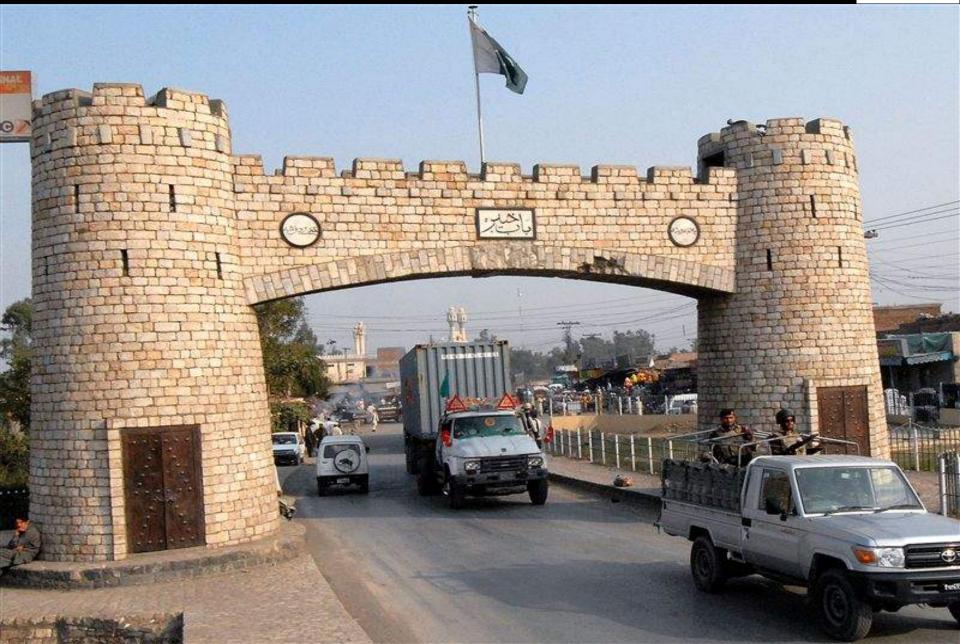
#### **Communication system**

The detachments and escorts have dedicated communication with the facility and their main headquarters/command center via cell phones.

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#### FC Provided Security to the Torkham Border





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### **Secured Warehousing for FMS**



- Carriers secure covered warehouses within Karachi proper
- Armed security personnel on site
- Reduced cost exposure to the government
  - Increased force protection by reducing visibility at Karachi ports

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## Vehicle Encasement





# **Questions?**

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Involved in Afghan trade since 2003

Offer a suite of services for logistics and supply chain services in-country Multiple overland options for entering the country (northern and southern routes, truck or rail)

Customs clearance teams at Torkham, Kabul, Hairaton and Kandahar

We are registered with the following:

- Ministry of Interior
- O US Embassy and Consulates
- O US Military
- **1** NATO/ISAF



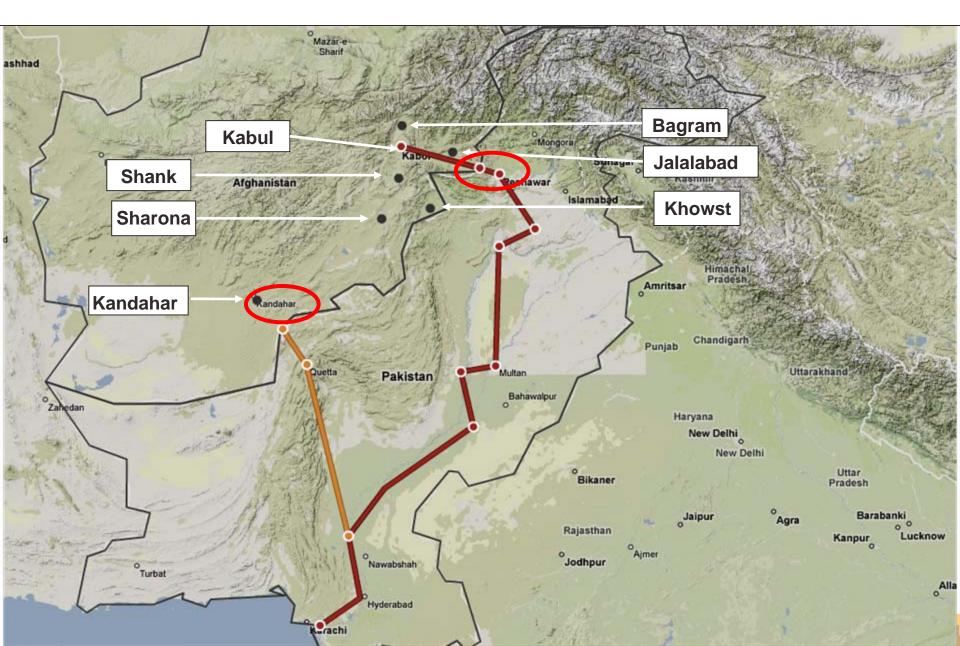


# Afghanistan - Pakistan – Afghanistan - Poti, Georgia – Afghanistan - Unique Solutions



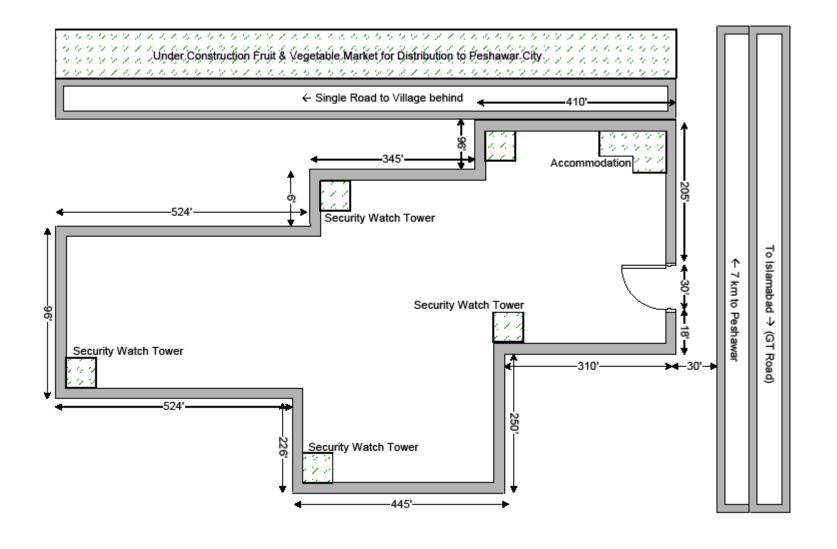
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## **Southern Distribution Network**



## **Peshawar Terminals**





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## **Challenges**

Procedures at the FOBs

- -Lack of container prioritization
- -Trucks reloaded with export cargo without letting carriers know before hand

-Acknowledgement of receipt by base personnel

Customs

- -Tariff memo issuance
- -Inconsistent Mahfi nama procedures from the bases

Threat to personnel near Peshawar and within Afghanistan



### **Successes**

Reefer operations -Strict reporting procedures -Investment in better GENSETs -More mechanics

**Metrics** 

-Strict enforcement

-Performance dictates trucker volume



#### **Numerous Solutions from Europe & Central Asia**

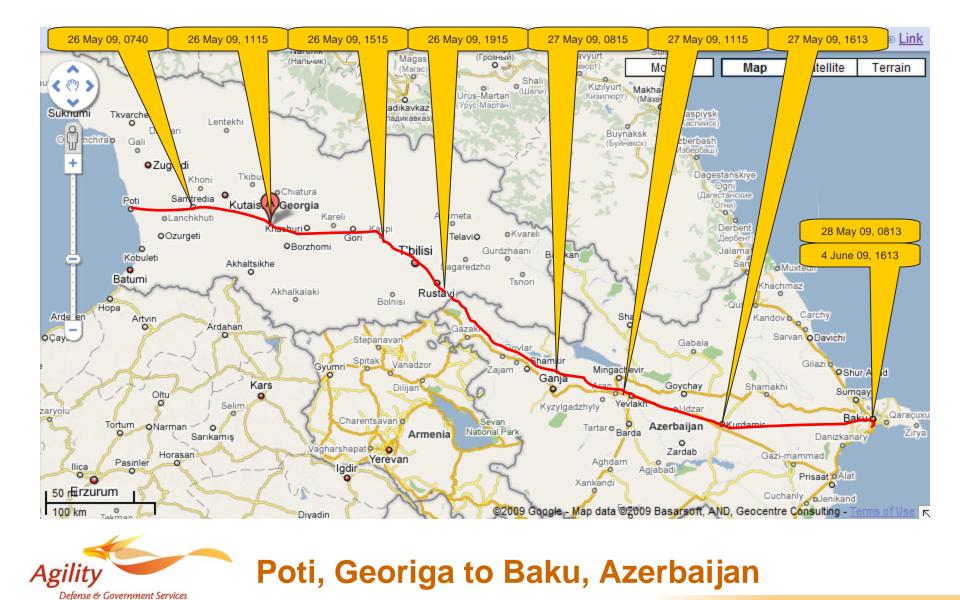




### **Northern Distribution Network**



## **ITV for 80 container shipment**



## Hairaton

Direct transfer to Afghan trucks

Currently prepared for 50 trucks per train arrival (more can be arranged if necessary)

10,000 sqm outdoor storage available if needed

Customs completed in Mezar E Sherif





## Assessment: NGLOC works well

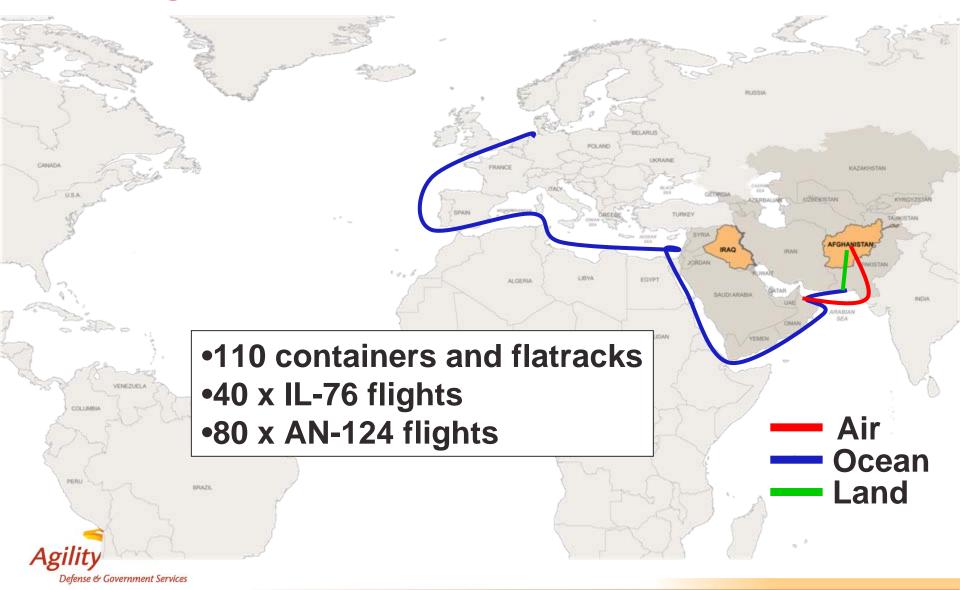
#### • Challenges

- -Diplomatic approval from the Uzbekistan government
- -Lack of steady volume impacts customs and movement of trains
- Success

   Ability to acquire trains with adequate volume of containers
   Speed of transshipment at Hairaton



### Kabul, Afghanistan Power Plant 100 Mega Watt Diesel Power Plant



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## The New Silk Road

## Afghanistan Logistics Support Through Pakistan

USTRANSCOM In-Transit Visibility (ITV) Perspective

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## **Pakistan Ground Line of Communication** (PAKGLOC)

## Afghanistan main supply route

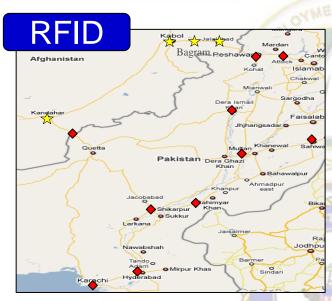
- ~5,000 containers daily
- Two border crossings
  - Torkham-North
  - Chaman-South

#### Impacted by environment & tactics

- Limited ITV due to fixed RFID infrastructure
- Better ITV desired for mission critical cargo

#### Enhanced ITV assessorial

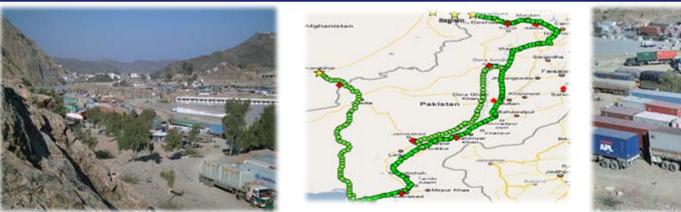
- Pay-for-information (satellite tracking)
- Created options for our Commanders
- USC 6 Carriers
- Unit cargo







# **Satellite Pay-For-Information**



- First use of commercially provided satellite service
- Automatic updates into DOD ITV system
- Carrier responsible for:
  - Hardware
  - Life cycle management
  - Commissioning/Decommissioning
  - Message formatting
- True partnership with industry





- Integrate pay-for-information with complementing technologies
  - Availability of real-time ITV in high threat areas
    - Positioning
    - Door intrusion
    - Alerts
- Data quality
  - Standardizing data formats



Integrating ITV data into single interface



