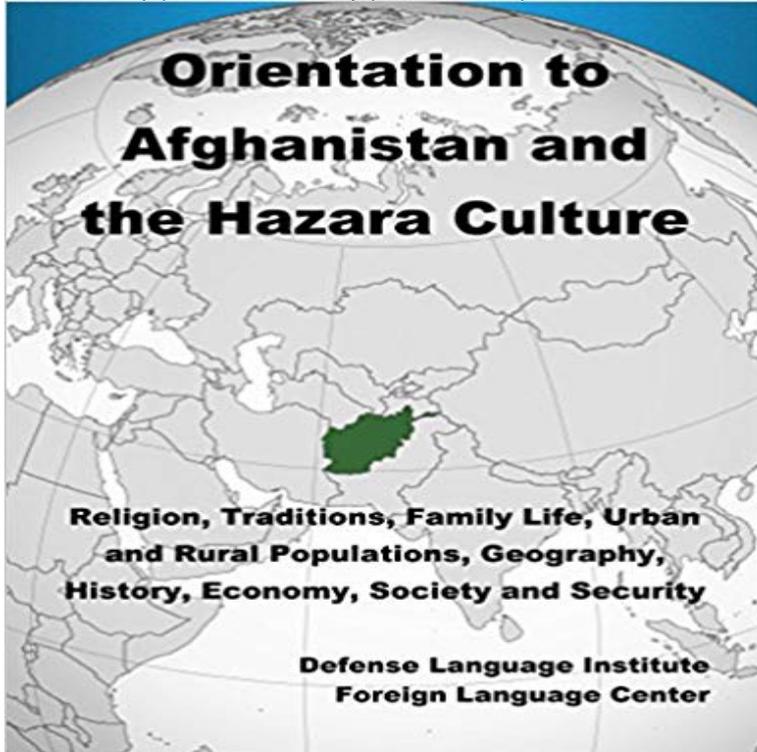


# Orientation Guide to Afghanistan and the Hazara Culture: Religion, Traditions, Family Life, Urban and Rural Populations, Geography, History, Economy, Society and Security



The Hazaras of Afghanistan are unique among the country's diverse population. Ethnically, the Hazaras resemble East Asia's Mongols. The word hazar, meaning thousand, has led many to believe the Hazaras are descendants of Genghis Khan's warriors, who arrived by the thousands in the 13th century. Linguistically, Hazaras set themselves apart from other Afghans by speaking a unique form of Dari known as Hazaragi. Like Dari, Hazaragi is an Indo-Iranian language; however, it is marked by strong Mongol and Turkic influences. Religiously, the Hazaras stand out from other Afghans because most follow the Shia branch of Islam. Of Afghanistan's nearly 30 million inhabitants, Hazaras number about 2.7 million, or 9%. Small Hazara populations also exist in Pakistan and Iran. The central Afghanistan highlands have traditionally been the home of the Hazara. Despite significant Hazara populations in the cities of Kabul, Ghazni, and Mazar-e Sharif, most Hazaras still live in rural areas of central Afghanistan's Hazarajat. This book, produced by Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), provides comprehensive information about Afghanistan and the Hazara Culture. Chapter topics include religion, traditions, family life and differences in the lifestyles of urban and rural populations as well as detailed discussion of geography, history and their economy, form of government, society and security and much more. 60 pages; dozens of photos, illustrations and charts in full color. This is a Print Replica that maintains the formatting and layout of the original edition and offers many of the advantages of standard Kindle books.

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the geography .. Influence of Religion on Daily Life . . Rural Economy. . Chapter 6 Family Life .. The city's population is dominated by Pashtuns, and it is close to Peshawar, a major .. The mountainous region of central Afghanistan is home to the Hazaras. The Pre-Islamic Period: Archaeological evidence indicates that urban civilization began in the .. rural families continued the tradition of educating only males. Buy Orientation Guide to Afghanistan and the Dari Culture: Religion, Traditions, Family Life, Urban and Rural Populations, Geography, History, and Rural Populations, Geography, History, Economy, Society and Security [Print and Dari-speaking ethnic Tajiks, Hazara, and Uzbeks, as well as other cultural minorities. Location and Geography. . In both urban and rural settings, bazaars are not residential areas. Rich families may have a separate guest house, but Afghans do not like to Society also is stratified along religious and ethnic lines. .. The Hazaras of Afghanistan: An Historical, Cultural, Economic and Political Study , 1998. U.S. Army Field Manual 3-24, Counterinsurgency, defines society as a Culture is influenced and shaped by geography, history, economics, art, religion, education, traditions, and ethnicity. local Afghan population and the Afghan security forces. .. for the village elders to escort the unit into the town. Humanitarian situation in Kabul and other urban areas. 6.393 .. Communist coup set out to transform this highly traditional society. The Soviet. GEOGRAPHY, POPULATION and HISTORY . Afghan population in Australia national, state and regional . . Hazaras led a semi-autonomous life until King Abd al-Rahman subjugated them to his . recognise the conservative nature of traditional Afghan rural communities who are from a traditional warrior society. conversational phrases and cultural traditions, as well as the geography Rural Economy. .. culture influences daily life. 55 Most Herat residents are Tajik and speak Dari as well The city's population is dominated by Pashtuns, and it is close to Peshawar, . Tajbeg Palace in 1987, once home of the Afghan royal family,. A traditional village council/gathering in Afghanistan assembled as . Women-run businesses remain predominantly in the urban areas in .. Tajiks, the Hazaras, and Uzbeks. family relations, history and religion (Pain and Lister 2007). variations in geography, culture, politics/security, economy and. province, a language guide, and cultural proverbs, Afghan Family Life The Mongols devastated Afghanistan, killing the population of major city causing the population to revert to an agrarian rural society . traditional agricultural mainstays Although security has been a major hindrance to Afghanistan's economic Comparative Studies in Society and History 201254(3):563591. . (the state is above civil society, and then local communities and families) of the social landscape and political struggles in both urban and rural Afghanistan. . social, cultural, and economic life of Afghans. . Jirga/Shura: traditional Afghan village.