

Invasion: Afghanistan, 1980

Narrator: For 60 years Afghanistan maintained friendly relations with its neighbor to the north, the Soviet Union. When Soviet Russia invaded his homeland in December 1979, the United Nations representative from Afghanistan resigned from his post in protest against the violation of the sovereignty and independence of his country. Ambassador Abdul Hakim Tabibi:

Ambassador Abdul Hakim Tabibi: It is indeed shocking and unbelievable to our people to see the answer to all these warm and cordial relations should be a massive intervention.

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Paul Berry: Afghanistan is a deeply conservative country, where the basic patterns of life are bound up with the laws of Islam.

Away from the main towns many Afghans still lead the traditional life, with camels still the best means of transport.