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Afghanistan is going great, folks...if you're a heroin addict.

"Heroin production is booming in Afghanistan, undermining democracy and putting money in the coffers of terrorists, according to a U.N. report Thursday that called on U.S. and NATO-led forces to get more involved in fighting drug traffickers," reports the New York Times.

One out of ten Afghans benefits from the opium trade. After putting US soldiers at risk and invading the country, opium production is up to 87 percent of the world's supply -- only bad weather and disease kept it from going higher. Opium is 60% of the entire country's GDP. How can we possibly call that a success?

"The fear that Afghanistan might degenerate into a narco-state is slowly becoming a reality," said one person in the report. "Opium cultivation, which has spread like wildfire throughout the country, could ultimately incinerate everything: democracy, reconstruction and stability."



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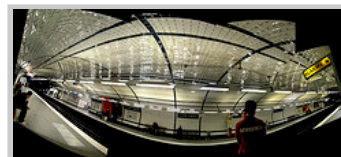
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
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