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# AFGHANISTAN COUNTRY REPORT

THE STATE OF THE  
HUMANITARIAN SYSTEM 2026

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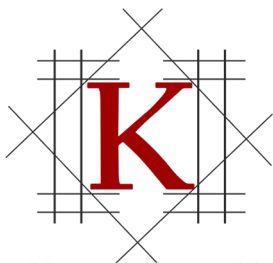
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