

Russia Afghanistan parallels

(January 2023)

	Afghanistan	Russia
Population (millions)	38	147
Area (million sq.km)	0.65	17
Maximum extent (km)	1,200	9,000
GDP (PPP, billion)	\$73	\$4,650
Human Development Index	0.478	0.824
Scientific and technological development	Poor	Sophisticated
Military expenditure (billion)	\$0.28	\$145 (PPP)
Military materiel captured from NATO and the U.S. (billion)	\$83	unknown
Nuclear armament (heads)	0	7,000
Navy	None	Large
Duration of last war (years)	20	0.9
War outcome	NATO and the U.S. defeat; disastrous hasty withdrawal; Taliban undivided victory	Your guess