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**“Afghanistan: A View from the Ground”**

Our speaker suggests:

**Web and Other, Related Media Sites:**

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