



20 years ago, terrorists attacked **the World Trade Center** in New York, US, and the US and UK started a war with the **Taliban**.

Recently, US soldiers started to leave Afghanistan, and the Taliban quickly took control of nearly all the country. The president ran away from the country, and only a few hours later, the Taliban took control of the presidential palace. Fighters took down the flag of Afghanistan which was in the palace.

Thousands of Afghans wanted to leave the country, which caused **chaos** at the international airport in Kabul. People ran on runways, and they tried to get on planes. Some people even jumped on the planes when they were taking off. Foreign **diplomats** left the country because it was not safe for them anymore.

Difficult words: **the World Trade Center** (two tall buildings in the US where many people worked), **Taliban** (a terrorist group in Afghanistan), **chaos** (a situation when people are confused and there is no organization or order), **diplomat** (a person who represents a country abroad).

Discussion Questions

Topic Talk

1. Define the following words: *The World Trade Center*, *Taliban*, *chaos* and *diplomat*
2. Why did the US and the UK start a war with the Taliban in 2001?
3. What did the Taliban do when the US soldiers started to leave Afghanistan?
4. When did the Taliban take control of the presidential palace?
5. What caused the chaos at the international airport in Kabul?

Express Your Thoughts

1. How hard do you think has it been for thousands of Afghans to stay in their homeland?
2. Who are greatly affected by the chaos in Afghanistan?
3. What do you suppose will happen to Afghanistan now that the Taliban has already taken control of the country?
4. How likely will your country experience this chaotic situation?