

# Kosovo or Kurdistan?

The U.S. “Pivot to Asia” and the Geopolitics of  
“Rohingya-Land”



# Sun Tzu and Sir Halford Mackinder

- “Know the enemy and know yourself; in a hundred battles, you will never be in peril.”
- Sun Tzu
- “Who rules East Europe commands the Heartland; Who rules the Heartland commands the World-Island; Who rules the World-Island commands the world.”
- Sir Halford Mackinder

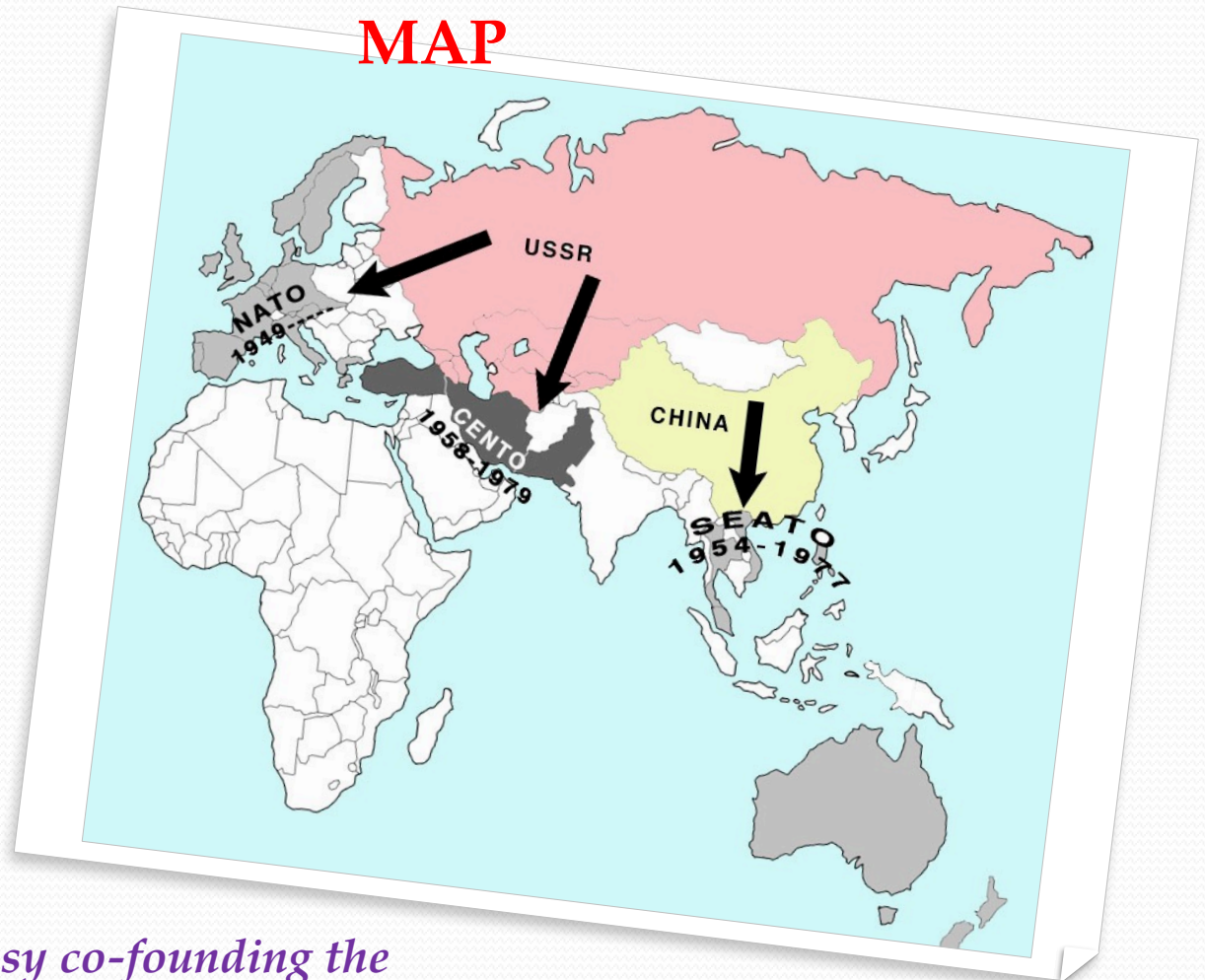
# NATO, SEATO, CENTO WORLD-ISLAND MAP

Notice the region  
NOT covered by  
either NATO,  
CENTO, or SEATO

NATO - 1949 – Present

SEATO – 1955 – 1977 (End of  
Vietnam War)

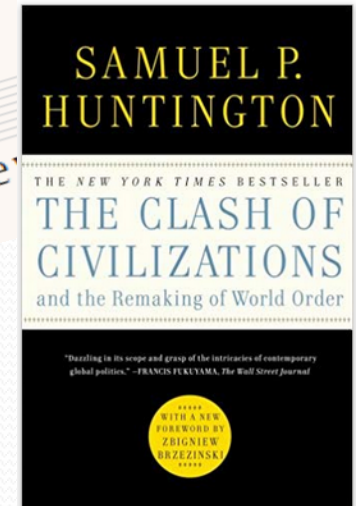
CENTO – 1955 – 1979 (Iran  
Revolution)



*India, meanwhile is busy co-founding the  
NAM (the Non-Aligned Movement in  
Yugoslavia) in 1961!*

# CONSOLIDATING HEGEMONY OVER THE WORLD- ISLAND

Setting Up A "War On Terror" By Using Terror



## Kosovo drug mafia supply heroin to Europe

**Kosovo: special report**

Bernard Lewis, Influential Scholar of Islam, Is Dead at 101 - The New ...

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/21/obituaries/bernard-lewis-islam-scholar-dies.html>

May 21, 2018 - Bernard Lewis, an eminent historian of Islam who traced the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to a declining Islamic civilization, a controversial ...



# Weaponizing Migration Europe

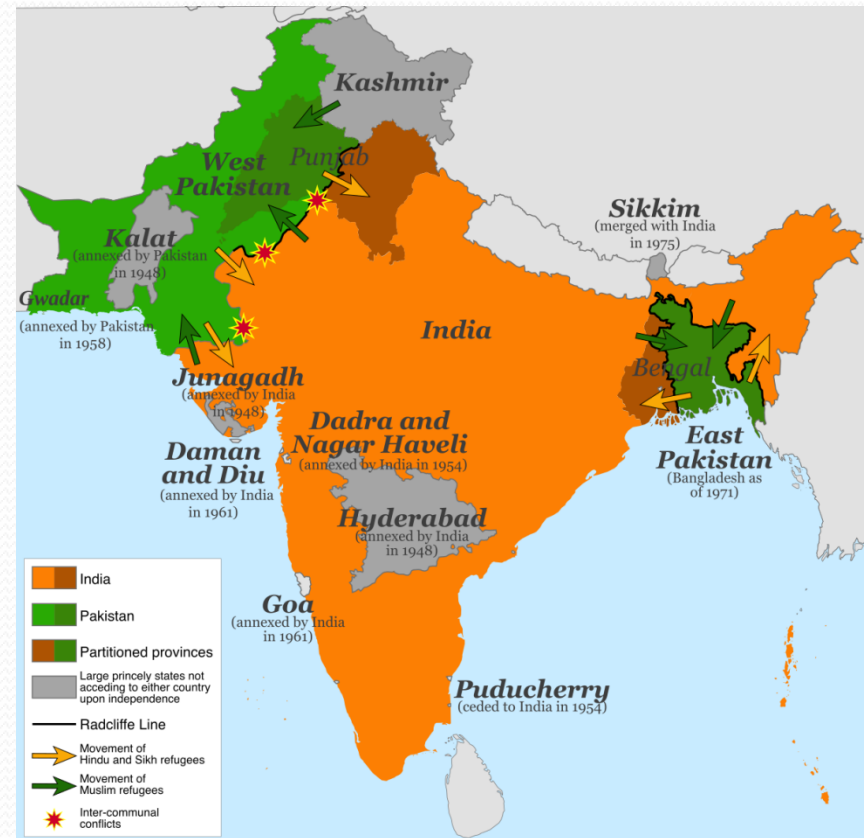


*Open Society Foundations Role?*

# Weaponizing Migration

## South Asia

- British Partition
- Lhotshampa Expulsion
- India's National Register of Citizens
- Citizenship Amendment Bill of 2019
- (Citizenship Amendment Bill of 2019 gives citizenship to aliens in India for longer than 7 years who are Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, or Pakistan.)

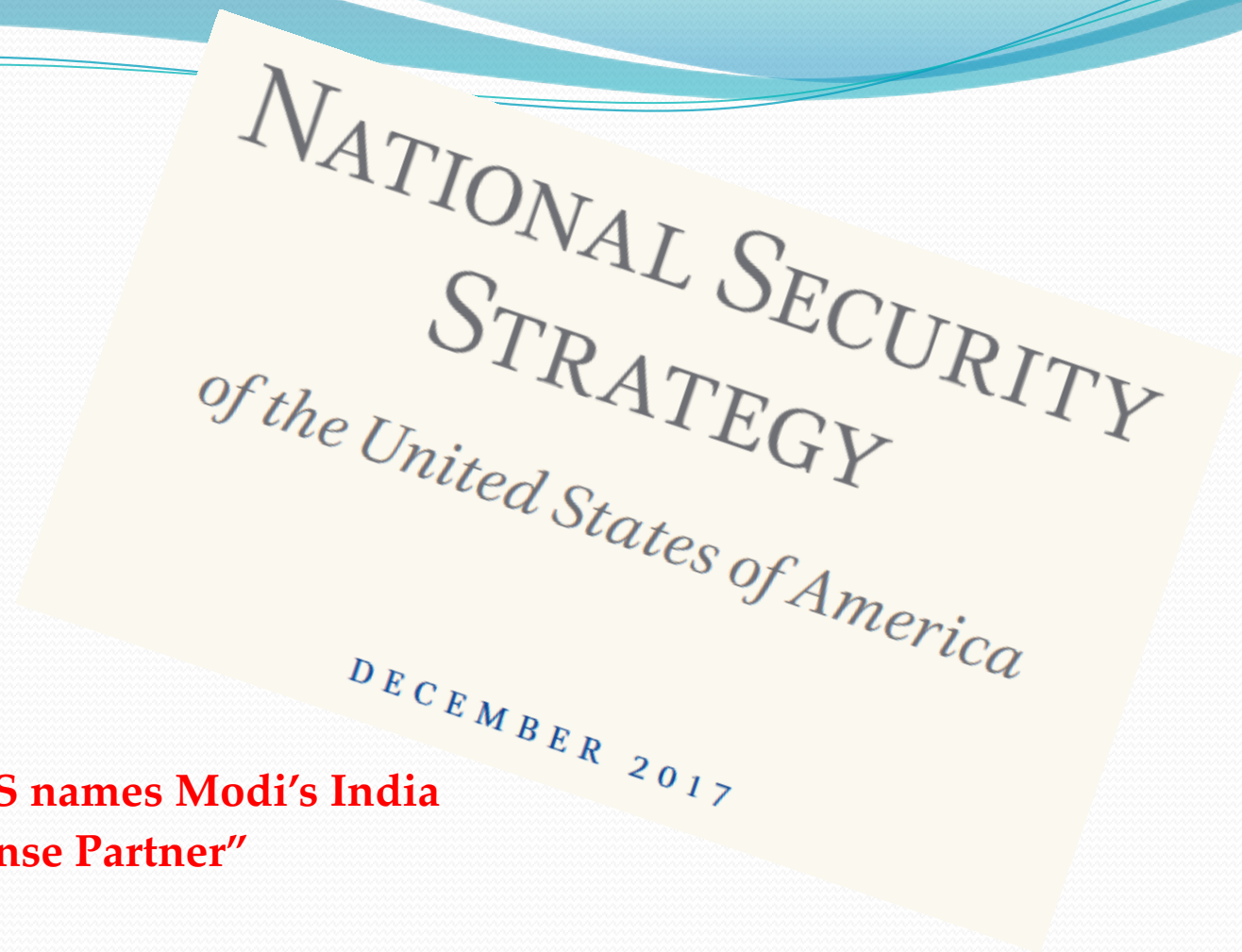


# India's BJP Leader Amit Shah Quotes

- “The Government will identify illegal immigrants living on every inch of the country's soil and will deport them as per the international law.”
- “BJP will give citizenship to Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, and Sikhs from Bangladesh and Pakistan.”

*Might Bhutan/Myanmar become a template for India and Jammu and Kashmir?*

The U.S.  
“Pivot to  
Asia” is a  
Pivot to  
Modi’s India



**Donald Trump 2017 NSS names Modi’s India  
a “Major Defense Partner”**

**(And now ISIS is knocking on India’s Door!)**

**ISIS Claims It Has Established a New ‘Province’ in India**

May 12, 2019 — Homeland Security Today



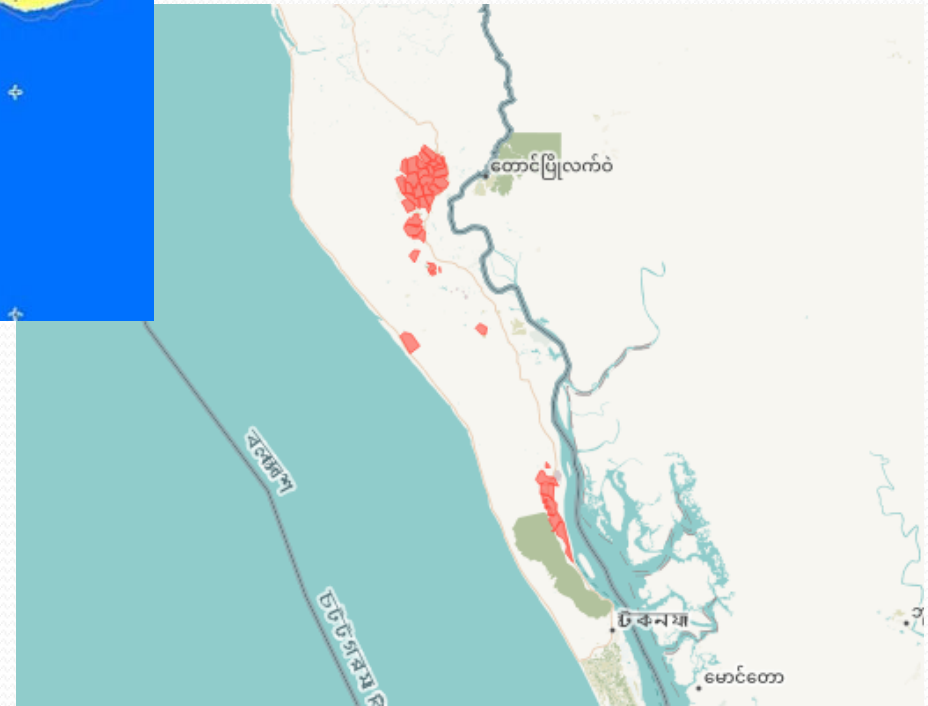
# A Dangerous Brew

- Already Existing Issues of Nations and States In This Part of the World;
- A New Political Ethos Driving Modi's India;
- The Acquisition by the U.S. of New Geostrategic Tools ("Radical Islamic Terrorism);
- The Threat of ISIS in India and South Asia;

Now Add To This:

- 1,100,000 individuals who have been badly mistreated, who have nothing in terms of material wealth, but they do have their identities intact;
- The Rohingya are a nation seeking recognition and self-determination. And, like Palestinians, that is their right;
- Enhanced U.S. attention to this already dangerous brew makes the potential for catastrophe extremely high.

# Rohingya-Land?



# Nations, States, and Countries Are All Political Constructs That Can Be Manipulated



## DISAPPEARING PALESTINE



5 million Palestinians are classified as refugees by the UN



# Kosovo and Kurdistan

## Kosovo (Eastern Europe)

- Al Qaeda allies of the U.S. in Afghanistan;
- Were the drug traffickers for the CIA (and themselves);
- After the fall of the Soviet Union, the U.S. targeted Non-Aligned Yugoslavia for Balkanization; then Serbia;
- The Republic of Kosovo was created from the ruins.
- Republic of Kosovo was born
- 98% Muslim; 2 million; recognizes Israel;
- Forerunner of “Arab Spring” with OTPOR;
- The U.S. achieved its geostrategic objectives.

## Kurdistan (Western Asia)

- U.S. ally against Iraq and Syria;
- Kurdish population inside Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran;
- 40 million mostly Sunni Muslim, but Christian and Shia—half of whom are in Turkey;
- The U.S. provided them with weapons, military training, and a map of the region showing Kurdistan;
- Kurds won a province within the federal state of Iraq and an American University of Kurdistan that is now hiring;
- Intervention of Russia and China prevented the U.S. from achieving its objectives in Syria.

# Lessons Learned for Bangladesh

- Like the Kosovars and the Kurds, the Rohingya are a nation with aspirations for recognition and self-determination;
- They have been located within Bangladesh as a geographically isolated and dependent population;
- A powerful outside country bent on manipulating the situation in South Asia can use the Rohingya for its own political purposes;
- To avoid negative consequences of the opportunity that the Rohingyas represent, I would recommend to the Government of Bangladesh that it recognize, educate, and integrate the Rohingya into Bangladeshi Society.
- Otherwise, Bangladesh could become the location for the next Palestine, Kashmir, or worse.
- I'm sure some outside countries are counting on this . . .