



GUESS COUP'S BACK: DAOUD KHAN'S AFGHANISTAN, 1973

The year is 1973 and King Mohammed Zahir Shah has just returned to Afghanistan to discover that he's been overthrown. His cousin, Sardar Mohammad Daoud Khan has taken over the country by a bloodless coup and declared himself president. As Afghanistan's peaceful and prosperous Golden Era reaches its end, the country begins descending into more tumultuous times. As the country transitions from a constitutional monarchy to a republic, delegates will be forging a new vision for the country. Afghanistan's international affairs are rapidly evolving, as Daoud Khan and his new administration hope to distance themselves from the Soviet Union and instead develop closer ties with Western countries. They have also set their sights on the oil-rich countries of Saudi Arabia and Iran as part of their economic development strategy. In the meanwhile, Khan's administration will also need to focus on modernizing their economy and responding to whispers of growing insurgencies in Afghanistan.

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