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Much has happened since issue #46 was published. A phoney democracy—dominated by warlords and drug barons—has now been imposed upon Afghanistan by the major western powers, including Canada. The current issue of *Press for Conversion!* (#59) outlines the key steps in that supposedly "democratic" process. Thanks to our military, financial and diplomatic efforts Afghanistan's most violent and dreaded terrorists are now in power.

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