



A strategic tunnel

The Wakhan Corridor in north-eastern Afghanistan forms a land link between Afghanistan and China. It is a long and slender salient about **220km long**, and separates Tajikistan from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit Baltistan in Kashmir. The corridor was a political creation of the Great Game, and the rugged terrain was historically used as a trading route between Badakhshan and Yarkand. Explorer Marco Polo apparently used this corridor.



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