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**United Nations 'veto' for solution to Afghanistan problems, experts argue**  
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Key military or political action, including installing the so-called former Afghan King as a transitional government, should be done under the UN flag, argued Faruq Achikzad and Abdul Kaporov in a brief long form on the Nautilus Institute on Monday, October 1. The late Afghan national, each with over 20 years' experience in international relations such as the UN Development Program, the SIP, and the World Bank, contend that only the former king has the legitimacy to bring together Afghanistan's numerous factions and form a unified government after the removal of the ruling Taliban. However to gain support and acceptance from Islamic nations and the various factions inside of Afghanistan, the United Nations must play the leading role leading about changes in Afghanistan.

They invited Nautilus staff on the history and current status of the Afghan problem, and stressed that resolving Afghanistan without dignity will not solve the problem.

**Bush Missile Defense Plans Could Aik China**  
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The Bush Administration's plans to develop expensive missile defense capabilities and to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty could actually benefit China's security interests, Nautilus Program and Security Program Director *John Stoddy* argued in a paper presented at the North American Strategic Conference, "Tactical, Missile Defense, and ABM Problems," held in Cambridge, MA, on September 29-30, 2001.

A critical oversight, Hurdley asserted, is whether or not the United States and Russia have agreed to modify the ABM treaty. Ironically, failing to reach such an agreement might have implications that would reduce Chinese missile defense concerns. Hurdley also took part in the conference's extensive discussion of how the September 11 attacks might affect US missile defense planning and global WMD proliferation concerns.

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