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United Nations 'redrafts' for solution to Afghanistan problems, experts argue
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Any military or political action, including installing the ousted former Afghan King as a transitional government, should be done under the UN flag, argued Farooq Achakzai and Abdul Karimzai at a round table lunch at the Nautilus Institute on Monday, October 1. The two Afghan nationals, each with over 20 years' experience in international institutions such as the UN Development Program, the IMF, and the World Bank, considered that only the former king has the legitimacy to bring together Afghanistan's numerous factions and form a united government after the removal of the ruling Taliban. However, to gain support and acceptance from Islamic nations and the vast, a-faction rabble of Afghanistan, the United Nations must play the leading role bringing about changes in Afghanistan.

They invited Nautilus staff on the history and current status of the Afghan problem, and discussed that installing Afghanistan without stability will not solve the problem.

Bush Missile Defense Plans Could Aid China
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The Bush Administration's plans to develop separate missile defense capabilities and to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty could actually benefit China's security interests, Nautilus Papers and Security Program Director David Huxley argued in a paper presented at the North International Conference, "Missiles, Missile Defenses, and ICBM Proliferation," held in Cambridgeville, N.Y., on September 28-30, 2001.

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

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