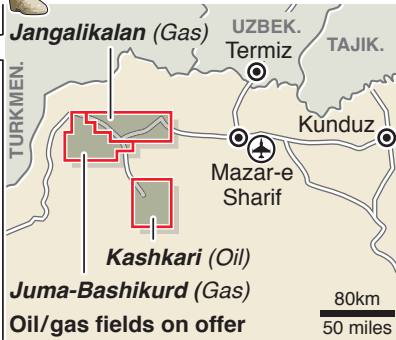


Key issues at London Afghanistan conference

■ **Security:** Phased handover by ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) to Afghan National Army (ANA) starting 2010. First provinces to be handed over to ANA – with ISAF moving to support role – by early 2011. **Currently, just 22 ANA battalions, totalling 13,200 troops, are capable of acting independently, with 16 battalions able to operate only with coalition support**



■ **Reintegration:** Britain and Japan to fund National Reintegration Organization. **Deal – expected to cost up to \$500 million – aims to lure low-level insurgents to hand over their guns with promises of money, land and jobs.** Plan will also seek reconciliation with senior Taliban commanders, and remove their names from lists of U.S. and NATO targets



■ **Economy:** Afghanistan government to create competitive, transparent process for managing mining and petroleum sector. First round of oil and gas auctions in 2009 produced only one license – bid submitted by U.S.-based oil company for Kashkari oil field



■ **Foreign policy:** Afghan President **Hamid Karzai** is willing to bring Taliban into government, but wants his neighbours to end support for illegally armed groups. **Pakistan intelligence service has supported Afghan Taliban since 1990s**