

Afghan drug lords grow super poppy seeds

Poppy farmers in Afghanistan are expecting a windfall as they prepare to harvest opium from a new variety of poppy seeds said to boost yield of the resin that produces heroin

■ New seeds grow bigger bulbs and can be scored twice in few days, doubling quantity of raw opium

■ Plants mature in three to four months rather than five, allowing farmers to crop three times a year

■ Seeds hand-delivered by same men who provide tools, farming advice and collect harvest. Ultimate origin unknown

