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The Flag of Afghanistan

The flag of Afghanistan was originally adopted by the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan from 2002–2004.

It was officially adopted January 4th, 2004 and consists of a black, red and green stripe with the Shahadah atop the coat of arms.

Afghanistan has undergone more changes to its national colors than any other country in the world, having 20 different flags since the first one flew in 1747.

In the center of the flag of Afghanistan is an emblem containing a mosque with its mihrab facing Mecca.

The writing at the top is the declaration of Shahdah:
“There is no god but Allah and Mohammad is his prophet.”

On each side of the emblem is a branch of wheat.



The black represents the 19th century era when Afghanistan was occupied and did not have independence.

The red represents the blood shed and numerous fights for independence the Afghan people have made.

The green represents the independence the country has achieved as well as the hope and prosperity for Afghanistan's and its people's future.

