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as conflict drags*

By C.J. Chivers

COMBAT OUTPOST LOWELL, Afghanistan

The small stone castle, sandbagged and bristling with weapons and U.S. soldiers, rises from a rock spur beside the Landay River. Mountains lean overhead.

Once a hunting lodge for Muhammad Zahir Shah, Afghanistan's last king, the castle is home for a year for a U.S. cavalry troop, an Afghan infantry company, a U.S. Navy corpsman and two U.S. marines.

In the deadly contest for Afghanistan's borderlands, it plays what might seem a singularly unattractive role. The position lies exposed near the bottom of a natural amphitheater deep within territory that is beyond government control.



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