

# WAKHAN SURPRISE

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yesterday (04/25) was of the Wakhan Corridor – a skinny finger of northeast Afghanistan separating Tajikistan and Pakistan extending all the way to China. Click on the link to get the photo. Note the large alluvial fan in the center on the Afghan side of the Amu Darya. Now look closely and you'll see a tiny white dot on the edge of the fan next to the green of the river bank.

What could that be? Well, here's my photo of it close up. Certainly no Afghan village. It's a modern windowless compound completely isolated with no roads, trails, or any other habitation for many miles in any direction, reachable only by helicopter. Any guesses? It's a CIA interrogation center, where captured Taliban are brought for rather intense debriefings. That's the Wakhan Surprise. I'll bet many of you canny old TTPers, however, aren't surprised at all. (*Glimpses of Our Breathtaking World* #78 Photo ©Jack Wheeler)

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