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in Post-Conflict Societies

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This book is dedicated to my loving wife Sonali,
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List of abbreviations

ACBAR	Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief
ACC	Anti-Corruption Commission (Afghanistan)
ACJC	Anti-Corruption and Justice Centre (Afghanistan)
ACSFo	Afghan Civil Society Forum organisation
AFN	Afghan Afghani (currency)
AIA	Afghan Interim Administration
AIAS	American Institute of Afghanistan Studies
AIHRC	Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
ALP	Afghan Local Police
ANA	Afghan National Army
ANDS	Afghanistan National Development Strategy
ANP	Afghan National Police
ANSF	Afghan National Security Forces
AOG	Armed opposition group
APPS	Afghan Personnel and Pay System
AREDP	Afghanistan Rural Enterprise Development Programme
AREU	Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit
ARoLP	Afghanistan Rule of Law Project
ARTF	Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund
ASAP	Accelerating Sustainable Agricultural Programme (Afghanistan)
AUP	Afghan Uniform Police
CIVPOL	Civilian Police (International)
COIN	Counterinsurgency
CPA	Coalition Provisional Authority
CPHD	Centre for Policy and Human Development (Afghanistan)
CPIB	Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (Singapore)
CSIS	Centre for Strategic and International Studies (USA)
CSO	Civil society organisation
CSTC-A	Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan
DDR	Disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
DoD	Department of Defence (USA)
DoJ	Department of Justice (USA)
EU	European Union

List of abbreviations

EULEX	European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo
EUPOL	European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation (USA)
FDD	Focused District Development
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FIA	Flag International Afghanistan
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HNP	Haitian National Police
HOOAC	High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption (Afghanistan)
HRW	Human Rights Watch
IAM	International Assistance Mission (Afghanistan)
ICAC	Independent Commission against Corruption (Hong Kong)
ICG	International Crisis Group (Belgium)
IDP	Internally displaced people
IFP	Iraq Federal Police
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INGO	International non-governmental organisation
INP	Iraqi National Police
IPM	International Police Monitor
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force (Afghanistan)
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
IWA	Integrity Watch Afghanistan
IWPR	Institute for War and Peace Reporting (UK)
JSSP	Justice Sector Support Programme (Afghanistan)
LOTFA	Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan
MAIL	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (Afghanistan)
MCTF	Major Crimes Task Force
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MNF	Multinational Force
MNSTC-I	Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq
MoIA	Ministry of Interior Affairs (Afghanistan)
MRRD	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (Afghanistan)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NCO	Non-commissioned officer
NDI	National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (USA)
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NTM-A	NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan

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NTM-I	NATO Training Mission – Iraq
NYPD	New York City Police Department
ODA	Official Development Assistance (UK)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (France)
OSCE	Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Austria)
P&G	Pay and grading
PAR	Public Administration Reform
PMT	Police Mentoring Team
PRDU	Post-War Reconstruction and Development Unit (UK)
PRR	Priority reform and restructuring
RMP	Royal Malaysian Police
SIGAR	Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
SPF	Singaporean Police Force
SSR	Security sector reform
UN	United Nations
UNAMA	United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
UNCAC	United Nations Convention against Corruption
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNMIH	United Nations Mission in Haiti
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USIP	United States Institute of Peace

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