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**Ex-Special Forces soldier Jason Fox embarks on a personal journey to Afghanistan to revisit the war that defined – and ended - his military career. There, he asks whether the sacrifices made by both Coalition forces and the Afghan people were worth it in the deadly struggle to overthrow the Taliban**

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Elite Special Forces soldier Jason Fox served on multiple tours in Afghanistan, spending more than three years fighting in a war that saw some of the fiercest battles in modern British military history. Afghanistan both defined Jason as a soldier and made him the man he is today. He saw friends killed and seriously injured in combat and narrowly escaped death multiple times. This left him with a punishing personal legacy: PTSD. Because of this, Jason was discharged from the Special Forces and made to leave behind the life and job he loved.

Nearly a decade after leaving Afghanistan, Jason is returning on a very personal journey. Now he will seek to understand this complex country and the people he was sent to help, meeting old friends and former enemies, and ask whether the sacrifices are worth the traumatic legacy he, the Afghan people and many of his fellow soldiers have been left to endure. As we follow Jason on this journey, he delivers the sort of personal insight that brings the country to life for the viewer whilst confronting with admirable honesty why the war caused him the psychological damage that ended his special forces career.

Starting in Lashkar Gah in the southern desert region of Helmand, Jason ventures out onto the front line in the battle against the Taliban meeting Afghan security forces personnel who are currently engaged with this deadly enemy. Later he seeks out an old ally, General Kosh Sadat, who Jason hasn't seen for 13 years. During the war, Kosh worked as an interpreter for Foxy; now he is a senior figure in the Afghan government. The reunion between these two men who have seen both the cost and the benefits of the fight against the oppressive Taliban regime is full of insight and the sort of camaraderie that only comes from serving on the front line together.

In a moving section of the film, Jason visits a hospital to meet the child victims of the ongoing conflict before sitting down the enemy in the form of a captured Taliban leader who was once high on the West's wanted list. Finally he heads off into the mountains to spend a day with a group of young women whose story sheds a more optimistic light on Afghanistan's future.

With drama and personal insight throughout, Jason Fox: Return to Afghanistan brings crucial understanding to a place and a conflict that sits at the heart of world events of the last two decades.



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