

What happened to opium production in Myanmar?

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Is Myanmar the world's top opium producer?

UNODC announced last year that Myanmar had overtaken Afghanistan to become the world's top opium producer, saying a ban imposed by the ruling Taliban after its 2021 takeover led to a 95% drop there in opium cultivation. Opium, the base from which morphine and heroin are produced, is harvested from poppy flowers.

What happened to opium in Afghanistan?

They launched airstrikes on poppy fields in Taliban-controlled territory, burnt opium stocks and conducted raids on drug laboratories. But opium was also grown freely in areas controlled by the US-backed former Afghan regime, something the BBC witnessed prior to the Taliban takeover in 2021.

Why is a farmer hiding his opium harvest in Kandahar?

In Kandahar, the spiritual home of the Taliban and traditionally another major poppy-growing area, we meet a farmer who is holding on to a small stash of his harvest from last year - two plastic bags, each about the size of a football, filled with dark, smelly opium resin. We're hiding his identity to protect him.

Why did opium production deteriorate in 2024?

In 2024, however, UNODC says the fighting at the heart of the instability intensified so much that it may have constrained production, due to factors including displacement and restrictions on movement, as appears to be the case in the opium-producing regions of Shan and Kachin in eastern and northern Myanmar.

Where is opium gum collected?

(UNODC via AP) In this undated photo made available Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024 by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), workers collect opium gum in a poppy field in Shan State, Myanmar. (UNODC via AP)

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T wo timeless and competing human desires have driven the story of opioids in the U.S.: a yearning to ease pain and a zeal to profit from it.. The plot begins with the delicate poppy flower and the milky sap that oozes from its seed pods. It ...

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