Afghanistan - NATO plans 7,000 more troops

NATO plans to increase the number of troops in its *International Security Assistance Force* to about 16,000 when it takes over operations from the United States in the south on August 1. Numbers are due to rise to 21,000 troops by November when ISAF also takes control of eastern Afghanistan

Operation Mountain Thrust U.Sled anti-Taliban offensive began June 15 – largest military operation since 2001		United King Canada	Troops: United States United Kingdom Canada Afghan National Army (ANA)	
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