

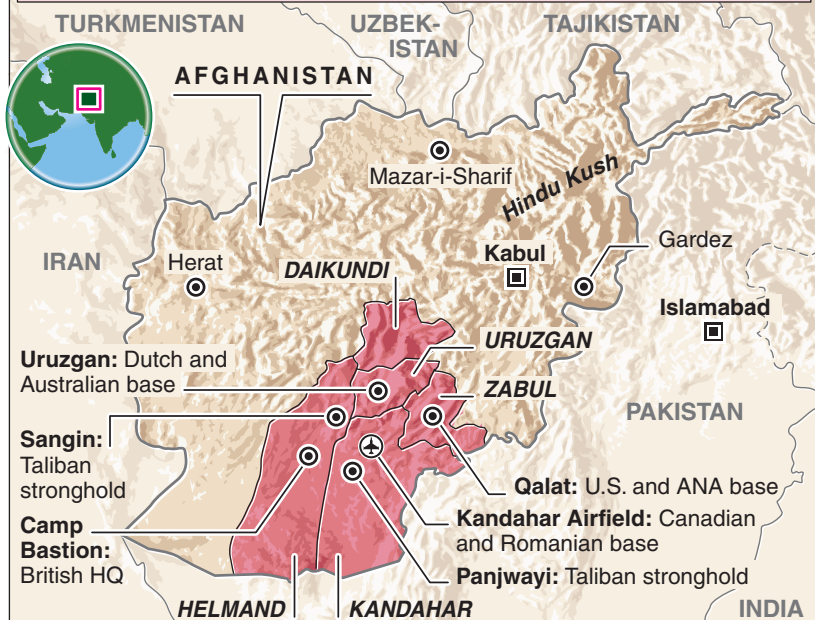
Afghanistan – NATO plans 7,000 more troops

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.S.-led anti-Taliban offensive
began June 15 – largest
military operation since 2001

Troops: United States	2,300
United Kingdom	3,300
Canada	2,200
Afghan National Army (ANA)	3,500



U.S. and NATO troop numbers (including pledges)

United States 23,000	Germany 2,700	Romania 809
Plan to withdraw 3,000	Based in Hindu Kush	France 800
United Kingdom 4,000	Canada 2,300	Spain 680
Extra 900 troops pledged	Netherlands 1,700	Norway 231
	Italy 1,100	Poland 100
	NATO total 15,320	
	Taliban 6,000-12,000	