

# “Silent Assassin” goes to Afghanistan

British Army snipers call it the “Silent Assassin” – the L115A3 Long Range Rifle which, in recent weeks, has been targetting Taliban fighters in Afghanistan. Including technology used by the British Olympic shooting team, the rifle virtually guarantees “one shot, one kill” at ranges of 1,100m

**Telescopic sight:** *Schmidt & Bender 5-25x56 PM II LP* magnifies target up to 25 times. Scope, with illuminated crosshairs, enables sniper to shoot in haze and low light conditions

**Olympic-style adjustable cheek piece and butt plate:** Allows shooter to easily align eye with scope and finely fit buttstock to shoulder to reduce recoil

Butt spike

**Suppressor:** Reduces flash and noise signature

**Calibre:** 8.59mm

**Muzzle velocity:** 936m/sec

**Weight:** 6.8kg

**Length:** 130cm

**Cost of rifle:** €5,810

**Cost of scope:** €1,900

**Adjustable bi-pod:** Allows shooter to support rifle while locating targets

**Five-round magazine:** Allows multiple targets to be attacked, increasing psychological impact on enemy

**Folding stock:** Reduces length to fit in back pack

**Cartridge length:** 91.44mm

**Heavy 8.59mm bullet** can penetrate car door at 1,600m