

# Brown's Afghan plan

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is to send an extra 500 troops to Afghanistan, boosting the British deployment to 10,000. Brown has set out five benchmarks, paving the way for UK troop withdrawals to begin



■ **Jan 28, London:** International conference to decide timetable for withdrawal of British troops

■ **Apr:** Afghan president *Hamid Karzai* must start to provide an extra 50,000 troops to boost Afghan army to 140,000 over course of year

■ **Jun:** Accelerate training of 93,000-strong police force, currently plagued by corruption and desertion

■ **Oct:** President Karzai must have appointed 400 corruption-free provincial and district governors

■ **Dec:** Afghan security forces to take lead in five out of the country's 34 provinces, including two districts in Helmand province