

# Special forces relieve pressure in Afghan valley

Elite U.S. forces are relieving pressure on American outposts in the volatile Arghandab Valley with night attacks on suspected Taliban hideouts. The raids, backed by a Spectre gunship, are part of a series of operations around Kandahar aimed at driving the insurgents out of their spiritual heartland

*AC-130H  
gunship*

## Combat Outpost

**Nolen:** Experiencing some of most intense fighting in valley – key insurgent supply and infiltration route to Kandahar city

