

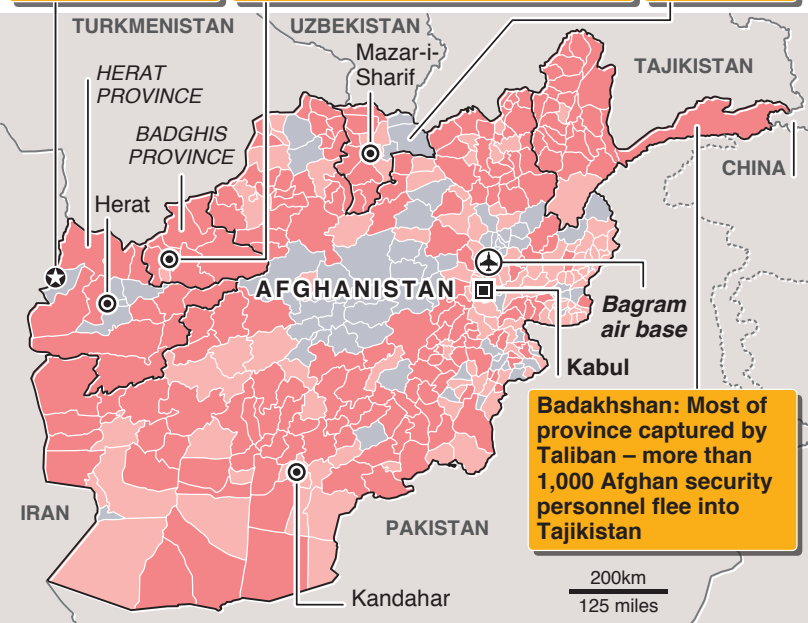
Taliban seize Afghan border areas

Taliban fighters have overrun areas bordering five countries in recent days as they continue their rapid advances after the U.S. withdrawal

Islam Qala:
Major border crossing with Iran seized

Qala-e-Naw: Afghan forces retake city after first major assault by Taliban on provincial capital since U.S. began pulling out troops

Balkh:
Fighting for control of province



CONTROL OF DISTRICTS
(as of Jul 9, 2021)

Government or
undetermined

Taliban 204

Contested 120

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