

Terror groups in Afghanistan

There are an estimated 8,000-10,000 foreign terrorist fighters in Afghanistan. All must take an oath to the Taliban's "Islamic Emirate," and many support Al Qaeda or the so-called Islamic State



Taliban 60,000 fighters.

Led by **Mawlawi Hibatullah Akhundzada** (left). Its Intelligence Commission is responsible for oversight and training of all foreign terrorists. Backed by Pakistan's **Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)** agency

Al Qaeda Core Presence in 15 provinces, led by **Ayman al-Zawahiri**

Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent

400-600 fighters. Led by **Osama Mahmood**, AQIS is present in Nimruz, Helmand and Kandahar provinces

Haqqani Network 3,000-plus fighters. Led by **Sirajuddin Haqqani**. Blamed for death or injury of hundreds of U.S. troops. Links to Pakistan's ISI



Islamic State-Khorasan Province

Up to 2,000 fighters. Led by **Shahab al-Muhajir**. ISKP bombed girls' school in Kabul in May 2021, killing more than 100 people – mostly children

Turkistan Islamic Party

1,000 fighters. Located in Badakhshan. Leader **Abdul Haq** seeks to establish Uighur state in Xinjiang, China

Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan

2,500-6,000 fighters. Group led by **Noor Wali Mehsud**. Located in Nangarhar province. TTP claimed 2007 assassination of Pakistan's former Prime Minister **Benazir Bhutto**

