

# NATO takes on the Taliban

Afghanistan is going through its bloodiest phase of violence since the ousting of the Taliban government in 2001. Between January and August more than 1,700 Afghan civilians, at least 700 Pakistan-based Taliban insurgents and 96 foreign troops have been killed, mainly in the south



**NATO Regional Command South:** 10,275 troops

United Kingdom	3,300	Romania	890
United States	2,700	Australia	300
Canada	2,000	Denmark	80
Netherlands	1,000	Estonia	5

**Afghan National Army (ANA):** Troops trained by U.S. since 2001 **28,000**

**U.S. troops in Afghanistan:** **23,000**

**NATO troops:** Excluding *Regional Command South* (as of July 22) **10,546**

