



AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan at a Glance

- Population - 28.396 million (July 2009 est.)
- 34 provinces, 650,000 km²
- GDP - per capita: \$700 (2008 est.)

U.S. Forces - Afghanistan Commitment

- As of Sept. 1, 55,700 U.S. Troops committed to Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)
- President announced in March an additional 21,000 troops to Afghanistan

NATO-International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Force Commitment (as of 10/1/09)

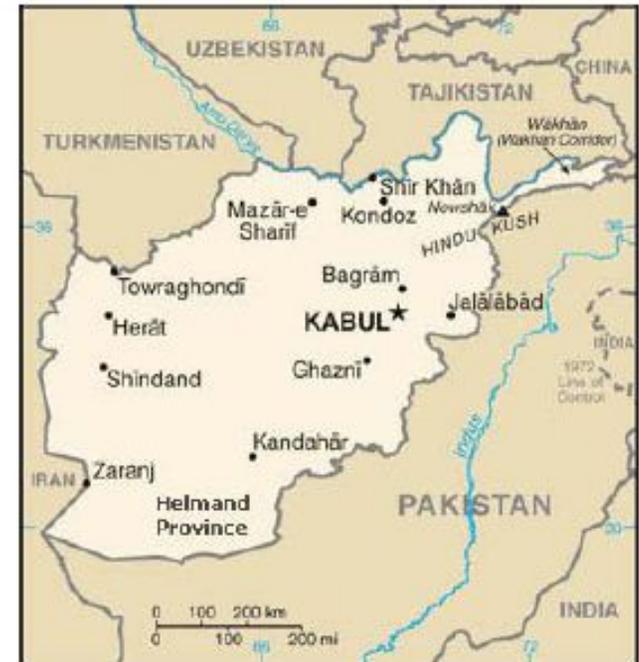
- 42 Troop Contributing Nations
- 67,700 Personnel including 31,855 U.S. Troops
- 26 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs)

Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) Development (as of 9/1/09)

- Afghan National Army – approx. 94,000 (slated to grow to 134K personnel by 2010)
- Afghan National Police – approx. 91,000

The Adversary

- **Taliban** – a Sunni Islamist, predominantly Pashtun radical religious and political movement that governed Afghanistan from 1996 until 2001, when its leaders were removed from power by U.S. forces. Provided sanctuary to al-Qaeda.
- **Al-Qaeda** – a Sunni Islamist group founded in the late 1980's comprising both a multinational, stateless arm and a fundamentalist Sunni movement calling for global jihad. Responsible for the 9/11 attacks on the United States.



Key Figures

- General David Petraeus, Commander, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM)
- General Stanley A. McChrystal, Commander, U.S. Forces - Afghanistan and ISAF
- Karl Eikenberry, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan
- Hamid Karzai, President of Afghanistan
- Abdul Wardak, Afghan Minister of Defense

