



Fig.1 Afghan National Army soldiers take cover in the shade behind a wall and look for Taliban positions during fighting with Taliban insurgents in the Howz-E-Madad area of Zhari District in Afghanistan This region is the most volatile area in the country and the scene of heavy fighting with Taliban insurgents, which has become the site of the largest land battles in NATO's history.



Fig. 2 A soldier from the Afghan National Army holding pomegranates picked from a tree on the front lines in the Howz-E-Madad area during a break in fighting with Taliban insurgents.



Fig. 3 A Afghan National Army soldier plays a flute while others peel potatoes on the front lines in the Howz-E-Madad area a day before an operation against Taliban insurgents in Zhari District, Afghanistan which along with nearby Panjwai are the most volatile areas in the country and the scene of heavy fighting with Taliban insurgents, which has become the site of the largest land battles in NATO's history. (Credit Image: © Louie Palu)



Fig. 4 Afghan National Army soldiers pray on the front lines in the Howz-E-Madad area a day before a battle with Taliban insurgents in the Zhari District of Afghanistan. (Credit Image: © Louie Palu)





Fig. 5 A Afghan National Army machine gun position on a wall in a grape field in the Howz-E-Madad area after two days of fighting in the Zhari District of Afghanistan. (Credit Image: © Louie Palu)



Fig. 6 The shadows of soldiers are seen by a compound where a man believed to be a Taliban insurgent was captured and detained as a prisoner by the Afghan National Army, British and Canadian soldiers during Operation Terrah Toorah in the Siah Choy area in Zhari District located west of Kandahar City, Afghanistan. (Credit Image: © Louie Palu)



Fig. 7 Afghan National Army soldiers cut the throat of a sheep as a sacrifice for EID while they take a break from the fighting to celebrate the second EID also known as the Festival of Sacrifice at a Forward Operating Base on the front lines in Zhari District located west of Kandahar City, Afghanistan. There are two celebrations of EID during the second it is common to sacrifice an animal, which is to commemorate and celebrate the sacrifice of the Prophet Abraham also known as Ibrahim.  
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Fig. 8 A

soldier from the Afghan National Army with a henna stained hand displays a photo of the famed Afghan fighter Ahmed Shah Masood of the Northern Alliance during an Operation in the Pashmul area in Zhari District located west of Kandahar City, Afghanistan.  
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Fig. 9 Canadian medics at a Canadian Forward Operating Base are seen standing on a blood stained floor while treating four Afghan civilians one of which later died from his wounds after they suffered injuries from an apparent improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Zhari District Afghanistan. (Credit Image: © Louie Palu)



Fig. 10 A view of a bombed out building at Tarnak Farms, which is a former al Qaeda base, training camp and home to Osama Bin Laden located outside Kandahar City, Afghanistan. Tarnak Farms was heavily bombed by the US after the attacks of September 11, 2001 and was the site of the opening shots fire by the US lead war in Afghanistan.



Fig. 11 m A Canadian soldier aiming his weapon at a coalition firing range, known as Tarnak Range, which is adjacent to the former al Qaeda base and home to Osama Bin Laden located outside Kandahar City. Tarnak Farms was heavily bombed by the US after the September 11, 2001 attacks. In 2002, four Canadian Soldiers were accidentally killed by a US air strike during a night fire exercise.





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Fig. 13 A veteran from Iraq who lost his hand in an IED attack, seen at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC.



Fig. 14 SSG Scott Gentry who was injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq seen at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC.