

RECOMMENDATIONS

To all Anti-Government Elements (Taliban and other Anti-Government Armed Groups)

- The Taliban should withdraw all orders and statements calling for the killing of civilians, including civilian Government officials; adopt and enforce codes of conduct or other directives that prohibit any and all attacks on civilians; accept that civilians' cooperating with the Afghan Government and International Military Forces are protected against any attack and immediately cease targeting those civilians.
- The Taliban should prevent civilian casualties by complying with international humanitarian law, rules and principles including those rules publicly committed to in the 2009 Taliban Code of Conduct and other documents on preventing civilian casualties when planning suicide attacks and acts of perfidy.
- Comply with international humanitarian law, rules and principles that prohibit attacks against civilians and civilian objects and cease attacking civilians. Take all feasible precautions to avoid, and in any event to minimize, incidental loss of civilian life, injury to civilians and damage to civilian property.
- End the use of all improvised explosive devices and suicide attacks.
- Immediately cease all acts of killing and intimidation prohibited under the Constitution and national laws of Afghanistan, and international humanitarian and international human rights law including assassination, execution, abduction, intimidation and beheading of civilians.
- Fully respect civilians' freedom of movement.
- Cease using civilians as human shields to protect fighters from attack.

To the International Military Forces

- Institute immediate, credible, impartial and transparent investigations into all incidents involving civilian casualties; publicly and promptly report on the progress and results of investigations and take appropriate disciplinary or criminal action against any individuals found responsible for violations of military or domestic criminal law.
- Strengthen and fully implement restrictions on the use of aerial and indirect fires on residential compounds and civilian situations set out in the August 2010 Tactical Directive.
- Seek alternate viable options to night raids required by the January 2010 Tactical Directive. Ensure all search and seizure operations are led by Afghan National Security Forces, fully respect traditional, cultural and religious practices and comply with the forces' international legal obligations of proportionality, distinction and precaution when conducting raids. Establish standard, transparent monitoring and evaluating mechanisms to assess effective implementation of Tactical Directives.
- Establish a body in ISAF that monitors, investigates and publicly reports on all incidents of civilian casualties and works directly with the Afghan Government and other protection actors to strengthen civilian protection, transparency and accountability.
- Provide timely, adequate and transparent compensation to civilians/victims of all military operations that result in death or injury of civilians or damage to civilian

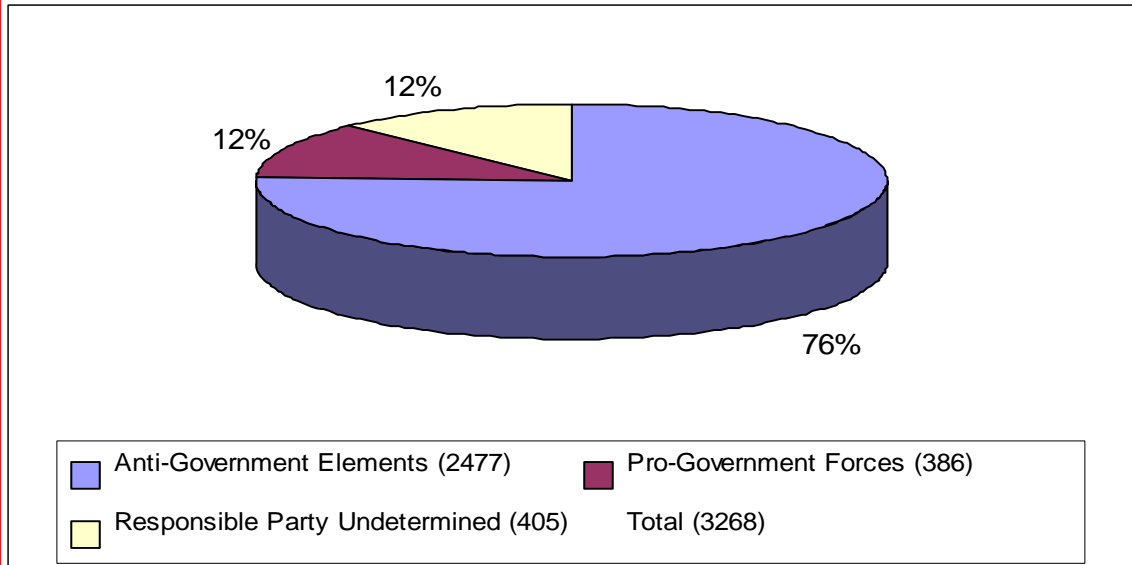
property. Ensure effective implementation of the June 2010 NATO policy guidance on compensation.

- Improve transparency and accountability on the involvement of Special Forces in military operations and publicly accept responsibility where civilian harm has occurred as a result of their actions.
- Refrain from locating military bases in locations that place civilians at risk of indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks.

To the Government of Afghanistan

- Create and provide adequate resources for an appropriate governmental body to serve as the lead on the Government's response to major incidents of civilian casualties and to interact with International Military Forces, Afghan citizens, the United Nations, Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, NGOs and other civil society groups. Ensure that any Government investigation into incidents with civilian casualties includes a forensic component and implements compensatory procedures in a transparent and timely manner.
- Ensure Afghan National Security Forces fully respect their obligations under international humanitarian law to protect civilians and to take all feasible precautions to avoid, and in any event to minimize, incidental loss of civilian life, injury to civilians and damage to civilian property.
- Take prompt and transparent steps to improve accountability for any member of the Afghan National Security Forces who unlawfully causes death or injury to civilians or otherwise violates the rights of Afghan citizens including disciplinary measures or prosecution, as appropriate.
- Refrain from locating military bases and check points in locations that place civilians at risk of indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks.

Recorded number of civilian casualties (deaths and injuries) in the first six months of 2010 by parties to the conflict.



Recorded total civilian deaths in the first six months of 2010 by parties to the conflict

