

" More 'World-Class Lying' by U.S. Officialdom "

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"..what may have happened in any given situation in Afghanistan, where we lack access and we're dealing with world-class liars.." Rumsfeld told reporters on December 4, 2001.

On May 1, 2003, while in Afghanistan, Rumsfeld announced, "we're at a point where we clearly have *moved from major combat activity to a period of stability...*" which, of course, was dutifully reported by most of the U.S. mainstream corporate press.

"Facts" on the ground in Afghanistan since May 1, 2003, reveal who is the world-class liar. I present below data gathered from public sources on the actual extent of combat operations in Afghanistan, just for the month of September 2003.

Low-intensity guerrilla warfare waged by the Taliban and allies (Al Qaeda and the Hezb-i-Islami) during September 2003, spanned a dozen provinces in Afghanistan and the border areas of Pakistan. The attacks led to the deaths of at least 16 civilians, 55 Taliban, 47 Afghan soldiers and eight U.S. troops. Three girls' schools were burned to the ground and two convoys of NGOs were ambushed.

September 2003. Guerrilla Warfare in Afghanistan

Date	Place	Type of incident	Occupation forces deaths	Afghan forces deaths	Civilian casualties	Taliban et. al. deaths
Sept. 1	Shah Joi, Zabul	Attack road construction team		4 - 7		
Sept. 3	Sar Murghab, Uruzgan	Remote-controlled bomb kills senior Army officer		3		
Sept. 3	Mohammad Agha, Logar	Taliban burn down girls' school				
Sept. 5	Dai Chopan area of Zabul	End of major battle involving ~100 US Special Forces, planes, and ~600 Afghan troops	1	30 est.		30 est.
Sept. 5	Bannu-Kohat area of Pakistan	100s of Pak. troops, helicopters and US Special Forces				
Sept. 6	Lashkar Gah, Helmand	Rocket fired at home of intelligence officer, 3 injured				
Sept. 6/7	Ziruk, Paktika	Attacked district headquarters				
Sept. 7	Kighai Gorge near Shahwalikot, Kandahar	Attacked pick-up truck full of Afghan troops, 6 killed, 4 injured		6		
Sept. 7	US Special Forces bases in Kunar and Paktika	Rocketed and injured 2 U.S. soldiers				
Sept. 9	Makur village,	Attacked pickup truck of NGO,			4	

	Ghazni	DACCAR, killed 4 employees				
Sept. 11	Kabul	Rockets hit German and Canadian ISAF bases, injuring i Canadian				
Sept. 11	Dai Chopan, Zabul	Week after conclusion of US sweep, Taliban attack US patrol				
Sept. 13	Jani Khel village, Paktika	15 armed men attack gov't bldgs. ad drive out local police				
Sept. 13	Sorkamar	Ambush US convoy killing 6 US Special Forces	6			
Sept. 13	Shkin fire base, Paktika	Attacked with mortars and machine-gun fire				
Sept. 14/15	Spin Boldak area, Kandahar	US bombs Taliban, killing ~15 incl. Mullah Abdur Rahim				15
Sept. 16	Moqor, Ghazi	Remote-controlled bomb explodes in front of US convoy				
Sept. 16	Birmal area, Paktika	Taliban ambush convoy and capture 4 US troops				
Sept. 17	Shahwalikot, Kandahar	Firefight near "rebel hideout"				3
Sept. 17	Ghazni	Car bomb kills senior police officer		3		
Sept. 17	Wah Hawah, Paktika	Taliban take over gov't buildings				
Sept. 17	Naubahar near Shinkay, Zabul	US helicopters fire on "a tent" killing 9-10 nomads			9-10	
Sept. 18	Garjani Khel, Paktika	Taliban attack, take over gov't bldgs., setting them ablaze				6
Sept. 18	Shkin base	1-hour firefight, Talib. retreat				
Sept. 18	Wana, Pakistan	US planes drop 3 bombs in Pakistan				
Sept. 19	Sangisar, Kandahar	Ambush district police commander, killing him		1		
Sept. 21	Near Ghazni, Ghazni	Attack on US troops by 4 men				
Sept. 24	Gereshk, Helmand	Attack on NGO, VARA, pickup truck, killing 1 employee			1	
Sept. 25	Sarobi, Kabul	Taliban capture town				
Sept. 26	Central Uruzgan	Fighting leads to death of Taliban commander, Mullah Abdul Razzaq Nafees				1
Sept. 26	Near Gardez, Paktia	US patrol attacked with bomb and small arms fire				
Sept. 27	Shaga village, Nangarhar	Taliban burn down a girls' school				
Sept. 27	Sangeen district, Helmand	Attack Afghan army vehicles, killing 7		7		
Sept. 28/29	US firebase at Macha Dad, Paktia	Base hit with rockets which destroy an Apache helicopter				
Sept. 28	Charar Bolak, Balkh	Taliban burn down a girls' school				
Sept. 29	Shkin, Paktika	Ambush US patrol, kill 1 and injure 2 US soldiers	1			
Sept. 29	Angoor Adda near Shkin, Paktika	At 2 PM, US planes bomb house				
Totals	An average of 1.3 attacks per day		8	47	16	55

Sources may be provided upon request

Major combat has ceased? A period of stability has emerged ?