

# National Resistance Front of Afghanistan

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## NRF Battlefield Operations

August 2024 marked the third anniversary of the fall of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the formation of the National Resistance Front (NRF) of Afghanistan. Since its inception in August 2021, when the NRF began operations in just two provinces, the movement has steadily expanded its reach. By August 2022, the NRF had established a presence in six provinces, and by 2023, it was actively engaged in 12 provinces. Over the past three years, the NRF has executed operations in 24 provinces and maintained a presence in over 18 provinces. This expansion reflects the NRF's growing capacity and determination to challenge Taliban control across Afghanistan.

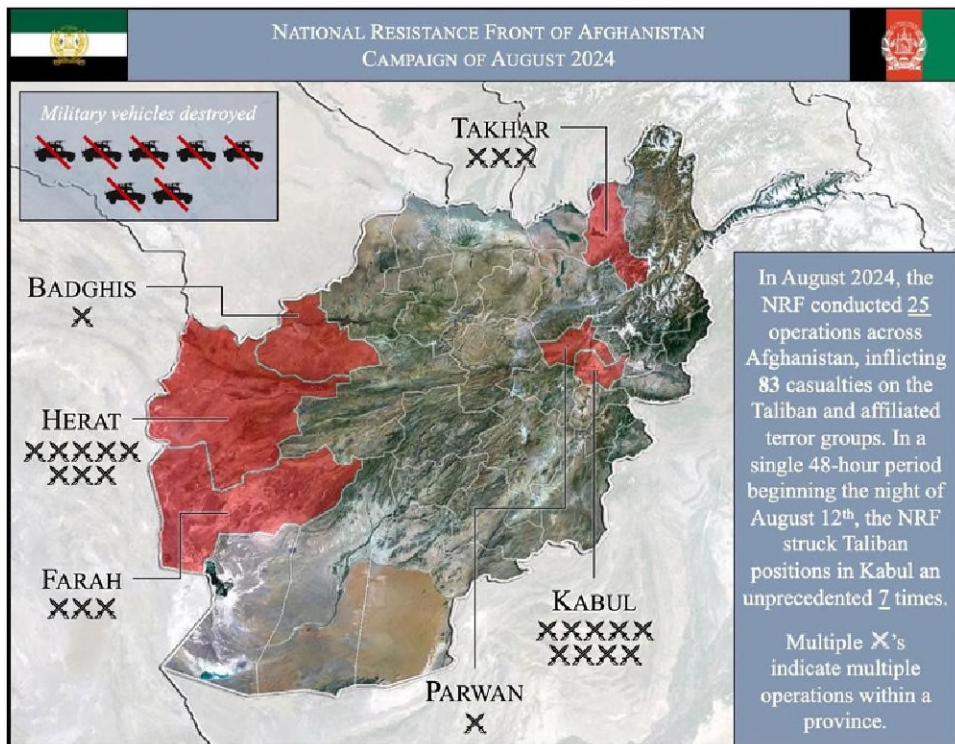
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In August 2024, the NRF executed 27 operations across six provinces—Herat, Badghis, Farah, Kabul, Parwan, and Takhar—resulting in the deaths of 51 Taliban terrorists and the wounding of 32 others. These operations targeted key Taliban personnel, checkpoints, and military convoys. Among those eliminated were Mawlawi Abdulrahman Omari, the deputy chief of intelligence of the Al-Farooq Corps; Mawlawi Nematullah Arzghani, the deputy head of the reconnaissance unit of the Taliban's border battalion; and two key members of the notorious 'morality police' in Badghis province. The NRF also demonstrated its ability to sustain high-intensity operations, conducting up to seven attacks within a single 24-hour period on some days and frequently coordinating two to three strikes within the same timeframe.

The NRF continued to employ guerrilla warfare tactics, using hit-and-run attacks designed to weaken the Taliban, disrupt their control, and seize resources. This month, the NRF demonstrated increased tactical precision, with several operations extending into prolonged engagements, such as an ambush in Badghis province that injured three Taliban terrorists. Most operations were conducted at night, taking advantage of the element of surprise and minimizing civilian casualties. However, a few carefully planned daytime strikes further highlighted the NRF's growing operational sophistication. In addition to eliminating Taliban forces, the NRF seized weapons and ammunition, dealt critical blows to the Taliban's operational infrastructure, and continued to lay the groundwork for future large-scale operations aimed at liberating territory from Taliban control.

On August 1, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation in the "Dasht-e Hoz" area of the Enjil district, Herat province. During this operation, NRF freedom fighters successfully eliminated a Taliban member named Hesamuddin Fedayee and also seized enemy weaponry.

On August 1, 2024, NRF forces launched an operation targeting the Taliban's headquarters located within the police command building in the Ab Kamari district of Badghis province at 8:00 PM. The operation resulted in the death of one terrorist and critically wounded Mullah Sayed Mohammad, a Taliban sub-unit commander.

On August 1, 2024, NRF forces operated in the Shakoore Khel village, Mullah Habib Akhund bridge area, within the Sayed Khel district of Parwan province. This assault, conducted at 10:00 PM, targeted a Taliban unit, resulting in the elimination of a Taliban intelligence member named Qari Amanullah and the wounding of another operative identified as Shoaibullah.

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On August 2, 2024, NRF forces executed an operation targeting a Taliban checkpoint in the Guzara district of Herat province. This operation, conducted at 8:45 PM on the road behind the Herat airport, resulted in the elimination of three members of the Taliban's intelligence and reconnaissance unit, including Mawlawi Nematullah Arzghani, the deputy head of the reconnaissance unit of the Taliban's border battalion.

On August 2, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation in the center of Farah city, Farah province. The operation, which took place at 7:30 PM, targeted a vehicle carrying key members of the Taliban's Vice and Virtue Committee, resulting in the elimination of Mawlawi Ayatullah, the head of the urban department, and Mawlawi Abdul Ghafour, the head of information for the same department.

On August 4, 2024, NRF forces launched a targeted attack on a Taliban convoy in the second district of Taluqan city, Takhar province. The operation, conducted at approximately 2:00 PM, focused on the Taliban's intelligence forces and resulted in the deaths of two key figures: Qari Khalid Omar, a member of the intelligence leadership, and Hafiz Badruddin, a member of the second district's intelligence unit. Additionally, four other Taliban terrorists were wounded, and two enemy vehicles were destroyed near the "Sark Ghazi Provincial Hospital" area.

On August 11, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation in the Kharoti village, part of the Hussain Kot area in Kabul city at 11:00 PM. The operation focused on a patrol vehicle carrying Taliban terrorists from the Ministries of Defense and Interior. As a result, one terrorist was killed, and another was wounded.

On August 12, 2024, NRF forces conducted an operation targeting a Taliban vehicle in the Shakardara district of Kabul province. This operation, which took place at 9:40 PM in the "Chashma Safed" area of the village of "Ghazah," resulted in the deaths of two Taliban members, including Qari Abdul Raqib, and the injury of another, Mulla Ehsan ul Haq Andar.

On August 12, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation in the Guzara district of Herat province. This operation, carried out at 7:30 PM, successfully eliminated three Taliban terrorists in the "Kamarband" area, opposite "Ziarat Dasht Alan" in the "Ziarat-Jah" region. The operation specifically targeted a vehicle carrying bodyguards of the Taliban's corps commander, seizing three different types of weapons during the engagement.

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On August 12, 2024, NRF forces launched an operation targeting a Taliban checkpoint in the 12th security district of Herat city at around 8:00 PM. The attack resulted in the deaths of two Taliban terrorists and the wounding of another.

On August 13, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation against a Taliban checkpoint in the 15th security district of Kabul city. The operation, which took place at 9:40 PM on "Street 5 of Taimani" resulted in the deaths of two Taliban terrorists and the wounding of another.

On August 13, 2024, NRF forces executed a tactical operation targeting a military vehicle carrying Taliban terrorists in the 16th security district of Kabul city. This operation, conducted at 9:20 PM in the "Deh Khodaidad" area, resulted in the deaths of three Taliban terrorists and the wounding of two others.

On August 13, 2024, NRF forces targeted a Taliban vehicle in the 17th security district of Kabul city. The operation, conducted at 8:50 PM in the "Setara Gas Station" area along the Kabul-North highway, resulted in the deaths of two Taliban terrorists, Qari Ehsanullah Sohail and Mullah Mohammad Qader, both members of the Taliban's intelligence unit. Additionally, two other members of this unit were wounded, and two enemy weapons were seized before the vehicle was destroyed.

On August 14, 2024, NRF forces carried out a decisive operation targeting a Taliban checkpoint in the 6th security district of Kabul city. This operation, conducted at 8:30 PM in the Qala-e-Bakhtiaran area of Charahi Road, resulted in the deaths of three Taliban terrorists and the wounding of two others.

On August 14, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation in the Bagrami district of Kabul province. This operation, which took place at 9:15 PM, specifically targeted Taliban terrorists traveling on motorcycles in the "Qala-e-Ahmad Khan" area, resulting in the death of one terrorist and the injury of another, both of whom were members of the Taliban's intelligence unit.

On August 17, 2024, NRF forces carried out an operation in the Fourth District of Farah City, targeting Taliban terrorists near the Jamia Al-Huda School on the Social Affairs Directorate Road. The attack, which took place around 7:00 PM, resulted in the wounding of two Taliban terrorists and the seizure of enemy weapons. Additionally, the vehicle transporting the Taliban terrorists was destroyed.

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On August 17, 2024, NRF forces executed a strategic operation in the First District of Farah City. The operation, conducted at 7:30 PM, targeted a Taliban checkpoint on Engineer Hatem's Street, behind the Abu Zar Al-Ghafari Mosque. The strike resulted in the death of Hafiz Abdul Qasim, a Taliban member involved in the group's drug management, and the wounding of two other terrorists.

On August 19, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation in Herat city. The operation, which occurred on Sultan Bayazid Bastami Mosque Street in the Nowabad area, resulted in the elimination of two Taliban terrorists who were part of the Al-Farooq Corps.

On August 23, 2024, NRF forces launched a strategic attack on the police headquarters in the Ghor Mach district of Badghis province. This operation, conducted at 11:00 PM, resulted in the injury of three Taliban terrorists.

On August 26, 2024, NRF forces conducted a successful ambush against Taliban terrorists in the 13th security district of Herat city. This operation, which took place at 7:25 PM near the Hashimi Oil Tank, resulted in the deaths of two terrorists and the wounding of another. The targeted individuals were members of the second battalion of the first border brigade under the Al-Farooq Corps.

On August 26, 2024, NRF forces carried out a strategic operation targeting a Taliban outpost in the Qarabagh district of Kabul province. The attack, which occurred at 7:30 PM at the Dowa Rahi Stalf intersection, focused on a Taliban security command post, resulting in the deaths of two terrorists and the injury of two others.

On August 27, 2024, NRF forces successfully ambushed a convoy of Taliban terrorists in the Guzara district of Herat province. This operation, conducted at 9:50 PM, led to the elimination of Mawlawi Abdulrahman Omari, the deputy chief of intelligence of the Taliban's Al-Farooq Corps, along with his three guards. NRF forces also seized weapons during the operation.

On August 27, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation in the First District of Badghis province's central area at 6:00 PM. This operation resulted in the deaths of three Taliban terrorists and the wounding of the Operations Commander of the Third Brigade of the Al-Farooq Corps. Additionally, NRF fighters destroyed a Taliban vehicle during the assault.

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On August 30, 2024, NRF forces conducted an operation targeting Taliban terrorists in the Pashtun Bridge area of Herat province. This operation, carried out at 7:30 PM, resulted in the deaths of two members of the Taliban's special unit, who were dressed in civilian clothing. NRF fighters also seized enemy weapons during the operation.

On August 30, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation in the "Qala Ahmad Khan Cemetery, Karte Naw" area of Kabul city. This operation, carried out at approximately 7:00 PM, resulted in the deaths of two Taliban terrorists, and one enemy weapon was seized by the NRF forces.

On August 30, 2024, NRF forces conducted an operation in the 500 Family Intersection area of Kabul's 15th Security District. The operation targeted a Taliban military vehicle, resulting in the deaths of two terrorists and the wounding of three others. Additionally, the NRF forces successfully destroyed the enemy's vehicle.

On August 31, 2024, NRF forces conducted a targeted operation in Herat city. The operation, which took place during the night, targeted two Taliban terrorists riding a motorcycle, resulting in their deaths. NRF forces also seized the enemy's weapon and motorcycle.

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## NRF Foreign Relations

On August 27th, the Hudson Institute hosted an event called “Resisting the Taliban and Preparing for the Future of Afghanistan” to discuss how America can help resist the Taliban, defend the rights of Afghans, and secure US interests in the region as outlined in Luke Coffey’s new policy memo. The event kicked off with the leader of the National Resistance Front of Afghanistan, Ahmad Massoud making his virtual address, followed by a panel of experts consisting of the NRF head of Foreign Relations, Ali Nazary, Ambassador Ashraf Haidari, and Luke Coffey. Mr. Coffey’s 14-page policy paper is a critical piece that outlines how the current and future U.S. administrations can effectively support the NRF in its fight for freedom, democracy, and against transnational terrorism.



On August 30th, Senator Michael McCaul, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, wrote a statement in strong support of the National Resistance Front of Afghanistan and endorsed a historic petition to urge more attention for commander Ahmad Massoud, head of the NRF.

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**My team and I have been in consistent communication with Mr. Massoud and his team at the NRF for many years... The NRF's mission is an honorable one, and Mr.**

**Massoud will be featured in @HouseForeignGOP's report on our Afghanistan withdrawal investigation that will be released on September 9th. I will once again be meeting with NRF representatives, including Ahmad Massoud, Jr....**

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## Statement of the National Resistance Front of Afghanistan Regarding Three Years of the Illegitimate Rule of the Taliban Over Afghanistan

On August 15, 2021, the Taliban, through the most heinous human crimes, violence, and extremism, once again, with the support of regional intelligence agencies, the disgraceful Doha agreement with the United States, and the collaboration of internal agents in a visible and hidden, systematic conspiracy, seized power.

During their three years of illegitimate rule over Afghanistan, this group has spared no form of oppression and crime against the defenseless citizens of the country. They have ruthlessly killed many people for asserting their fundamental Islamic and human rights or imprisoned them in their dreadful prisons. Additionally, many were declared permissible to kill for their roles in the Republic, and this group's actions have made the lives and property of the people insecure. The Taliban, who represent ignorance and darkness, have closed the doors of knowledge and enlightenment to Afghanistan's women and girls. They have physically eliminated a significant number of the country's citizens who opposed their views and actions, whether directly or covertly. The widespread human rights violations and war crimes committed by this group have been documented multiple times by international organizations and human rights institutions. The Taliban's rise to power has also caused the collapse of the country's economic foundations. International organizations that provided employment and opportunities for thousands of people left Afghanistan due to the restrictions and interferences imposed by the Taliban, exacerbating poverty and deprivation in the country.

The imposition of restrictions on all aspects of people's lives has made life difficult for the citizens, causing millions to flee their homeland, making Afghanistan the country with the highest number of migrants worldwide since 2020. Over the past three years, alongside their physical and psychological oppression, the Taliban have seized people's property, land, and homes in various provinces of Afghanistan and have forcibly displaced people from certain regions of the country.

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The Taliban's seizure of power has led to the emergence of numerous armed, political, and civil movements, including active women's movements, both inside and outside the country, that have risen to struggle against this oppressive group. The continuous rule of the Taliban poses a serious threat to neighboring countries and even the region. By establishing extremist madrasas and positioning regional terrorist groups in Afghanistan, they have endangered Afghanistan's future and its relations with neighboring countries.

From the very first days that the Taliban usurped power in the country, the National Resistance Front, responding to the people's call to fight terrorism and extremism, raised the banner of resistance. In the past three years, many freedom-loving men and women have sacrificed their lives in pursuit of freedom and justice. The National Resistance Front of Afghanistan, as a liberation movement, will continue its struggle until it brings equal rights, social justice, the establishment of order, democracy, and freedom of speech to all in Afghanistan.

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## NRF in the Media

The National Resistance Front of Afghanistan appeared in the media throughout the month of August in various articles and interviews. On August 1st, Fox News published an article titled “Ex-Marine leads plea for Congress to hear exiled Afghan resistance leader's warnings,” which is veteran Chad Robichaux urging the US to support NRF leader Ahmad Massoud.

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Massoud is leading all of our allies of the last 20 years, all the people we left behind; our commandos, our interpreters, all the ones that chose to resist and then continue to fight... Robichaux said. We've completely abandoned him and our allies and the Afghan people." He continued: "Our allies are trying to prevent a terrorist attack on the United States. But, you know, meanwhile, we're funding it. It's insane," Robichaux said, adding that Massoud may have information helpful to preventing another terror attack like 9/11 on U.S. soil. In another article published by The Independent, "How al-Qaeda has found a foothold again in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan," the NRF's head of foreign relations tells The Independent that "these warnings are 'not just bluffs and empty words, they are actual warnings for the Western leaders. . .

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On August 30th, famed political analyst and presenter Mehdi Hasan interviewed the NRF's head of foreign relations, Ali Nazary on his show on Zeteo. The dire situation in Afghanistan was discussed as well as shedding light on the ongoing efforts of the National Resistance Front against the Taliban's terrorist regime.

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## Taliban Human Rights Violations

The month of August marks three years since the Taliban have taken over Afghanistan, violating human rights and international law with impunity. Girls are still barred from attending secondary schools and universities while women have been erased from all aspects of society. The Taliban continue hunting down former Afghan security forces, arresting and torturing anyone linked to activism or resistance, while censoring media and jailing journalists. As the Taliban continue rolling back basic human rights and issuing their fanatical edicts, Afghanistan's social fabric is in the process of deterioration with the erosion of cultural, religious, and societal values and freedoms.

On August 3rd, the Taliban arrested two former Afghan government security personnel in Dawlat Shah district of Laghman province after being deported from Iran. Gul Nabi and Pacha Gul previously served as local police officers under the Ministry of Interior of the Afghan Republic. Their current whereabouts and conditions are unknown.

On August 5th, the Taliban arrested a former security officer named Baqir Abbasi of the previous Ministry of Interior. Abbasi's wife called on news outlets and the UN to assist in securing her husband's release, whose conditions and whereabouts are unknown after being deported from Iran and arrested in Herat province.

On August 8th, the Taliban publicly flogged a woman in Kandahar in public for "escaping from home," as she was sentenced to two years and six months of imprisonment and 39 lashes.

On August 12th, Human Rights Watch (HRW) announced that the Taliban has created the most serious women's rights crisis in the world over the past three years. On August 15th, Amnesty International released a statement accusing the Taliban of widespread human rights violations and committing crimes against the people of Afghanistan with "absolute impunity." They added that after three years of Taliban rule, the international community has failed to take any meaningful action.

On August 20th, the Taliban's Ministry of Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Virtue announced that the group destroyed 21,328 musical instruments across Afghanistan last year, while arresting over 13,000 people in the past year for "immoral acts."

## FURTHER CONFIRMED ATROCITIES

### August 21st

The Taliban banned Richard Bennett, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights for Afghanistan, from entering Afghanistan. In his reports to the UN Human Rights Council, Bennett has accused the Taliban of widespread human rights abuses, including violence against women, civil society members, the media, former military personnel, and ethnic and religious minorities.

### August 22nd

The Taliban's Justice Ministry enacted a 35-article law, mandating women to keep their entire faces and bodies covered at all times, and forbidding them from singing, reciting poetry or speaking aloud in public. The decree also further restricts personal freedoms of men such as shaving, hair and dress styles, and more.

### August 25th

The Taliban's Minister of Higher Education, Neda Mohammad Nadeem, banned questions regarding women's education "until further notice."