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Operation Enduring Freedom

Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) is a multinational coalition military operation initiated in October 2001 to counter terrorism and bring security to Afghanistan in collaboration with Afghan forces. OEF operations led to the collapse of the Taliban regime and helped bring a measure of security and stability to Afghanistan for the first time in a generation.

- Operation Enduring Freedom involves troops from over 20 nations, including about 19,000 U.S. forces and about 3,100 non-U.S. troops.
- U.S. and Coalition forces continue to engage Taliban remnants and other extremists and coordinate with the Pakistani military to bolster security along the Afghan-Pakistan border.
- U.S. and Coalition Forces operate 14 of 23 provincial reconstruction teams (PRTs) in Afghanistan. The PRTs support the Afghan government through reconstruction and good governance initiatives, including projects that help Afghans rebuild damaged roads, community buildings, and wells.
- During the 2004 presidential election and the 2005 National Assembly and Provincial Council elections, U.S. and Coalition forces partnered with Afghan security forces and other international troops to provide security.

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