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Editorial

Events in Afghanistan have been precipitated. The Taliban have advanced on all fronts, faster than military and geopolitical analysts predicted, taking the government palace in Kabul almost unopposed. Confirming with it that the government has collapsed and with it all important and coordinated resistance. In the first article of this, our 98th edition, Guadi Calvo, senior analyst at TRIARIUS, reviews the latest developments.

Next, the story of the war in troubled Afghanistan continues. Where, despite the appearance of Taliban victory, and the declarations of their leaders indicating that "the war is over", it must be taken into account that there are still pockets of resistance in some places, and that in that country there are other groups armed fundamentalists, to whom the new masters will have to submit or with whom they will have to negotiate to achieve the necessary governability. The future is quite uncertain given the complexity of the current situation.

In the third article of this installment, the subject of the anti-Taliban resistance, which is already active and constitutes a threat to the new government of that country, is analyzed. Resistance made up of different groups with different motivations, but as a whole they will wage war against the Taliban in various ways. This is just beginning, and the Afghan people know it.

This edition ends with a review referring to the use of transport by the National Army of Colombia, a country in which the nature of its internal conflict makes it necessary to resort to tactics of deception and deception to avoid being attacked on the roads or suffering attacks. explosives.

We say goodbye wishing the best to our valued readers. We hope that, together with your families, you are safe from the pandemic.

Know to win!

Douglas Hernández

Editor



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In ancient times, life was very hard. People performed exhausting physical tasks on a daily basis and must have had a lot of practical knowledge. Currently both things have changed, we are obese due to a sedentary lifestyle and we buy everything ready-made. We arrived at the absurdity of buying tangerines already peeled. In addition, in this process our common sense and our sensitivity have been affected. On the one hand, there are people who believe that the food we consume arises spontaneously in the supermarket, and there are others who cannot bear to see an animal slaughtered and butchered, and then are unable to eat its meat. Civilization has made us pusillanimous, maudlin and dependent. We suggest you break that and get some skills back. That is if you want to increase your chances of surviving a radical change in your way of life. You can start by killing and butchering a chicken. The first time is difficult, physically and emotionally, then you will feel less affected and more skilled. Something will change in you.

On the cover, ***Soldier of the Portuguese Special Forces.***

In this edition, the guest is the Portuguese Army. See more information at the end of the magazine.

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Very special thanks to the international analysts who freely and disinterestedly have sent us their articles for this issue.

Kabul, like a house of cards

By Guadi Calvo (Argentina)



The Taliban took over the government palace in Kabul. Evidence of his victory.

The commonplace of this title has never been better used to describe the fall of the pro-American regime of Ashraf Ghani, that even those who predicted the victory of the *Taliban* have been surprised by the rapid resolution of the campaign launched last May 1 and that in his final *sprint*, caused the fall of more than twenty provincial capitals and brought Kabul within range of his *Kalashnikovs*.

Only 107 days has lasted the last stage, which ends a twenty-year war. While these lines were being written, Kabul was negotiating how the transfer of power by the "puppet" government, according to the Afghan rigorists, to the *Taliban* command, was going to take place. From now on, it only remains to wait like the men of *Mullah* Haibatullah Akhundzada, will give direction to your government.

Nobody who has followed the course of this war since the beginning of the North American invasion could have predicted this new and monumental failure, which burdens the *mujahideen*, of an epic dimension, beyond the notable

differences, which has only reached, post *Second World War*, the *Việt Cộng*.

The successive and surprisingly rapid fall of capitals such as Herat, Paktia, Laghman, Maymana, Asadabad, Khandahar, Mazar-i-Sharif, put a spear in the neck of the Afghan government, although what caused the political fall of the capital, was the taking of Maidan Shahr, capital of Wardak province just ten kilometers from Kabul. Where, according to journalistic reports, members of the security forces, already dressed in civilian clothes, can be seen moving away from their posts, while the streets remain almost deserted while it has been confirmed that the president..., rather, the former president Ashraf Ghani has left the country for Uzbekistan, which was reported in a video by the head of the *Supreme Council for National Reconciliation*, Abdullah - Abdullah.

Until the early hours of this Sunday the 15th, it was reported that in front of the visa centers and embassies that continued to function, thousands of Afghans

crowded together trying to get the permits that would allow them to escape from the country. While 500,000 people are trying to escape in thousands of vehicles that are stuck at the exits of Kabul, seeking to flee, fearing the revenge of the *Taliban*.

When the *Taliban* were evicted from Kabul in November 2001, days after the US invasion, the long-suffering capital had barely 500,000 inhabitants. The impetus given by Washington and the instability caused by the insurgency in the deep interior of the country, caused constant displacement, which made Kabul today have almost 5 million inhabitants. What has undoubtedly been the reason for the fundamentalists to accept the scheduled surrender of power, while committing to respect the lives of both government officials and members of the security forces and the army, who have been trapped in the city.

After Ghani's flight and the disappearance of the security forces, the situation inside Kabul became so extremely critical that

the insurgents, who were waiting on the outskirts of the city for the change of command, had to hasten their entry . to avoid looting, more violence. and maintain a certain order, a version that has been confirmed by the rapid demolition of the advertising posters where women appear, which perhaps is also announcing the policies to be followed, from now on, by the new authorities.

A new, old state

While the world watches in amazement as the "holy warriors" entered Kabul, practically without having used force, what was announced until yesterday, which if it happened, would happen in the next six months, occurred in the early hours of this Sunday , When Ghani reported that he would hand over power with only the *mullah 's promise* to control the bloodshed. While the *United Nations* announces for Monday the 16th, a meeting of *the Security Council* , to "learn" that 37 million Afghans are on the verge of a civil war, a monumental famine or some other delight that the United States has stopped memory after twenty years of occupation.

As the world swiftly adjusts to the resurgence of a new state, soon to be proclaimed the *Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan* , the exact same name as the rigorist regime the United States thought it had buried forever after its 2001 invasion, the *mujahideen* are lounging in the presidential palace in Kabul, while the countries that still kept their diplomatic personnel in

the capital have begun their evacuation, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and France. While Turkey says that its representation will remain open. Undoubtedly, Turkish President Recep Erdogan , who aspires to become the great representative of the *Muslim world vis-a-vis* the West, must envision a future of good relations with the *Taliban* , and not only establish good diplomatic ties , but also supply this new old state, of the many inputs that it needs to try to lift the Afghan economy, and in what it can generate the bases for the exploration and exploitation of the rich gas and oil resources, with which that nation is believed to have. At the same time, Ankara says that it will have to face a migratory wave of nearly six million Afghans, who will arrive in the country with the intention of finally reaching Europe, an emergency for which the *European Union* (EU) is already articulating so that these refugees are contained in the peripheral countries of the EU, such as Croatia or Greece, and do not reach the central ones, that is to say, and mainly France and Germany.

Meanwhile, the United States embassy, which has already suspended all operations, ordered its nationals to seek refuge and not to approach the embassy or Kabul "Hamid Karzai " international airport until further notice, since while they were preparing evacuation maneuvers of its diplomats and citizens, shots began to be heard at the airport. President Joe Biden, who had promised that "no people

will be seen going up to the roofs of the embassy", in reference to what happened in Saigon, the day of the defeat, apparently he is fulfilling that promise since the first images of the evacuation, show the same fear and disorder, but inside the hangars.

Some reports say that the fundamentalists have begun to set fire to airport facilities, not only to obstruct the take-off of planes, but also the arrival of the five thousand army men that Washington had decided to send last Saturday the fourteenth, precisely so that they could charge of evacuation operations.

Mujahideen displaying weapons and vehicles seized from the defunct Afghan *National Army* (ENA) as true *ghanimat* (souvenir) ignoring their commands, they announce that: "those who do not renounce Western culture, we will have to kill them", while the women will once again have to leave their homes only accompanied by a man from their family and the taxi drivers have been instructed to do not take women alone.

In the latest images of the day, arriving from Kabul, the *Taliban* are shown touring the presidential palace in a much more neat and orderly manner than Trump supporters did when they took over the *Capitol* last January. Although the war against the North American invaders and their allies has conclusively ended, nothing ensures that from here a better future can be envisioned for the Afghan people, who will have to take responsibility for the collapse of the house of cards.

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Taliban, a long way for the Hindu kush

By Guadi Calvo (Argentina)



Currently, the Taliban have almost total control of the territory, the resources and its population.

There is no doubt that on Sunday, August 15, the *Taliban* pushed President Joe Biden into one of the last circles of hell in American history. From now on, the 46th president of the reigning empire will have to bear the burden of having embarrassed his country, as has rarely been seen, giving it a Homeric defeat. That, although it is not the first one suffered by the United States, since as all the media have grown tired of showing, it is very similar to the defeat suffered in Vietnam in 1975, although Washington had officially withdrawn in 1972, continued holding the puppet government in Saigon to the end. In the Afghan case, the shame is perhaps greater, since this is the culmination of the longest war in its history, while it is undoubtedly the most resonant

thanks to these times of hyper communication .

Perhaps this failure will cause, for a long time, the interventionist adventures of the Casablanca leaders to think twice before creating actions that, from the sinking of the *Maine* in the bay of Havana in 1898, to the demolition of the towers in 2001, and many more excuses of different scales, manufactured to allow themselves to enter through the front door to conflicts that at first sight did not concern them at all.

Now, what is urgent, and very far from the fate that Biden may suffer, is that we must carefully monitor the fate of the 37 million Afghans, who, apparently at the Hamid Karzai airport in Kabul, and at all the border crossings of country, they feel that they are already in the queue for the

fundamentalist dagger to open their necks; see how their women will be bagged in a *burqa* and their children condemned to have, like any education, the recitation by heart and in Arabic of the 114 *suras* (chapters) compiled by the *Koran* . As *Mullah Mohamed Omar* , founder of the *Taliban* , and current leaders such as *Mullah hibatullah Akhundzada* and *Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar* .

Although, for months, if not years, when the *Taliban* strongly began its operations, immediately after President Barack Obama announced in 2013 the beginning of the North American withdrawal , which caused the constant delays that in the end would reach Biden, with the force of a tsunami, everyone sensed that the fundamentalists were going for everything. That was what

prompted Trump to avoid the embarrassment that Biden is experiencing today, to set up the Doha (Qatar) table that allowed the United States to flee from defeat with a certain gallantry. Things that the current president manifestly did not see, that on April 14, he announced as such, and that instead of respecting what was agreed in Doha by Trump, on the completion of the withdrawal, which would take place on May 1. For marketing reasons, he intended to extend it until September 11. What enabled the insurgents to initiate operations and begin to move throughout the *Hindu massif Kush*, as it really is: his homeland, that very first of May, with the result that everyone already foresaw. And that was only surprising because of the speed it took in the last ten days, concluding with the taking of Kabul, which was surrounded and with an *anaconda movement*, as one of the *Taliban strategists explained it*: strangling the capital from the north, south and west, ending with the capture of the city of Jalalabad, just 150 kilometers from Kabul, thus isolating it to the east.

With the fall of Kabul, the *mullahs* are in a position to restore the *Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan*, as they were called until 2001 and, although there are hopeful suspicions, that the sticklers are not so sticklers and can generate a platform of stability, first so that its citizens do not live in the shadow of terror and the investors that they are going to need and much like China, Russia, and even Iran, feel confident. While... Westerners refrain, at least for a while.

The war is not over

Taliban spokesman Mohammad Naeem announced bombastically: "The war is over in Afghanistan." That announcement, without a doubt, has been very hasty, since

they are not the only armed option in the country, although they are the most powerful, in terms of men, logistics, epics and military supplies, much more so now than after capturing the latest generation weapons. delivered by the United States to the defunct *Afghan National Army*, (ENA) from whom it also seized hundreds of vehicles of all kinds and even helicopters and planes.

The *Taliban* will have to return to arms or politics to disarm some pockets of resistance, made up of ENA commandos and other security forces that, together with anti-*Taliban* groups, are installed in the remote and mountainous Panjshir, led by the former vice president and head of the *National Directorate of Security*, Amrullah Saleh, who has decided not to surrender to the *mullahs*. Panjshir has historically been rebellious to the *mullahs*. For what must be taken into account an almost genetic issue, they have that warrior spirit, which is not the property of the *Taliban*, but rather an almost natural condition of being Afghan.

Also operating in the country, since 2015, are several *Daesh Khorasan units*, according to Iranian intelligence, transferred at the time from Syria to northern Afghanistan by the United States. These *khatibas of the Islamic State*, which since the last emergence of the *Taliban* have kept themselves well protected, have carried out particularly brutal operations such as the attack on May 8 against a girls' school in Kabul in which 68 people died, the vast majority of them were female students, and also left 165 wounded. In the first four months of this year, the *United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan* (UNAMA) registered 77 attacks by this arm of *Daesh*, concentrated, mostly in the capital and fundamentally against the *Shiite community*, women and

foreigners, civilian infrastructure and security forces. Years ago there have even been battles between *Daesh* and the *Taliban* in Helmand province, the epicenter of opium and heroin production, resources with which the *mullah's organization* hibatullah Akhundzada, has financed long stretches of the war.

Due to the formation of Afghan society, its unity will be difficult to achieve, since the convoluted system of ethnic groups, tribes and clans that has made it up for millennia, operate in many cases as dissolving forces. So the *mullahs* will have to achieve the creation of something similar to a coalition that is elastic enough to be able to achieve lasting stability.

Taliban forces be taken as a reality, since, as it appears, the highest leaders would be willing to mitigate the pressure on the civil society of the new *Emirate*, although according to the Pakistani expert Ahmed Rashid, who he knows the *talib* (students of the Koran) like few others. "The young *Taliban* are a much more radical generation than the old commanders of the organization." Referring to those who even led the *Emirate* from 1996 to 2001, being comrades-in-arms with the idolized *Mullah Omar*, who died of natural causes in a Pakistani hospital in 2013. These new warriors carry the stigma of having spent time in prisons, some even with long stays in Guantánamo, having suffered systematic torture, and having seen hundreds of comrades die, even relatives, under the bombs of the western coalition. What has cultivated a much more radical and anti-Western spirit than that of their bosses, so perhaps, with the intention of demanding a stricter control of society from their commanders, contaminated by the long years of Western presence, they can rebel and commit some

excesses, as they are already being registered in different parts of the country.

Another point of dissociation between the young and the veterans is that the former agree with the incorporation of foreigners into their ranks, and to support their brothers from *al-Qaeda*, while the former *mujahideen* have been reluctant to accept foreign fighters, beyond the alliance with Osama bin Laden.

There are in Afghanistan between 8 and 10 thousand foreign fighters in different factions, with little representativeness in themselves, although if an alliance with *Daesh Khorasan* is created, the situation could change tragically. On the other hand, they must be attentive to "brother" groups, which operate along the border with Pakistan, such as the *Tehrik -e-Taliban Pakistan*, always infiltrated by the powerful Pakistani intelligence service, the *Inter* -

Services Intelligence (ISIS) and on the border with China the *Islamic Movement of East Turkestan*, (*MITO*) of Uyghur fundamentalists from the southeastern province of Xinjiang who seek independence from China and have even provoked attacks in Beijing.

So, for the new masters of Afghanistan, if their intention is to ingratiate themselves with the world, they still have a long way to go through the high mountains of the *Hindu kush*.

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War on the Taliban

By Guadi Calvo (Argentina)



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The leaders of the Taliban organization, which has seized power in Afghanistan. Source: 20 minutes.

A week after the taking of Kabul, the *Taliban* may still be as surprised at their own victory as is the rest of the world, which seems desperately clinging to accept the statements of the new masters of Afghanistan, who have taken 32 of the 34 provinces, in only eleven days.

The fundamentalists measure each act and each word knowing the consequences that could bring them at this moment, any excess, so quickly Zabihullah Mujahid, the spokesman for the fundamentalists, reported: "The animosities have come to an end. We do not want external or internal enemies. We want to live in peace." That is why many hope, in tolerance and moderation, which they will apply to their strict interpretation of the *Koran* and *Sharia*, respecting women, avoiding acts of revenge and all those beautiful phrases that have come out of their bearded mouths. In this address it was learned that the *Taliban* asked the Afghan *imams* to urge unity during the prayers on Friday, the most

important day of *Islam* for prayers and prayers.

Although it is too early to analyze whether these sayings become a reality or not, some information coming from the Afghan capital, regarding the treatment given to civilians by the *mujahideen*, is contradictory. According to the Russian ambassador in Kabul, Dmitrij Zimov, "in the last few days not a single shot has been heard." While it has been seen that they have reluctantly tolerated demonstrations in the capital, and in Nangarhar and Khot provinces, of both men and women demanding that their rights be respected, marching through the streets and tearing down *Taliban flags*, without being bothered. Although it would not be so for those who report that in the capital the *Taliban* are looking door to door for people who have collaborated with NATO forces or the Ghani government.

Seven people and at least three others have been murdered in recent days near *Hamid Karzai International Airport*. where it has

been agreed that the *mujahideen* have peripheral control of the property and regulate access to the runways, where American and British troops are still involved, directing the evacuation operations, which are accelerating and will increase in the coming days, since the US Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin, has ordered that eighteen passenger planes be used for the transfer to safe ports, both of US citizens and Afghans.

Taliban command is undoubtedly in a stage of damage control and studying what to do now with what cost them twenty years of war. Some gestures have been positive, the seizure of the presidential palace compared to the supremacists who invaded the North American parliament, seemed like a ladies' tea. But without a doubt, so much civility and manners will depend on the tolerance of those who have carried the war on their backs for twenty years, and have many reasons to demand explanations from corrupt politicians and soldiers and ordinary

civilians or who either collaborated with the "infidels" or those who in these last two decades strayed from the path of *Allah* . That animosity carved into the soul of the *mujahideen* is based on the hard fighting, the aberrant torture to which their brothers were subjected to death, or even for those who survived and returned to combat. So far the signs of calm only come from Kabul, nobody knows for sure what is happening inside the country.

The *Taliban* also know that they cannot tighten the bond with the population too much, at least for now, since the abuses could provoke rebellions, which, if suffocated, would have a very high cost in lives and global consideration, that although the followers of The *mullahs* are very little interested, they know that sooner rather than later they will have to negotiate with foreign powers, so far noted: Russia, China and Iran, that if they do so in a repressive framework these three countries will have to endure a media bombardment, which They are very used to it, but that is never free.

In the name of the Father

Today, all Afghans know that no one is here to put up with too much of anything, least of all ordinary citizens, who have had to endure the entire war between two fires, punished by one side and the other, paying for it with thousands of deaths, hunger and deprivation of all kinds. .

Therefore, if *Sharia* is applied in an extreme way, it could cause many of these civilians to join the resistance that is already operating, as confirmed by the Russian Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov , last Thursday. The resistance operates in the remote and mountainous province of Panjshir

(Five Lions) in the heart of the Hindu Kush sixty kilometers north of Kabul, the last "free" region of Afghanistan, which has always resisted the *Taliban*. Those who have never been able to conquer it, not even during his 1996-2001 government.

While it is extremely hasty to consider the importance of the pocket of resistance trying to invigorate the old *Northern Alliance*, also known as *the United Islamic Front for the Salvation of Afghanistan* , created after the withdrawal of the *Soviets* to resist the *Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan* , by anti-Soviet war veteran Ahmad Shah Massoud , the *Lion of the Panjshir* , killed by an *al-Qaeda suicide squad* two days before the New York attacks.

The Northern Alliance was reconfigured a little over a year ago, by the founder's son Ahmad Massoud , an ally of the United States and the Kabul government. That until a few days ago he maintained that he was willing: "to forgive my father's blood for the sake of peace, security and stability in Afghanistan." Although he would have been preparing for this crisis for several months, having managed to gather a large contingent of followers, and would already have vehicles, helicopters and ammunition, which would allow him, locked up in the high valleys, to resist for a few months.

Massoud has been joined by the former vice president and head of the *National Security Directorate* (DNS) Amrullah Saleh, who has reached the Panjshir , with weapons and an unspecified number of members of *the Afghan National Army* (ENA) and other forces. who have not agreed to surrender to the *Taliban* . At the same time, Saleh, as the former head of the NDS, has contacts throughout the country, with which he will try to recruit thousands of former soldiers and

agents of the NDS and other forces, who, unable to escape abroad, are in danger of be detected and executed by the *Taliban* .

Although the correlation of forces is infinitely favorable to the *Taliban*, the geographical condition of the Panjshir makes it practically invulnerable, despite the fact that it is surrounded by the men of the *Emirate* . However, Massoud 's situation is very different from that of his father in his war years, as he had access and refuge in neighboring Tajikistan and support from China, India and the West. Today, the son is completely surrounded by *Taliban forces*, and apparently without international support.

Until now it is unknown if Saleh, who has been assumed as president of the country, given the acephaly law on the 17th, has any support from abroad. Washington will not make any moves until the evacuation from the Kabuli airport is complete , as a report leaked to the press was revealed, which says that the main *Taliban negotiator* , Anas Haqqani , that the *Emirate* , has an agreement with Washington not to do anything until after the end of the US withdrawal on August 31, so the *Northern Alliance* will have to solve the supply of fuel, weapons, ammunition and food, urgently, by itself in order to survive.

The situation in Parwan province , neighboring Panjshir , whose capital , Chahikar , would have been taken by the resistance, from where they would be progressing towards the strategic Salang pass, is also confusing . That force is made up of former members of the Afghan military, who refused to surrender following the fall of their garrisons in Khunduz , Badakhshan , Takhar and Baghlan provinces . On this last point, it is reported that the *Taliban* have suffered significant casualties . Many of them are reportedly regrouping in the strategic Andarab

district of Baghlan , a major center of *anti-Taliban activity* , with a majority *Tajik* , *Farsi* -speaking, and fervently anti- *Pashtun* ethnic majority within the *Taliban* . What I would give to the *Alliance of the North* the possibility of expanding by trying to reach the borders with Tajikistan or Uzbekistan.

In any case, it must be taken into account that the forces of *mullah* Abdul Ghani Baradar , the military leader of the *mujahideen* , are going through a moment of exaltation almost unique in their history, added to the reinforcement of the thousands of military supplies, captured to the defeated forces,

including state-of-the-art weapons and vehicles delivered by the Americans, which would be a great incentive to erase any pocket of resistance that tries to wage war against the *Taliban*.

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Hidden in plain sight. Military transport in Colombia

By Douglas Hernandez (Colombia)



Although the Colombian Army has military-type vehicles, most of the vehicle fleet is of civilian origin. The civilian trucks in the hands of the Colombian Army are commercial models, with a make and model similar to those that circulate on the country's highways. In this way, two important advantages are obtained: firstly, there is an abundance of spare parts, and effective and timely technical assistance, secondly, military vehicles are easily confused with civilian ones, and can go unnoticed. And it is that, in addition, they are painted in bright colors, so that their "mimicry" in the eyes of the enemy is optimal.

"Military-grade" trucks are supposed to be more resistant and durable, however, the Colombian Army has annual maintenance plans, which allow it to maintain its vehicle fleet in optimal conditions of conservation and use, as well as an established life cycle. from the acquisition of the different batches, which requires their replacement within the planned times. In this way, many vehicles are withdrawn even in good condition, but depreciated for accounting purposes. In Colombia, you can be sure that those trucks that are being disincorporated were squeezed to the max, since the operations are constant due to the nature of the war that is being waged here.

Due to all of the above, both in the cities and on national highways, the trucks of the Colombian National Army, with their cargo or the personnel on board, are hidden in plain sight. Sun Tzu 's phrase that tells us that "the art of war is the art of deception" is pertinent.

This ruse to get the Army trucks and their cargo to safety is important, considering the type of war that is being waged in Colombia. Where narco-terrorist groups often make use of mines and booby traps, ambushes, and illegal checkpoints. The circulation of typically military trucks would give the advantage to criminals, who could identify them from a distance, escaping from the action of the troops, or installing explosives to attack the truck or the convoy.

It is worth noting that the Colombian Army has civilian drivers at its service, who, as they are not combatants, should receive more benevolent or less cruel treatment in the event of being intercepted or captured by illegal armed actors.

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Portugal

Portuguese Army



Once its colonies became independent, and after the fall of the dictatorship in Portugal, its political affairs were normalized and the army returned to its quarters. The situation changed and with it began a process of reform of the military sector, which undertook important changes to become a conventional European army, after having acted for a long time as a counterinsurgent force, which had to maintain control of extensive colonial territories.

Its previous condition required the army to have a lot of personnel and units, in order to cover the colonial territories, when losing them, the personnel was reduced to the point that multiple units were dissolved. However, the army became more professional and new weapons and equipment were acquired, more suitable for a high-intensity conventional war on European territory, in the context of NATO.

The Portuguese Army has participated in various international missions throughout the 21st century, including Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and East Timor. In 2005, a Portuguese commando was killed in a booby trap incident in Afghanistan. Currently, Portugal participates in missions in Mali, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Central African Republic, Colombia, Somalia, and Romania.

Organization

The Portuguese Army is led by the Chief of Staff and includes:

Army General Staff;

Operating commands:

- Instruction and Doctrine Command,
- logistics command,
- Personnel Command;
- Operations Command;

Operational Forces and Military Zones:

- Immediate Intervention Brigade
- Mechanized Brigade

Intervention Brigade
Azores Military Zone,
Madeira Military Zone,
Military Academies and Schools:
Military school,
Weapons School in Mafra,
Army Sergeant School,
Military Medical Service School



Base Units

The Structural Base Units of the Portuguese Army function as administrative bases responsible for the formation and organization of the operational units of the army formations, military zones and general support forces. For historical reasons most basic units are called regiments and are associated with an arm of service. By branch of services, these units are:

Chivalry:

- 2nd Lancers Regiment (Military Police Unit) in Lisbon
- 3rd Cavalry Regiment in Estremoz
- 6th Cavalry Regiment in Braga

Artillery:

- 1st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment at Queluz
- 4th Artillery Regiment in Leiria
- 5th Artillery Regiment in Vendas Novas

Infantry:

- 1st Infantry Regiment in Tavira
- 3rd Infantry Regiment in Beja
- 10th Infantry Regiment in Aveiro

13th Infantry Regiment in Vila Real
 14th Infantry Regiment in Viseu
 15th Infantry Regiment in Tomar
 19th Infantry Regiment in Chaves

Special Forces
 Special Operations Troop Center at Lamego
 Command Troops Center in Carregueira
 Parachute Regiment in Tancos

Engineers:
 Tancos Engineer Regiment
 3rd Engineer Regiment in Espinho

Communications:
 Transmission Regiment at Porto

Logistics Services:
 Transport regiment in Lisbon
 Maintenance Regiment in Entroncamento
 Army General Material Support Unit in Benavente
 Army Geospatial Information Center in Lisbon
 Military Laboratory of Chemical and Pharmaceutical Products in Lisbon

Training schools:
 Weapons School in Mafra
 Army Sergeants School, in Caldas da Rainha
 Practical School of Services, in Póvoa de Varzim

Mixed:
 1st Garrison Regiment in Angra do Heroísmo
 2nd Garrison Regiment in Ponta Delgada
 3rd Garrison Regiment at Funchal
 Intelligence and Military Security Center in Amadora
 Emergency military support regiment in Abrantes
 Military prison in Tomar

Health services:
 Military Health Center in Coimbra
 Military Health Center in Tancos / Santa Margarida
 Military Laboratory Unit for Biological and Chemical Defense
 Military Veterinary Medicine Unit in Lisbon
 Army Applied Psychology Center in Queluz
 School of the Military Health Service in Lisbon



Main Equipment

37 Tanks Leopard 2A6
255 M113A1/A2 armored personnel carriers
46 M577A2 Command Vehicles
3 M577A2 Ambulance Vehicles
15 M125 Mortar Carriers
18 M106 Mortar Carriers
18 M113 with BGM-71TOW
Pandur II armored vehicles , in the following versions:
105 Troop Carrier (ICV)
7 Remote Tower Troop Carrier (ICV RWS)
30 infantry fighting vehicles (IFVs)
5 anti-tank fighting vehicles (ATGMVs)
16 Command Post Vehicles (CPV)
7 Recovery and Maintenance Vehicles (RMV)
8 medical evacuation vehicles (SEM)
6 Radio Access Station Point Vehicles (RAPSV)
4 reconnaissance and surveillance vehicles (RSV)
29 M578 Armored Recovery Vehicles
8 M88 Armored Recovery Vehicles
4 Armored M48 Bridge Launcher
18 x 155 mm M109A5 Self-Propelled Howitzers
6 x 155 mm M109A2 Self-Propelled Howitzers
24 155 mm M114 towed howitzers
21 M101 105mm towed howitzers
21 105 mm L118 towed howitzers
30 Stinger man-portable anti-aircraft missile launchers
30 Chaparral M48A2E1 air defense systems
30 Double Anti-Aircraft Guns Reinmetall Rh-202m/81





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