

An Avoidable Disaster



Rarely do I reprint an article in its entirety with little comment. But this piece says it all. The incompetence of these leaders leaves them with the blood of countless troops and civilians on their hands not to mention the waste of Billions of Dollars of high tech armaments which were virtually gifted to America's most ardent enemies. They should all resign in shame, including their leader, the Commander in Chief.

Taliban's new arsenal

Equipment

22,174
Humvee



634
M1117



155 MxxPro
mine-proof vehicles



169 M113
armoured personnel carriers



42,000 pick-up
trucks and SUVs



64,363
machine guns



Source: US Government Accounting Office (GAO)

8,000
trucks



162,043
radios



16,035
night vision goggles/devices



358,530
assault rifles



126,295
pistols



176
artillery pieces



Helicopters

33
Mi-17



33
UH-60 Blackhawk



43
MD530



Source: Special Inspector General
for Afghan Reconstruction (SIGAR)

Fixed wing aircraft

4
C-130 transports



23 Embraer EMB
314/A29 Super Tucano



28
Cessna 208



10 Cessna AC-208
strike aircraft



Not to scale

Afghan national defence and security
force personnel – July 2021

182,071
Army and air
force

118,628
Police and
paramilitary
security
units



The main Afghan army garrisons
and weapons dumps were at



Graphic: The Times and The Sunday Times

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Nearly 100 retired generals and admirals are demanding that US Defense Secretary (and former Raytheon board member) Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley **resign immediately over the botched Afghanistan withdrawal.**

"The retired Flag Officers signing this letter are calling for the resignation and retirement of the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) based on negligence in performing their duties primarily involving events surrounding the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan," reads a Monday letter signed by 90 retired top-ranking military officials.

"As principal military advisors to the CINC (Commander in Chief)/President, the SECDEF and CJCS should have recommended against this dangerous withdrawal in the strongest possible terms," they wrote.

"If they did not do everything within their authority to stop the hasty withdrawal, **they should resign.**"

"The consequences of this disaster are enormous and will reverberate for decades beginning with the safety of Americans and Afghans who are unable to move safely to evacuation points; therefore, being de facto hostages of the Taliban at this time. The death and torture of Afghans has already begun and will result in a human tragedy of major proportions. The loss of billions of dollars in advanced military equipment and supplies falling into the hands of our enemies is catastrophic. The damage to the reputation of the United States is indescribable. We are now seen, and will be seen for many years, as an unreliable partner in any multinational agreement or operation. Trust in the United States is irreparably damaged.

Moreover, now our adversaries are emboldened to move against America due to the weakness displayed in Afghanistan. China benefits the most followed by Russia, Pakistan, Iran, North Korea and others. Terrorists around the world are emboldened and able to pass freely into our country through our open border with Mexico."

13 troops were killed last Thursday in an ISIS-K suicide bombing, as the [Daily Mail](#) notes. While President Joe Biden took 'ultimate' responsibility for their deaths (checking his watch [several times](#) after their remains were flown into Dover Air Force Base), calls have already begun to circulate for Biden to resign or be impeached for his administration's horrible handling of the withdrawal - which they had **seven months to plan for.**

On Tuesday afternoon, (8-31-21) Biden will read remarks patting his administration on the back for their handling of the withdrawal.

Their total incompetence and ignorance has cost all of us as Americans potential decades of

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shame, humiliation and loss of credibility.

Pssst - President Biden has stated he still intends to come and take your AR-15 Rifle away from you. May I suggest you simply tell the Jack Booted Thug he sends to your door to confiscate your rifle that "It's okay - I got this one from the Taliban".

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