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Senior Taliban leader killed in Oruzgan

A senior Taliban insurgent leader, Mullah Abdul Bari, was killed in Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan, in March 2009 in an operation by Australian Special Forces and Afghan National Army troops.

Mullah Abdul Bari had controlled suicide bombers, the training of foreign fighters and distribution of weapons; and had been directly involved in the placement of improvised explosive devices targeted at Australian troops.

The operation was approved by the International Security Assistance Force; and was conducted in accordance with the Laws of Armed Conflict and Rules of Engagement. The Australian Chief of Joint Operations, Lieutenant General Mark Evans, said that the operation would contribute to a safer, more stable environment for the people of Oruzgan.

Department of Defence



Vehicles of the Special Operations Task Group during operations in Oruzgan Province in March 2009
[Photo: Department of Defence].