

There is no piece of land in Afghanistan that has not been occupied by a soldier at one time....Nevertheless, most of the territory remains in the hands of the rebels. We control Kabul and the provincial centres. But we cannot control political authority on the territory that we seize.

We have lost the struggle for the Afghan people. Only a minority of the people supports the Government.

Winning is an impossible mission. We can maintain the situation as it exists now. But under such conditions the war will continue for a long time.

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