



War on Terrorism

What's Happened since September 11

Since the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, the United States and its allies have made progress in the War on Terror!

- The Taliban, a group of fanatic Islamic religious leaders, no longer controls Afghanistan.
- Many of the terrorist group Al Qaeda's leaders have been killed, including the head of Al Qaeda in Iraq.
- Pakistan, a country that used to support the Taliban, now fights terrorism along with the United States.
- The United States invaded Iraq in March 2003. Iraq's dictator, Saddam Hussein, supported terrorism and was believed to have weapons of mass destruction (WMD).
- In April 2003, Iraq's capital city of Baghdad was captured by American troops. U.S. troops have remained in Iraq to help the country rebuild itself and keep the peace between warring factions. Sadly, many American soldiers have lost their lives during this process.
- Saddam Hussein's brutal sons, Uday and Qusay, were killed in July 2003 in a shootout with U.S. troops.
- Saddam Hussein was captured in December 2003 and faces trial for many offenses.
- The United States and its allies have disrupted many serious terrorist plots against the United States. One example is a plot by terrorists to use liquid explosives hidden in carry-on luggage to blow up as many as 10 planes headed from England to the United States in August 2006. The British police foiled the plan!
- The people of Iraq have held elections and formed a new representative government!