

# Armed Conflicts



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## Warm-up

*Work in pairs. Share your knowledge about armed conflicts in the world. Choose one conflict and summarize what you know about it. Your partner will ask you for more details. Take turns.*

In which of the recent conflicts were Czech soldiers deployed? What were their main tasks?

*Read the text on Afghanistan and answer the following questions.*

1. What is the position of al-Qaeda and Taliban in Afghanistan?
2. What has remained a question since June 2013?
3. What do Afghan officials see as main strengths and weaknesses of their forces?
4. What do many Afghans complain about?
5. What did a 2013 UN report reveal about drug production?
6. What has been improved in Afghanistan, using the financial aid?

*Check the correct answers.*

1. Al-Qaeda has been driven out of Afghanistan. Taliban are still active and control some parts of Afghanistan.
2. Sustainability of the Afghan Forces
3. Strengths: troops' capabilities; weaknesses: lack of proper equipment and air force
4. NATO's night raids and home searches
5. It has reached a record level, with more than 200,000 hectares under cultivation
6. Roads, health sector, schools, telecommunication

*Read the first part (Tunisia) of the article on Arab Spring. Match the following words and their definitions.*

discontent	within reasonable or proper limits; not extreme, excessive, or intense
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*Read the second part (Egypt) of the article on Arab Spring. Decide whether the following statements are true or false according to the text.*

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2. Mr Mubarak have decided to give up his position.
3. Islamist Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party experienced a landslide victory in the elections in 2011/2012.
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*Read the texts again. Note the key information. In pairs, prepare a short presentation about the conflict you will choose. Try to use some new vocabulary. Apart from the facts from the text, you might like to use also your background knowledge.*

# Questions? Suggestions?

## Thanks for your attention.