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## A Decade In, Taliban Predicts Victory in Afghanistan

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With everyone else issuing statements related to the tenth anniversary of the US invasion of Afghanistan, it was only a matter of time before the Taliban did as well. Today, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid issued the statement, in English oddly enough.

The [statement praised the nation's insurgents for continuing to fight despite](#) “scarce weapons and equipment” and vowed to continue resisting NATO’s military presence until the troops all withdraw.

But the statement stopped short of previous ones, [which predicted “imminent” victory](#), rather insisting that victory was attainable only if their allies continued to fight as a united front, which would eventually force NATO out.

Though NATO has repeatedly claimed “progress” in the war against the Taliban, [the estimates coming out of the nation suggest](#) that the group remains strong, and efforts to reach a deal with them to end the conflict continue to fail.