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the **WAR**

in **AFGHANISTAN**

After the election, march to end the war on **OCTOBER 18**

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Security

- Civilian deaths from NATO air strikes tripled between 2006 and 2007. Over 6,500 civilians were killed in 2007—the highest total since 2001.
- More than 90 Canadian soldiers have been killed.
- Afghan President Hamid Karzai has condemned NATO bombings because they generate support for the Taliban.

Human rights

- Canada continues to transfer Afghan detainees to the Afghan National Police (ANP), despite the fact that they torture and murder detainees.
- More than 60 per cent of Afghan Parliamentarians are known drug-lords and warlords who continue to commit human rights abuses against Afghan civilians.
- Since the fall of the Taliban in 2001, honour killings of women for “crimes” such as adultery have increased. The Afghan government is not enforcing new laws meant to protect women.

Development

- According to the United Nations, living conditions in Afghanistan are worse than in 2001. Six million

- Afghans don't meet minimum food requirements. Half of all Afghan children are malnourished. Every 28 minutes, an Afghan woman dies in childbirth. Over 70 per cent of Afghans have no access to clean water. Literacy rates continue to drop, now at 23.5 per cent.
- NATO spends more than 90 per cent of its budget on the military; less than 10 per cent goes to reconstruction.

Domestic costs

- The Harper government has announced more than \$490 billion in increased military spending for the next 20 years. Budgets for housing, health care, education and other social programs continue to suffer while the military budget enjoys large increases.

Ask your candidates this question:

By any reasonable account, the war in Afghanistan is a failure. Casualties continue to mount and resistance to NATO forces is growing stronger. A clear majority of Canadians oppose Canada's participation in the war in Afghanistan, yet the federal government refuses to listen to the will of the people. What will your party do to end this war now?