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Death of trooper pushes US death toll in Afghanistan to over 2000

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According to a Thursday announcement, out of the 2000 fatalities recorded by the Pentagon, 1,577 were killed in combat operations in Afghanistan. Thirty four of them were women.

Around 16,402 US troopers have also sustained injuries during the 11-year war, the report said.

The independent website icasualties.org, however, has put the US fatalities in Afghanistan at 2,008.

A total of 418 US troops died in Afghanistan in 2011. The year 2010, however, remains the deadliest year for the US forces with a death toll of 499.

The high number of military casualties in Afghanistan has intensified opposition in the United States and other NATO member states to the US-led war in the violence-scarred country that began in 2001.