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## Another Grim Milestone: NATO Confirms 600th Death in 2010 Afghan War

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Two more NATO soldiers were confirmed killed on Sunday, though officials have yet to release the nationalities of either. The two died in an insurgent attack and a bomb blast, respectively. [This brings the NATO toll for 2010 to 600.](#)

Which of course is by far the deadliest year since the 2001 invasion, topping the previous record of 2009's 521, which itself was miles ahead of the 2008 record of 295. [Indeed since 2005 every year has been considerably worse than the previous year, and repeated escalations by the Obama Administration have ensured this trend's continuation as the war enters its 10th year.](#)

And of course 2010 still has two months to go, though generally speaking the first major frost of winter spells an end to major combat until the spring, with much of the nation remaining virtually inaccessible during the winter months.

The latest milestone comes as US Special Envoy Richard Holbrooke has just declared publicly that the government isn't even trying to win this war militarily anymore. This must be a particular blow to the families of the soldiers that continue to die over the increasingly nebulous goals of a seemingly endless conflict.

