

# U.S. Military Troops and Bases Around the World

*"The United States military is currently deployed to more locations than it has been throughout history."  
—Dept. of Defense.*

Sources: Dept. of Defense, "Base Structure Report, FY 2002" and "Active Duty Military Personnel Strengths by Regional Area and by Country, Dec. 31, 2001; Zoltan Grossman, "New U.S. Military Bases," Feb. 2, 2002; Monthly Review, March 2002.

46 countries with no U.S. military presence  
 156 countries with U.S. troops  
 63 countries with U.S. military bases and troops  
 7 Countries with 13 new U.S. military bases since 9/11  
 In 2001, the U.S. had 255,065 troops posted abroad

## The Costs of "Permanent War"

Since Sept. 11, the U.S. has attacked Afghanistan and established at least 13 new military bases in the oil and natural gas-rich countries surrounding it. The bombing of Afghanistan has killed some 3,600 civilians, wrought horrible destruction and deepened mass starvation and displacement. Today there are seven million Afghan internal and external refugees. The U.S. has put back in power the murderous Northern Alliance whom the Afghans threw out some years ago.

The administration has publicly threatened to attack 60 more countries, especially Iraq. In violation of international law, it has claimed the right to preemptively strike any country it thinks "harbors terrorists" or might produce weapons of mass destruction. The first use of nuclear weapons, even against countries that have no such weapons, is now official U.S. policy.

To carry out this dangerous military project, Washington proposes a 2003 military budget of \$396 billion, an astounding 37 percent increase since Bush took office, and more than half of the total U.S. discretionary budget.

### BY THE NUMBERS

845,441	Number of structures (covering 30 million acres) controlled by the Dept. of Defense, the world's largest landlord.
\$396 billion	Bush's 2003 military budget
\$289 billion	2000 military budget (before Bush)
\$60 billion	Military budget of Russia, 2nd in the world after U.S.
25	Number of top military spending countries whose combined military budgets equals that of the U.S.
\$45 billion	Budget for education, 2nd largest discretionary budget item after military in 2002
50.5%	Proportion of the total 2002 U.S. discretionary budget devoted to military

Sources: Dept. of Defense, "Base Structure Report, FY 2001" and Defense Almanac; Center for Defense Information Almanac, 2001-2002; www.cdi.org