

## **Security Summary**

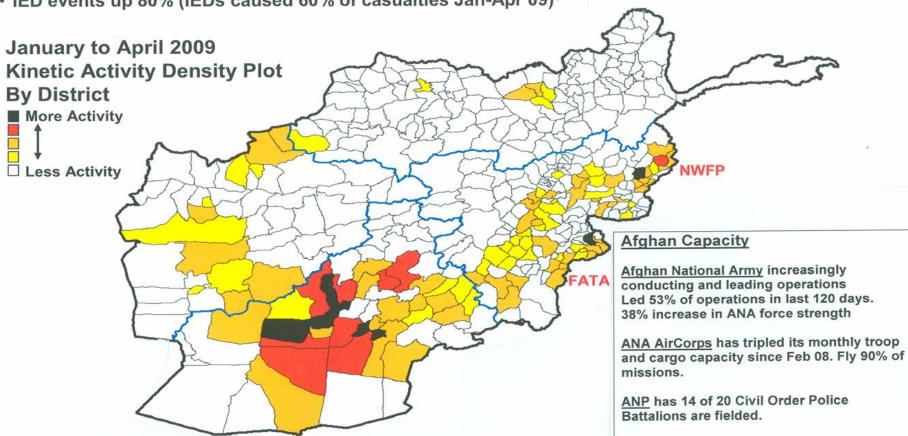
(Statistics Compare January - April 2009 v. January - April 2008)



- 64% increase in Insurgent Initiated Attacks<sup>1</sup>
- 80% of attacks occurred in 13% of the districts (Jan-Apr 09)<sup>1</sup>

• IED events up 80% (IEDs caused 60% of casualties Jan-Apr 09)1

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- IEDs remain the leading cause of total casualties
  60% of all civilian and military casualties.
- 85% of Afghans say the security situation in their local area is good or fair
- 7% increase in number of Afghans who say security is better now than it was 6 months ago (up from 28% to 35%).

 Kinetic events increased substantially this year relative to the same period last year. Due to deliberate increase in operational tempo by ANSF and ISAF, milder winter and continued freedom of action for insurgents from sanctuaries across the border.