Shot in Their Sleep: The Photos Unraveling the British SAS Narrative in Afghanistan

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The Afghan national flag flies on a pole against a deep blue, cloudy sky and rugged, dark mountains

The Helmand Photos: Ballistics vs. Official Reports

Newly released photographs presented to the UK Independent Public Inquiry challenge official military accounts of British Special Forces operations in Helmand Province between 2010 and 2013. The images depict seventeen deceased individuals, including two minors, who were lying in beds with gunshot wounds to the head, alongside low-wall blood spatter consistent with targets shot while asleep. These visual findings directly contradict mission logs that claim troops faced active firefights with the Taliban.

Ignored Warnings and the ‘Drop Weapon’ Allegations

Hearings revealed that the Royal Military Police failed to conduct requested forensic testing before closing initial inquiries. Afghan partner units also reported witnessing British soldiers planting unregistered weapons next to unarmed victims. Subjecting these materials to independent medico-legal evaluation is essential to determine compliance with international humanitarian law and ensure institutional accountability across elite military units.

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