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### **NEWS WEBSITES LAUNCH IN-DEPTH AFGHANISTAN SITE**

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News Limited's national defence writer Ian McPhedran and chief photographer Gary Ramage, spent a month living with Australian troops at their forward bases in Oruzgan Province covering the daily battle against the Taliban, the harsh environment and a deep cultural divide with their Afghan National Army comrades.

The exclusive material includes images of a Taliban rocket attack and an Army Chinook chopper mission that was attacked by mortars, together with interviews with pilots and diggers and rare images of Taliban weapons caches.

The package also features harrowing video and photographs of the war's smallest victims, Afghan children, being treated at the Kandahar trauma hospital.

The special will be published across all News Limited masthead sites and *news.com.au*.

To view this exclusive material go to [http://media.news.com.au/multimedia/2009/09/afghanistan\\_upclose/index.html](http://media.news.com.au/multimedia/2009/09/afghanistan_upclose/index.html)

Ian McPhedran is available for interview.

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