



# Australian forces killed unarmed Afghans: report

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*Australia's most senior military official on Thursday said there is credible evidence that some Australian military personnel allegedly killed 39 prisoners, farmers or other civilians in Afghanistan.*

1-1. Australia's most senior military official said on Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

1-2. that the nation's military personnel \_\_\_\_\_

1-3. and that 19 current and former soldiers \_\_\_\_\_

2. Australia has had troops in Afghanistan since 2002, \_\_\_\_\_

3-1. In 2016, Australia launched an inquiry \_\_\_\_\_

3-2. between 2005 and 2016 amid allegations \_\_\_\_\_

4. General Angus John Campbell revealed \_\_\_\_\_

"The report notes the distorted culture was embraced and amplified by some experienced, charismatic and influential noncommissioned officers and their protégés who sort to fuse military excellence with ego, elitism and entitlement."

5. Prime Minister Scott Morrison had earlier warned \_\_\_\_\_

6-1. The report included \_\_\_\_\_

6-2. where junior soldiers were ordered by senior commanders \_\_\_\_\_

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7-1. After, those allegedly responsible \_\_\_\_\_

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7-2. to make the person shot \_\_\_\_\_

"None of the alleged unlawful killing was described of being in the heat of battle. None were alleged to have occurred in circumstances in which the intent of the perpetrator was unclear, confused or or mistaken, and every person spoken to by the inquiry thoroughly understood the law of armed conflict and the rules of engagement under which they operated."

8-1. Campbell apologized to Afghanistan and said those suspected of the killings \_\_\_\_\_

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8-2. and that local prosecution \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The Australian report recommended Canberra should compensate victims' families \_\_\_\_\_

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### [Vocabulary]

**military personnel:** someone who serves in the armed forces; a member of a military force

- *a change of personnel on the management team* military personnel

**refer:** to have to do with or be relevant to ; If you refer a task or a problem to a person or an organization, you formally tell them about it, so that they can deal with it.

- *He could refer the matter to the high court.*
- *'disagreement arose and the issue was referred back to the Executive Committee'*

**criminal prosecution:** the institution and conduct of legal proceedings against a defendant for criminal behavior

• *It was that the police were inquiring into this whole matter to see whether there was a case for a criminal prosecution.*

- *The police were satisfied that no criminal prosecution could be brought.*

**coalition:** a temporary union of different groups who agree to work together to achieve a shared goal

- *a broad coalition of independent pro-democracy groups*
- *We have made our case with the support of an amazing coalition of people and groups.*

**militia:** a group of ordinary people who are trained as soldiers to fight in an emergency

- *The troops will not attempt to disarm the warring militias.*
- *The militia was assigned to assist the police until the National Guard troops arrived.*
- **special forces:** a division of the army that is specially trained for guerilla fighting; elite, highly trained military forces, specially selected to work on difficult missions
  - *Instead, he moved constantly, meaning the special-forces team would be going into a location that they knew little about.*
- **allegations:** a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal even though this has not been proved
  - *The company has denied the allegations.*
  - *Allegations of brutality and theft have been levelled at the army.*
- **Inspector General:** a military officer responsible for investigations; an officer with wide investigative powers
  - *The recommendation of an inspector general from outside to look thoroughly at the whole situation is to be welcomed.*
  - *Various reports have been submitted from time to time by the inspector-general to the effect stated.*
- **embrace:** to completely accept something such as a new belief, idea, or way of life
  - *The new rules have been embraced by government watchdog organizations.*
  - *Most countries have enthusiastically embraced the concept of high-speed railroads.*
- **charismatic:** a charismatic person has a strong personal quality that makes other people like them and be attracted to them
  - *...her striking looks and charismatic personality.*
  - *What the party needs is a more charismatic leader.*
- **noncommissioned officer:** (in the armed forces) a person, such as a sergeant or corporal, who is appointed from the ranks as a subordinate officer
- **protégé:** one who is protected or trained or whose career is furthered by a person of experience, prominence, or influence
  - *He was a protégé of the great composer.*
  - *Because Tom is the magician's protégé, he has learned a great deal about magic and illusions.*
- **fuse:** if different styles, ideas, designs, etc. fuse, or if you fuse them, they combine to form something new
  - *Manufactured glass is made by fusing various types of sand.*
  - *The flakes seem to fuse together and produce ice crystals.*

- **elitism**: the belief that a small group of people who have a lot of advantages should keep the most power and influence
  - *The older universities were accused of elitism.*
  - *It became difficult to promote excellence without being accused of elitism.*
- **entitlement**: the right to receive something or to do something
  - *They lose their entitlement to benefit when they start work.*
  - *Few people were aware of their entitlement to visit the palace.*
- **blooding**: chiefly Brit (in fox hunting) an informal initiation ceremony in which the face of a novice is smeared with the blood of the first fox that person has seen killed
  - *I expect there'd be less hunting, blooding, puking, initiation-ceremony stuff.*
- **in action**: in combat
  - *He has been missing in action in Vietnam.*
- **in the heat of battle**: while fighting a battle
  - *Soldiers have to train themselves not to feel fear in the heat of battle.*
  - *One never knows how soldiers will behave in the heat of battle.*
- **perpetrator**: someone who perpetrates wrongdoing
  - *The perpetrators of the massacre must be brought to justice as war criminals.*
  - *The perpetrators of this heinous crime must be found and punished to the fullest extent of the law.*
- **armed conflict**: A contested incompatibility which concerns government, or territory, or both, where the use of armed force between two parties, of which at least one is the government of a state, is present.
  - *The United States and Soviet Union stepped back from the brink, and the crisis was resolved without armed conflict.*
  - *Both sides suffered heavy casualties in the border armed conflict.*
- **rule of engagement**: a directive issued by a military authority controlling the use and degree of force, especially specifying circumstances and limitations for engaging in combat.
- **soon-to-be**: Planned or destined to have a specified position or quality in the near future.
  - *'her soon-to-be husband'*
  - *I'm an 18-year-old, soon-to-be college student.*
- **negate**: to make something have no effect
  - *He warned that to negate the results of elections would only make things worse.*
  - *That doesn't negate the possibility.*

□ **International Criminal Court:** An international tribunal formed in 2002 for the prosecution of crimes against humanity. Headquartered at The Hague, it is not affiliated with the United Nations.

□ **the Hague:** *the site of the royal residence and the de facto capital in the western part of the Netherlands; seat of the International Court of Justice*

□ **recommend:** to advise someone that they should do something

- *The doctor recommended (that) I should lose weight.*
- *The judge recommended that he serve 20 years in prison.*

[参照辞書: Merriam-Webster, Oxford English Dictionary, America Heritage of the English language, Collins English Dictionary, Macmillan Dictionary, the Free Dictionary, Wikipedia]