

Toronto, Canada

Dear Witness,

On July 1 (Canada Day) 2010 I began "Impact Afghanistan War", a one-year project where I fall 100 times every day in a public space. Each fall represents a death in Afghanistan.

Since the onset of the post-9/11 US-led invasion of Afghanistan, 150 Canadian military personnel have been killed in Afghanistan. I dedicate my first 150 falls to these dead. Each of these deaths has been memorialized through public repatriation ceremonies, the naming of "Highway of Heroes", and more recently, the "Route of Heroes."

Unlike the Canadian military dead, there are no exact numbers for Afghans who have been killed or died as a result of war-related causes. The lack of an accurate accounting of Afghan dead is the result of the US/NATO no-body count policy.

"Impact Afghanistan War" is my attempt to reach beyond the numbness produced by abstract numbers, political debates and media spectacularization.

Sincerely,

Helene

Comment on “Impact Afghanistan War”

im-pact: 1. forceful contact; 2. To have an impact or effect on; influence; alter. How has witnessing “Impact Afghanistan War” impacted you? To comment, send this postcard or go to www.impactafghanistanwar.org. Please note, all comments will be considered part of public dialog and may appear in forums where the project is presented.

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