

The top military officer at the Pentagon has told a Congressional committee that US and international forces are not winning the war in Afghanistan.

Admiral Mike Mullens, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, says victory in Afghanistan cannot be achieved solely by the military.

"We cannot kill our way to victory," he told the Armed Services Committee.

Admiral Mullens said he was not convinced US and international forces were winning, but he said he believed they could eventually.

"Frankly we're running out of time," he warned.

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