

- 1** At 10pm local time nine insurgents, wearing suicide-bomber vests, enter grounds of Inter-Continental Hotel from behind the ballroom. They avoided three heavily guarded checkpoints by moving through vegetation near the building.
- 2** First clash was with hotel security outside the ballroom. Two rooms attacked with grenades.
- 3** Insurgents split up, some heading for pool area, others entering the hotel to find foreigners to kidnap or kill. Guests on the upper floors begin jumping out of windows.
- 4** Insurgents make it to roof, firing shots and rockets at civilians on the ground and in other buildings.
- 5** Afghan Crisis Response Unit arrives, mentored by NZSAS. SAS troops then get dragged into battle as witnesses report some CRU members flee.
- 6** US Predator drone flies over hotel on reconnaissance. Nato helicopters, including a Black Hawk manned by an SAS team, then attack. Explosions heard from rooftop about 3am, which end the battle.
- 7** A few hours later, the last of the Taliban fighters, who was injured and had been hiding in a room, blew himself up.

