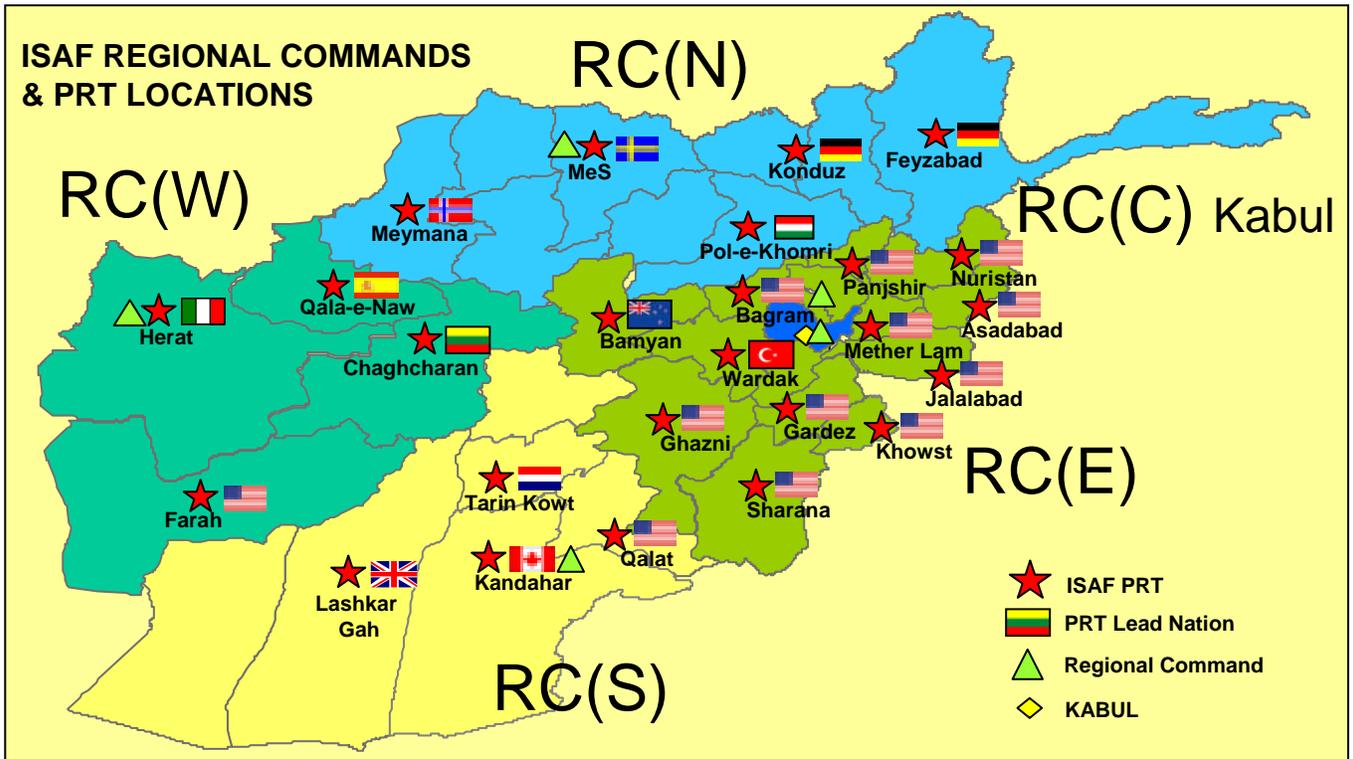




# International Security Assistance Force



**Mission:** Conduct military operations in the assigned area of operations to assist the Government of Afghanistan in the establishment and maintenance of a safe and secure environment with full engagement of Afghan National Security Forces, in order to extend government authority and influence, thereby facilitating Afghanistan's reconstruction and contributing to regional stability.

### Key Facts:

- Commander: General (USA) Dan K. MCNEILL
- Current HQ: HQ ISAF X (USA lead) from 4 FEB 2007
- 38 Troop Contributing Nations
- ISAF Total Strength: approx 41,500 (Includes National Contingent Commands)
- Remaining USA Contingent: approx 7,000 (Operation Enduring Freedom)
- ISAF AOR (Afghanistan land mass) 650,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 25 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

### Regional Command Capital: (approx strength 4800)

- HQ ISAF in Kabul (Composite)
- HQ RC(C) in Kabul (TUR)
- KAIA (BGR)

### Regional Command South: (approx strength 11600)

- HQ RC(S) in KANDAHAR (GBR)
- Forward Support Base KAF
- PRT KANDAHAR (CAN)
- PRT LASHKAR-GAH (GBR, DNK, EST)
- PRT TARIN KOWT (NLD, AUS)
- PRT QALAT (USA, ROU)

### Regional Command West: (approx strength 2500)

- HQ RC(W) in HERAT (ITA)
- Forward Support Base HERAT (ESP)
- PRT HERAT (ITA)
- PRT FARAH (USA)
- PRT QALA-E-NAW (ESP)
- PRT CHAGHCHARAN (LTU)

### Regional Command North: (approx strength 3300)

- HQ RC(N) in MAZAR-E-SHARIF (DEU)
- Forward Support Base MAZAR-E-SHARIF (DEU)
- PRT MAZAR-E-SHARIF (SWE)
- PRT FEYZABAD (DEU)
- PRT KONDUZ (DEU)
- PRT POL-E KHOMRI (HUN)
- PRT MEYMANA (NOR)

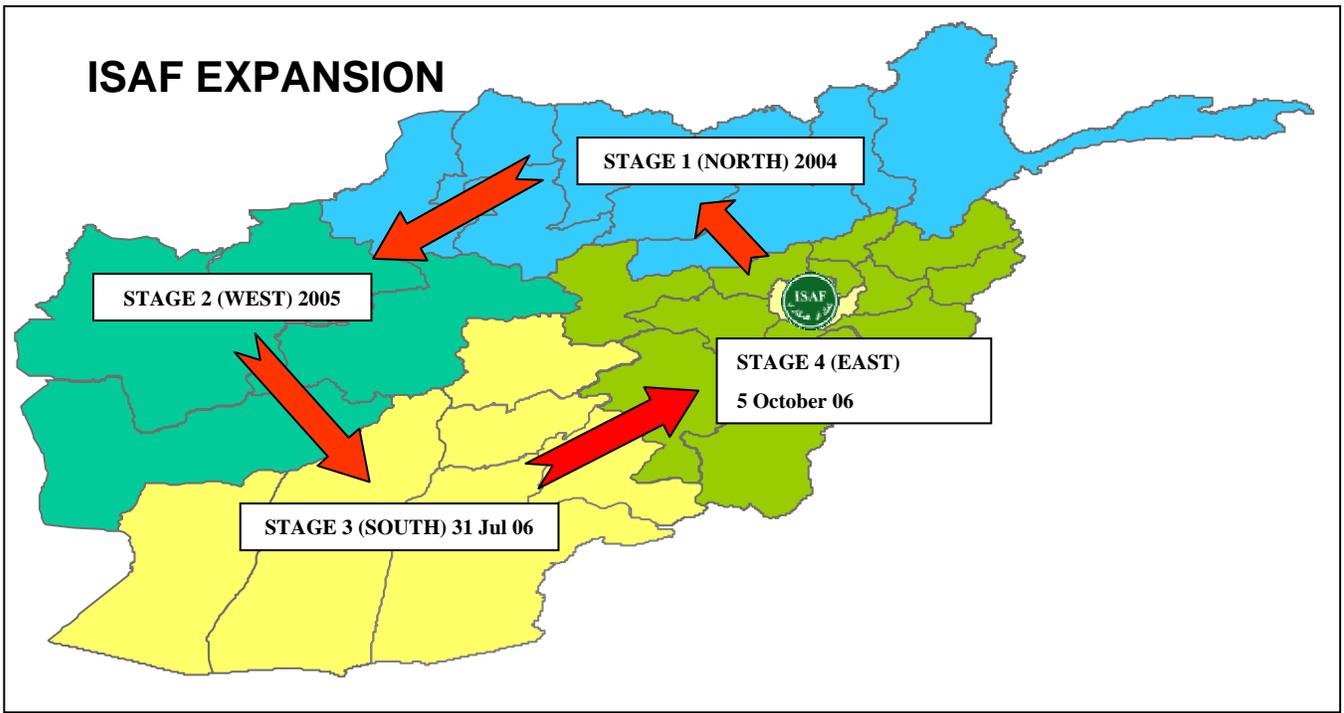
### Regional Command East: (approx strength 13900)

- HQ RC(E) in BAGRAM (USA)
- Forward Support Base BAGRAM (USA)
- PRT SHARANA (USA)
- PRT KHOST (USA)
- PRT METHER LAM (USA)
- PRT BAMYAN (NLD)
- PRT PANJSHIR (USA)
- PRT JALALABAD (USA)
- PRT GHAZNI (USA)
- PRT ASADABAD (USA)
- PRT BAGRAM (USA)
- PRT NURISTAN (USA)
- PRT WARDAK (TUR)
- PRT GARDEZ (USA)

### National Contingent Commands (approx strength 4100)



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**NATO Mission In Afghanistan:** On the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2003 NATO assumed authority for the ISAF mission. The NATO mission consists of 5 phases;

- Phase 1 Assessment and Preparation, including operations in Kabul (completed)
- Phase 2 Geographic expansion
- Phase 3 Stabilization
- Phase 4/5 Transition / Redeployment

**Expansion:** In October 2003 The UN Security Council authorized the expansion of the NATO mission beyond Kabul. In October 2004 Stage 1 of the expansion to the north was completed with Stage 2 in the West following in September 2005. Stage 3 of the expansion to include the South was completed on 31 July 2006 and Stage 4 to include the East occurred on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006, at which stage the geographic expansion phase was completed.

**Troop Contributing Nations (TCN):** The ISAF mission consists of the following 38 Nations. (The troop numbers are based on broad contribution and do not reflect the exact numbers on the ground at any one time)

	Albania	138		Finland	85		Luxemburg	9		Switzerland	2
	Australia	907		France	1073		Netherlands	1516		Turkey	1220
	Austria	3		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*	129		New Zealand	138		Ukraine	1
	Azerbaijan	22		Germany	3155		Norway	508		United Kingdom	7740
	Belgium	368		Greece	146		Poland	937		United States	15108
	Bulgaria	401		Hungary	225		Portugal	162		Georgia	0
	Canada	1730		Iceland	11		Romania	536			
	Croatia	199		Ireland	7		Slovakia	70			
	Czech Republic	233		Italy	2395		Slovenia	42			
	Denmark	454		Latvia	97		Spain	715		ISAF	41145
	Estonia	128		Lithuania	195		Sweden	340		National Contingent Commands	4140

\* Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name Current as of 18 Oct 2007