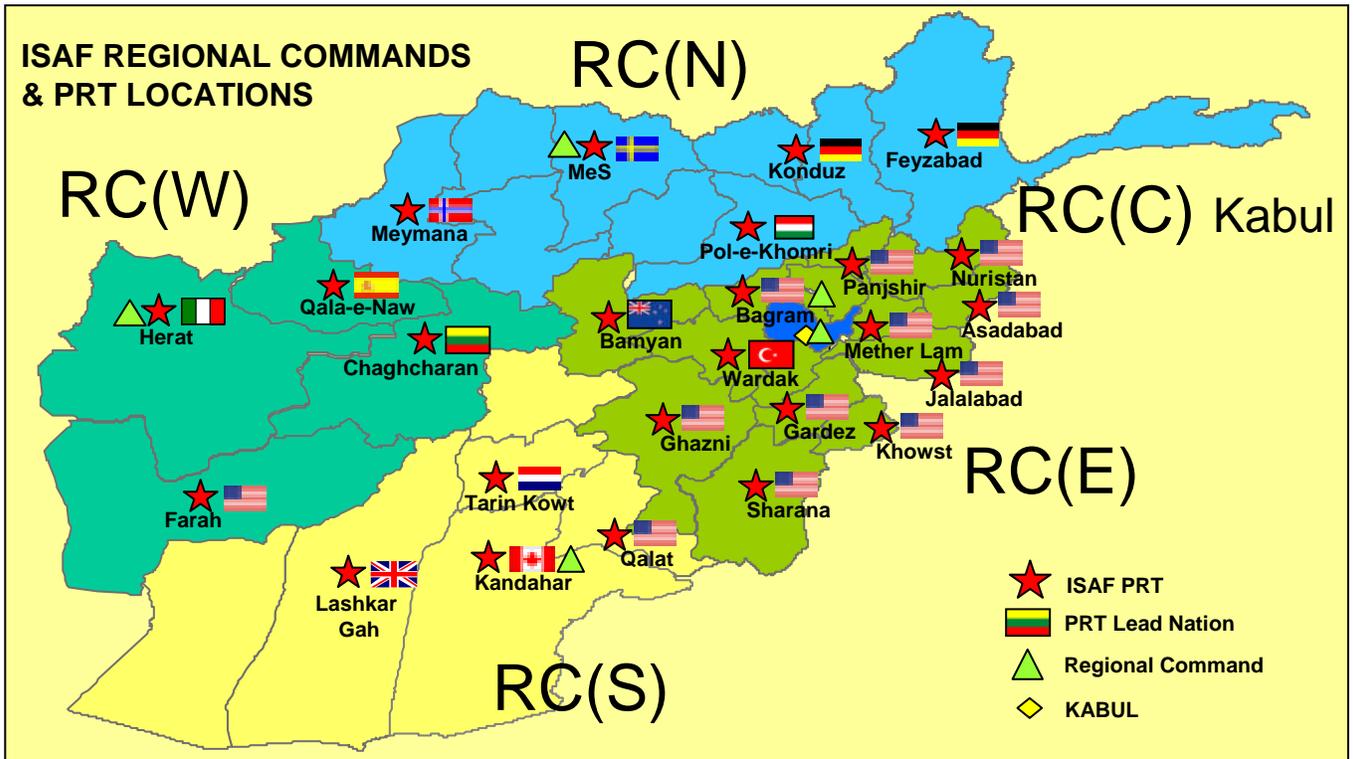




# International Security Assistance Force



**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 XI from 3 FEB 2008
- 40 Troop Contributing Nations
- ISAF Total Strength: approx 43,250 (Includes National Support Elements)
- OEF USA Contingent: approx 16,000 (Operation Enduring Freedom)
- ISAF AOR (Afghanistan land mass) 650,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 25 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

**Note on numbers:** Regional totals are approximations and actual numbers change daily. Number of troops will never be exact and should be taken as summaries.

### Regional Command Capital: (approx strength 3000)

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

### Regional Command South: (approx strength 19000)

- HQ RC(S) in KANDAHAR (CAN)
- 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 2300)

- 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)

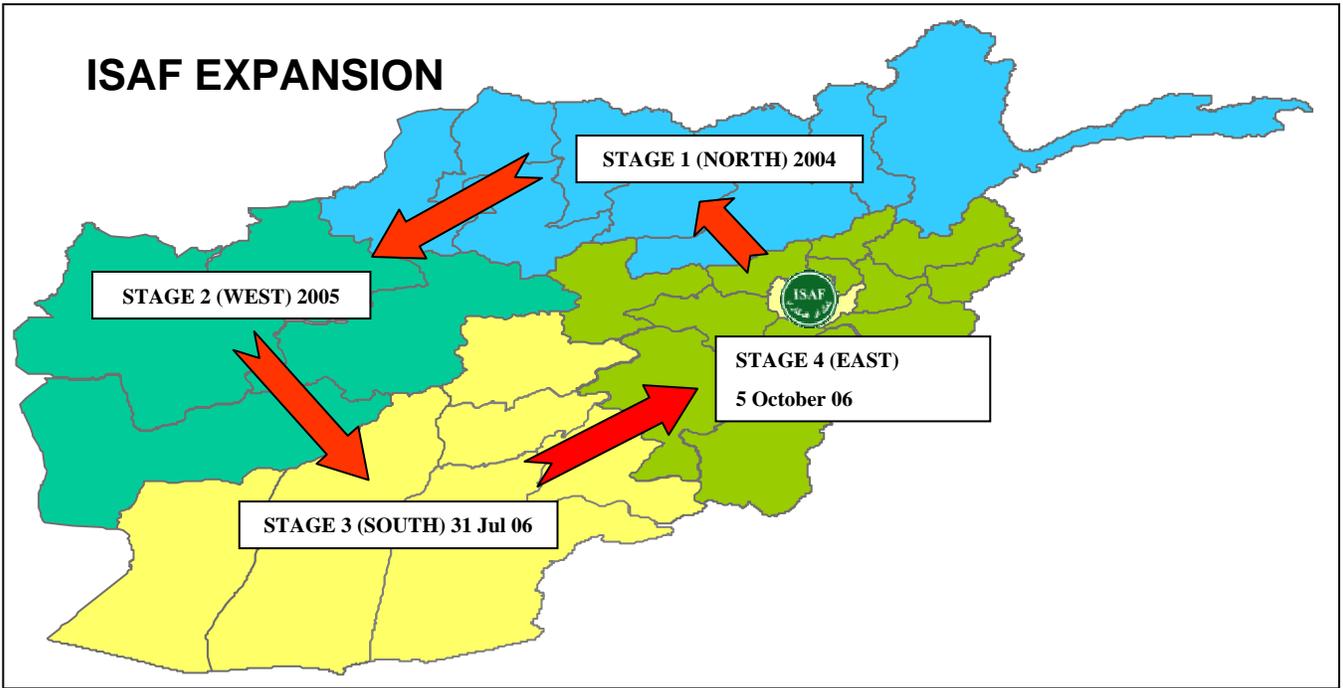
### Regional Command North: (approx strength 4000)

- 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 15000)

- HQ RC(E) in BAGRAM (USA)
- Forward Support Base BAGRAM (USA)
- PRT SHARANA (USA)
- PRT KHOST (USA)
- PRT METHER LAM (USA)
- PRT BAMYAN (NZN)
- 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 Support Elements (approx strength 6500)



**NATO Mission In Afghanistan:** On 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 (completed)
- 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 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 40 Nations. (The troop numbers are based on broad contribution and do not reflect the exact numbers on the ground at any one time)

	Albania	140		Finland	105		Lithuania	260		Spain	740
	Australia	1070		France	1515		Luxemburg	9		Sweden	345
	Austria	3		Georgia	1		Netherlands	1650		Switzerland	2
	Azerbaijan	50		Germany	3210		New Zealand	115		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*	130
	Belgium	370		Greece	150		Norway	495		Turkey	675
	Bulgaria	420		Hungary	230		Poland	1100		United Kingdom	7800
	Canada	2500		Iceland	10		Portugal	160		United States	15000
	Croatia	190		Ireland	7		Romania	535			
	Czech Republic	135		Italy	2880		Singapore	2		ISAF & National Support Elements (rounded)	43250
	Denmark	780		Jordan	90		Slovakia	70			
	Estonia	130		Latvia	100		Slovenia	70			

Note: The above numbers include all troops, both those assigned to NATO and those required for National Support Elements. Numbers vary frequently.

\* Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name

Current as of 06 February 2008