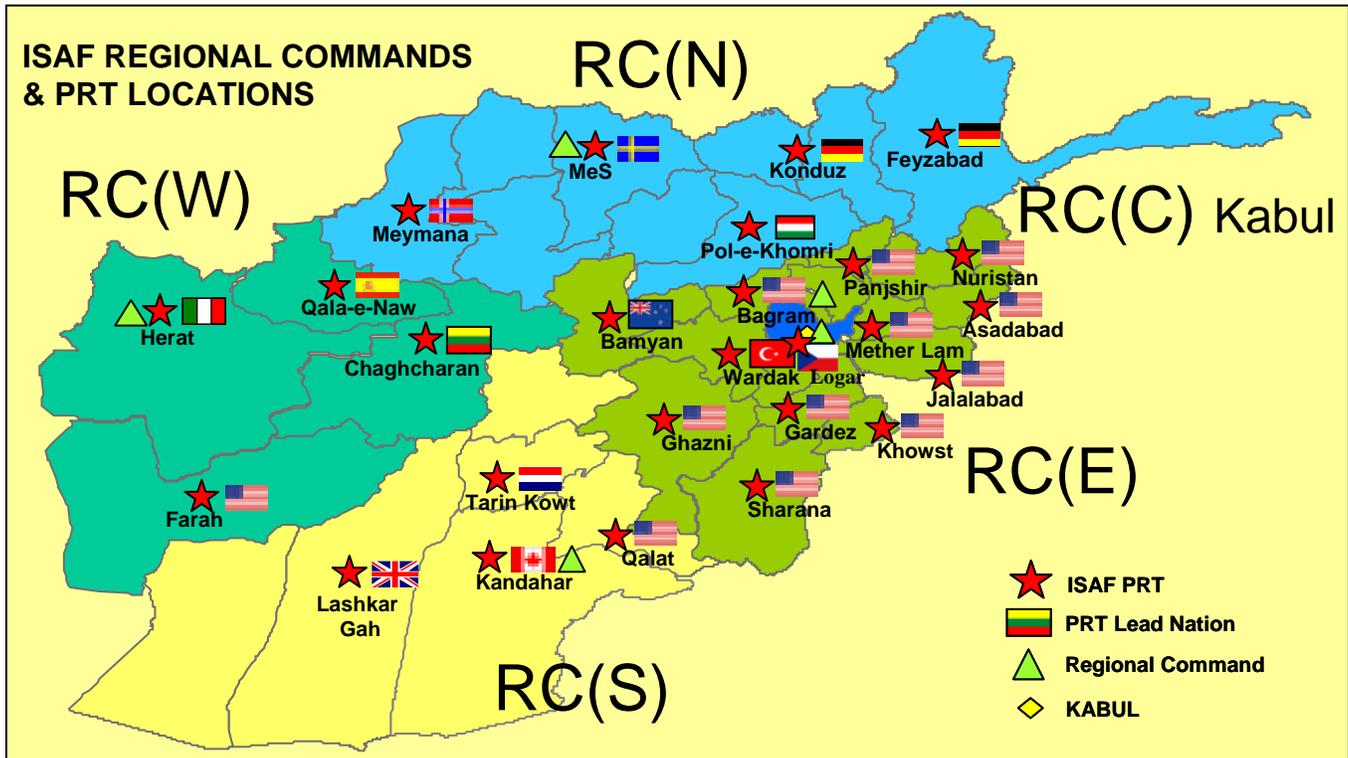




International Security Assistance Force



Mission: Conduct military operations in the assigned area of operations to assist the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) 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 enabling the GIROA to exercise its sovereignty throughout the country.

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 47,000
- ISAF AOR (Afghanistan land mass) 650,000 km²
- 26 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs)

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

Regional Command Capital: (appx strength 5800)

- HQ ISAF in Kabul (Composite)
- HQ RC(C) in Kabul (ITA) (rotates ITA, FRA, TUR)
- KAIA (BEL)

Regional Command South: (appx strength 18000)

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

Regional Command West: (appx strength 2600)

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

Regional Command North: (appx strength 4700)

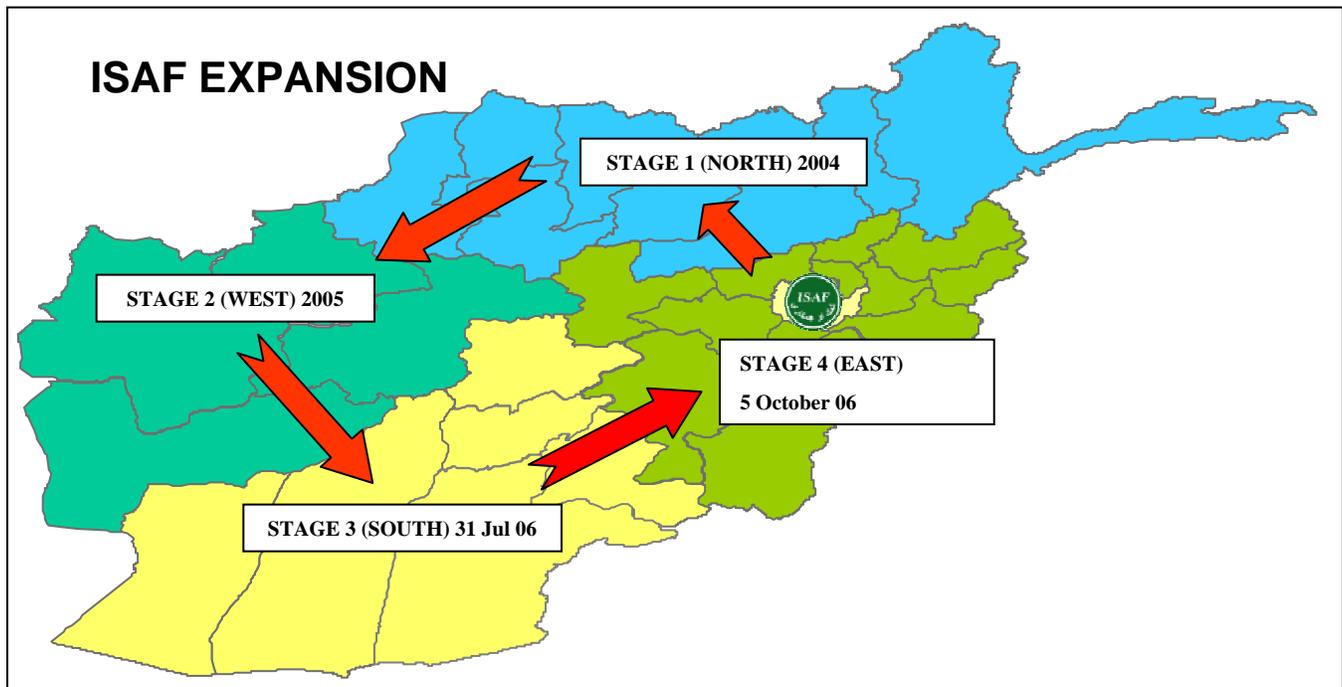
- HQ RC(N) in MAZAR-E-SHARIF (DEU)
- Forward Support Base MAZAR-E-SHARIF (DEU)
- PRT MAZAR-E-SHARIF (SWE)
- PRT FEYZABAD (DEU)
- PRT KONDUZ (DEU)
- PRT POL-E KHOMRI (HUN)
- PRT MEYMANA (NOR)

Regional Command East: (appx strength 16000)

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



International Security Assistance Force



NATO Mission In Afghanistan: On 9th 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 5th 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	100		Lithuania	260		Spain	770
	Australia	1100		France	1430		Luxemburg	9		Sweden	350
	Austria	2		Georgia	1		Netherlands	1730		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*	130
	Azerbaijan	40		Germany	3490		New Zealand	110		Turkey	750
	Belgium	360		Greece	130		Norway	540		Ukraine	3
	Bulgaria	400		Hungary	250		Poland	1020		United Kingdom	7750
	Canada	2500		Iceland	10		Portugal	170		United States	19000
	Croatia	210		Ireland	7		Romania	530			
	Czech Republic	290		Italy	2360		Singapore	2			
	Denmark	690		Jordan	90		Slovakia	60			
	Estonia	120		Latvia	100		Slovenia	70			
										Total (rounded)	47000

* Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name