**Mission:** NATO-ISAF aims to prevent Afghanistan from once again becoming a haven for terrorists, to help provide security, and to contribute to a better future for the Afghan people. NATO-ISAF, as part of the overall International Community effort and as mandated by the United Nations Security Council, is working to create the conditions whereby the Government of Afghanistan is able to exercise its authority throughout the country.

To carry out its mission, ISAF conducts population-centric counterinsurgency operations in partnership with Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and provides support to the Government and International Community in Security Sector Reform, including mentoring, training and operational support to the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police. NATO-ISAF key priorities in Afghanistan are:

- Protect the Afghan people
- Build the capacity of the Afghan Security Forces so they can take lead responsibility for security in their own country;
- Counter the insurgency and
- Enable the delivery of stronger governance and development.

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**Commander:** General David H. Petraeus (US)  
**Senior Civilian Representative:** Ambassador Mark Sedwill (UK)  

**ISAF Commands in KABUL**  
ISAF Headquarters  
Commander: General David H. PETRAEUS (US)  

**ISAF Joint Command (IJC)**  
Commander: Lieutenant General David M. RODRIGUEZ (US)  

**NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan (NTM-A)**  
Commander: Lieutenant General William B. CALDWELL (US)  

**Regional Command Capital:**  
Headquarter RC(C) in Kabul (TU)  
Commander: Brigadier General Rafet Sevinc SASMAZ (TUR)  

**Regional Command South:**  
Headquarter RC(S) in Kandahar (US)  
Commander: Major General James L. TERRY (US)  

**Regional Command South West:**  
Headquarter RC(SW) in Lashkar Gah (US)  
Commander: Major General Richard MILLS (USA)  

**Regional Command West:**  
Headquarter RC(W) in Herat (IT)  
Commander: Brigadier General Marcello BELLACICCO (IT)  

**Regional Command North:**  
Headquarter RC(N) in Mazar-e Sharif (GE)  
Commander: Major General Markus KNEIP (GE)  

**Regional Command East:**  
Headquarter RC(E) in Bagram (US)  
Commander: Major General John CAMPBELL (US)  

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Regional Commands & Major Units (>700 troops)

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- **RC(SW)**: United States Lead Nation

**RC(C)**: Turkey Lead Nation

- **Regional Command Seat**
- **Major Maneuver battalion**

Map of Afghanistan showing regions and units.