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#### **NATO-ISAF OPERATIONS NOW RUZ AND PAMIR**

- Operation NOW RUZ (New Year) was NATO-ISAF's theatre-wide spring/summer 2007 framework operation to support ongoing development and governance efforts.
- Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and ISAF security operations degraded insurgents' ability to conduct operations. Insurgents were prevented from achieving any decisive victories including through engagement with tribal elders and the local populations.
- Expanded ANSF and ISAF presence in traditional insurgent sanctuary areas enabled the Afghan Government to increase its legitimacy and influence.
- Op NOW RUZ improved freedom of movement along Highway 1, the so-called Ring Road, through the expansion of ANSF checkpoints and patrols, mentored and supported by ISAF. The 2,400 km Ring Road connects Afghanistan's urban centres with major agricultural production areas and is vital to the future economic development of the country.
- Operation PAMIR was launched on 1 October 2007 and is the framework operation for the period October 2007-March 2008. It is a follow-on to Operation NOW RUZ and also theatre wide.
- While efforts will be focused on those areas where the situation remains more volatile (southern and eastern Afghanistan, the Kabul area and some provinces in the west), security operations will continue in all Regional Commands.
- Op PAMIR will exploit the successes of Op NOW RUZ by maintaining pressure on the insurgents throughout the autumn and winter periods.
- Op PAMIR is an ISAF/Afghan National Security Forces framework operation under which focused security operations will be conducted in conjunction with wider reconstruction and development, as well as governance activities.
- Whilst Op NOW RUZ was oriented towards maintaining freedom of manoeuvre and securing the Afghan Development Zones, Op PAMIR is directed towards maintaining pressure on the insurgents in order to disrupt their ability to re-arm and re-equip during the upcoming period.
- Op PAMIR, like Op NOW RUZ before it, will allow NATO-ISAF to continue to focus on two key areas: firstly, the provision of security to permit reconstruction and development to take place, and secondly, the training of the Afghan National Security Forces.
- All NATO-ISAF and Afghan National Security Forces are involved, with focused operations taking place when necessary, practicable and feasible.
- Op PAMIR is an ISAF and Afghan National Security Forces operation. The Afghan Ministry of Defence was fully involved in the planning phase and will participate in the whole process.

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