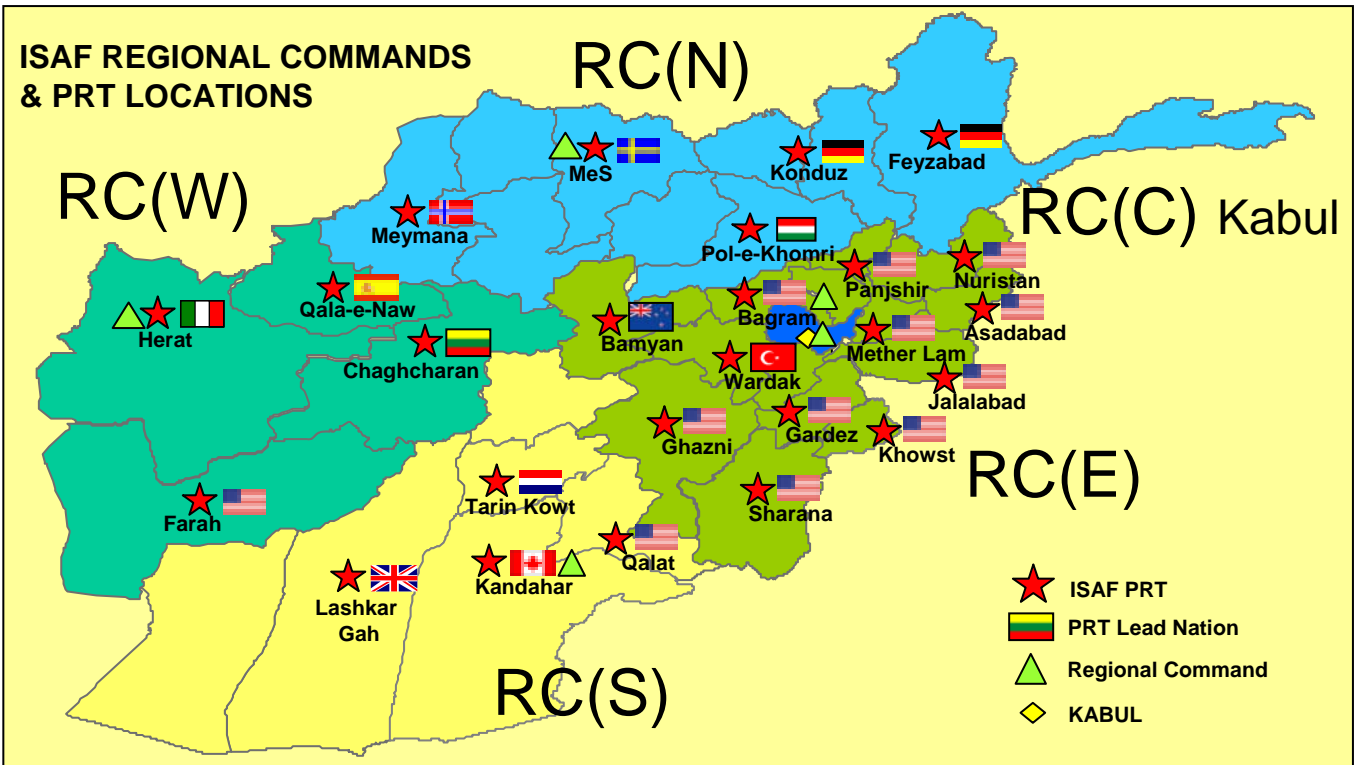




# International Security Assistance Force



**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 (UK) D. J. RICHARDS
- Current HQ: HQ ISAF IX (UK lead) from 4 May 2006
- 37 Troop Contributing Nations
- ISAF Total Strength: Approx 33,250 (Includes National Contingent Commands)
- Remaining US Contingent: Approx 8000 (Operation Enduring Freedom)
- ISAF AOR (Afghanistan land mass) 650,000 km(sq)
- 25 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

### Regional Command Capital: (Approx Strength 4700)

- HQ ISAF in Kabul (UK)
- HQ RC(C) in Kabul (FR)
- KAIA (BU)

### Regional Command South: (Approx Strength 11,500)

- HQ RC(S) in KANDAHAR (NL)
- Forward Support Base KAF
- PRT KANDAHAR (CA)
- PRT LASHKAR-GAH (UK, DA, ES)
- PRT TARIN KOWT (NL,AUS)
- PRT QALAT (US,RO)

### Regional Command West: (Approx Strength 1900)

- HQ RC(W) in HERAT (IT)
- Forward Support Base HERAT (SP)
- PRT HERAT (IT)
- PRT FARAH (US)
- PRT QALA-E-NAW (SP)
- PRT CHAGHCHARAN (LI)

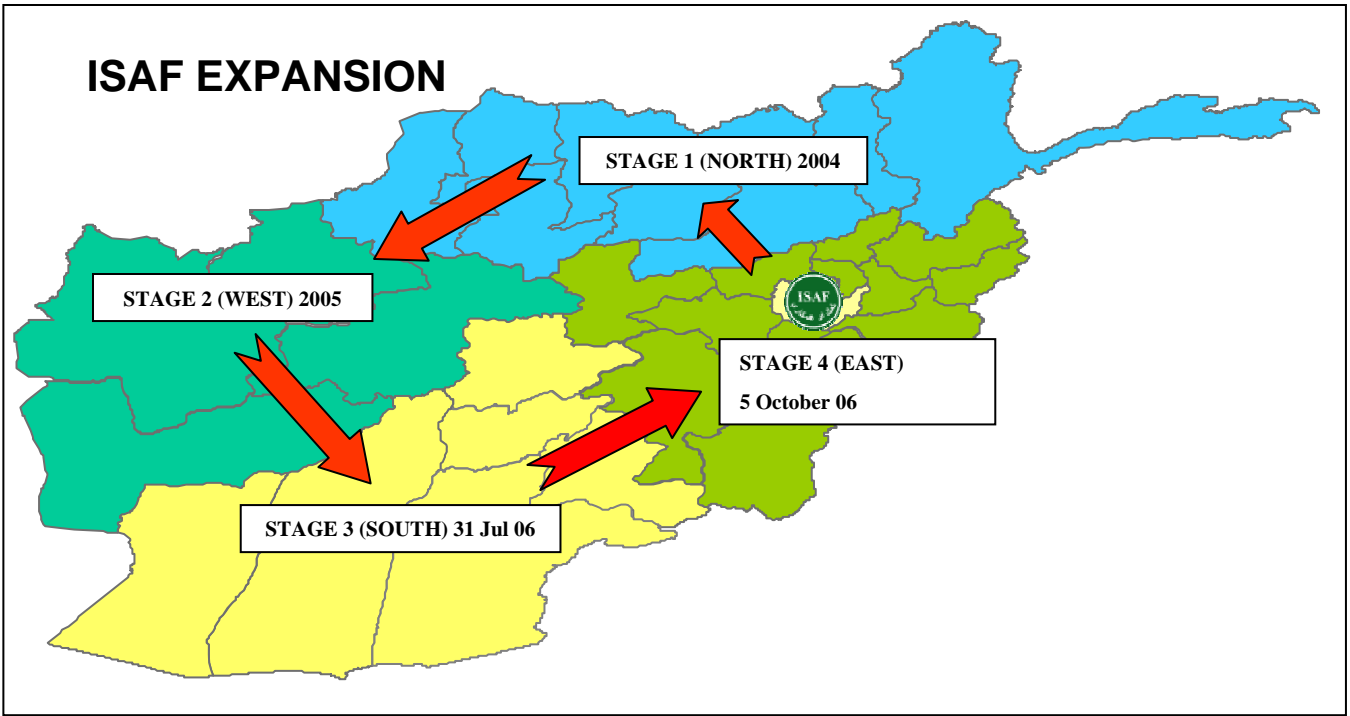
### Regional Command North: (Approx Strength 3000)

- HQ RC(N) in MAZAR-E-SHARIF (GE)
- Forward Support Base MAZAR-E-SHARIF (GE)
- PRT MAZAR-E-SHARIF (SWE)
- PRT FEYZABAD (GE)
- PRT KONDUZ (GE)
- PRT POL-E KHOMRI (HU)
- PRT MEYMANA (NO)

### Regional Command East: (Approx Strength 10,500)

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

### National Contingent Commands (Approx Strength 1650)



**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

**Phase 2 Expansion:** In October 2003 The UN Security Council authorised 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):** On completion of Stage 4 expansion the ISAF mission consists of the following 37 Nations. (The troop numbers are based on broad contribution and do not reflect the exact numbers on the ground at any one time)

	Albania	30		Estonia	90		Lithuania	130		Slovenia	50
	Australia	500		Finland	70		Luxemburg	10		Spain	550
	Austria	5		France	1000		Netherlands	2200		Sweden	180
	Azerbaijan	20		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*	120		New Zealand	100		Switzerland	5
	Belgium	300		Germany	3000		Iceland	5		Turkey	800
	Bulgaria	100		Greece	170		Norway	350		United Kingdom	5200
	Canada	2500		Hungary	180		Poland	160		United States	14,000
	Croatia	130		Ireland	10		Portugal	150			
	Czech Republic	150		Italy	1950		Romania	750			
	Denmark	400		Latvia	35		Slovakia	60			
									<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>35,460</b>

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