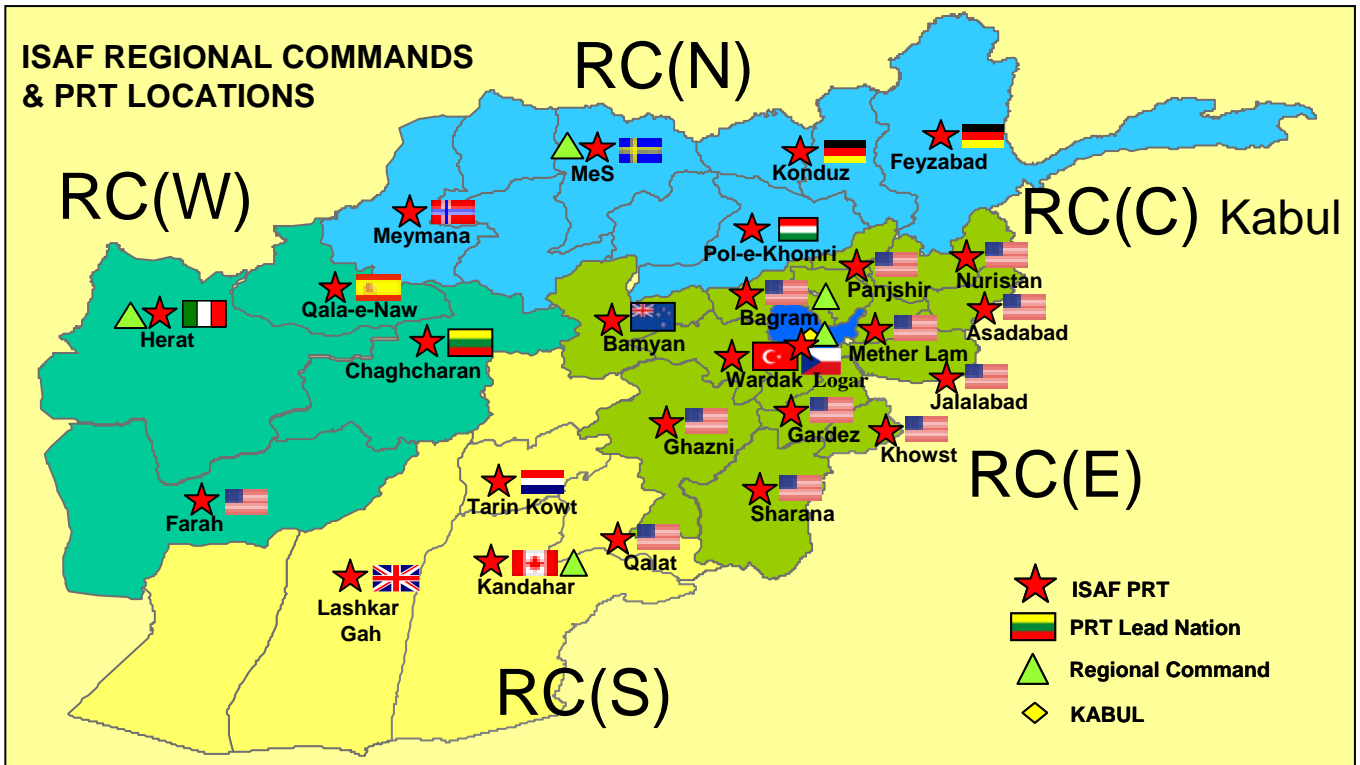




# International Security Assistance Force



**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) David D. McKiernan
- 41 Troop Contributing Nations
- ISAF Total Strength: approx 50,700
- ISAF AOR (Afghanistan land mass) 650,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 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 5,420)

- HQ ISAF in Kabul (Composite)
- HQ RC(C) in Kabul (FRA)
- KAIA (BEL)

### Regional Command South: (appx strength 19,100)

- 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 2,980)

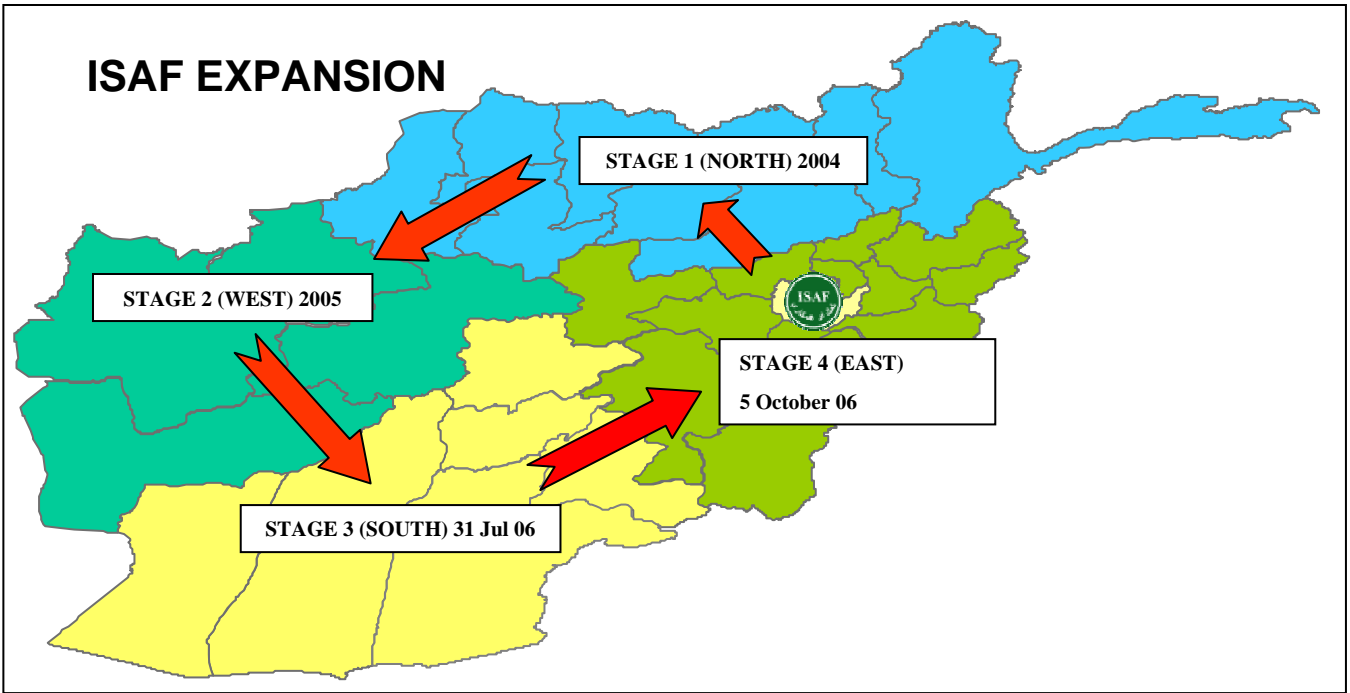
- HQ RC(W) in HERAT (ITA)
- Forward Support Base HERAT (ESP)
- PRT HERAT (ITA)
- PRT FARAH (USA)
- PRT QALA-E-NOW (ESP)
- PRT CHAGHCHARAN (LTU)

### Regional Command North: (appx strength 4,400)

- 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 18,800)

- 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)



**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 41 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	80		Lithuania	200		Spain	780
	Australia	1080		France	2730		Luxemburg	9		Sweden	280
	Austria	1		Georgia	1		Netherlands	1770		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*	135
	Azerbaijan	45		Germany	3310		New Zealand	155		Turkey	800
	Belgium	420		Greece	130		Norway	455		Ukraine	3
	Bulgaria	460		Hungary	240		Poland	1130		United Arab Emirates	0
	Canada	2500		Iceland	8		Portugal	70		United Kingdom	8330
	Croatia	280		Ireland	7		Romania	725		United States	20600
	Czech Republic	415		Italy	2350		Singapore	0			
	Denmark	750		Jordan	0		Slovakia	70		<b>Total (rounded)</b>	<b>50700</b>
	Estonia	120		Latvia	70		Slovenia	70			

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