International Security Assistance Force
and Afghan National Army Strength & Laydown


In accordance with all the relevant Security Council Resolutions, ISAF’s main role is to assist the Afghan government in the establishment of a secure and stable environment. To this end, ISAF forces are conducting security and stability operations throughout the country together with the Afghan National Security Forces and are directly involved in the development of the Afghan National Army through mentoring, training and equipping.

Key Facts:
- Commander: General (USA) Stanley A. McChrystal
- 43 Troop Contributing Nations
- ISAF Total Strength: approx 85,795
- 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 indicatives.

ISAF MAJOR UNITS

Regional Command Capital: (apprx ISAF strength 6,300)
- HQ ISAF KABUL (COMPOSITE)
- HQ RC(C) KABUL (TUR)
- KAIA (ESP)

Regional Command South: (apprx ISAF strength 45,100)
- HQ RC(S) in KANDAHAR (GBR) (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: (apprx ISAF strength 4,600)
- HQ RC(W) in HERAT (ITA)
- Forward Support Base HERAT (ESP)
- PRT HERAT (ITA)
- PRT FARAH (USA)
- PRT OALA-E-NEW (ESP)
- PRT CHAGHCHARAN (LTU)

Regional Command Capital: (apprx ISAF strength 5,895)
- 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 KOMRI (HUN)
- PRT MEYMANA (NOR)

Regional Command East: (apprx ISAF strength 24,900)
- HQ RC(E) in BAGRAM
- Forward Support Base BAGRAM (USA)
- PRT LOGAR (CZE)
- PRT SHARANA (USA)
- PRT KHOST (USA)
- PRT METER LAM (USA)
- PRT BAMYAN (NZL)
- PRT PANJSHIR (USA)
- PRT JALALABAD (USA)

Regional Command North: (apprx ISAF strength 5,895)
- PRT GHANI (POL,USA)
- PRT ASADABAD (USA)
- PRT BAGRAM (USA)
- PRT PURISTAN (USA)
- PRT WARDAK (TUR)
- PRT GARDEZ (USA)

Current as of 01 February 2010
II. The Afghan National Army (ANA): Facts and Figures

As of 22 December 2009, the ANA has an actual strength of approximately 100,130 personnel. In January 2010, the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board, co-chaired by the Afghan government and the United Nations, agreed to increase the total strength of the ANA to 171,600 by October 2011.

Operationally, the ANA is currently fielding 5 Corps Headquarters, a Capital Division responsible for the security of the Kabul area, and an ANA Air Corps providing the essential air support to the ANA brigades deployed throughout Afghanistan.
Major ISAF Units

Source: NATO HQ Media Operations Centre – Afghanistan

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