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 John R. Allen (US)  
**NATO Senior Civilian Representative:** Ambassador Simon Gass (UK)

**50 Troop Contributing Nations**  
**ISAF Total Strength:** 128,961 as at 12 April 2012

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**ISAF Commands in KABUL**  
ISAF Headquarters  
Commander: General John R. Allen (US)

**ISAF Joint Command (IJC)**  
Commander: Lieutenant General Curtis Michael SCAPAROTTI (US)

**NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan (NTM-A)**  
Commander: Lieutenant General Daniel P. BOLGER (US)

**Regional Command Capital:**  
Headquarter RC(C) in Kabul (TU)  
Commander: Brigadier General Levent GÖZKAYA (TUR)

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

**Regional Command South West:**  
Headquarter RC(SW) in Lashkar Gah (US)  
Commander: Major General Charles M. GURGANUS (US)

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

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

**Regional Command East:**  
Headquarter RC(E) in Bagram (US)  
Commander: Major General Daniel B. ALLYN (US)

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**Note:** This placemat shows an overview of Leadership, Troop Numbers & Contributions, Regional Commands and Major Units and Afghan National Army – Deployment
International Security Assistance Force

Troop Contributing Nations

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Note on numbers: Figures are calculated by Allied Command Operations based on the military personnel required for the mission. Figures do not include troops deployed on a bilateral basis, personnel above minimum requirements, or those serving in a national support or command capacity. Numbers of troops should be taken as indicative as they change daily.

¹ to train Afghan National Security Forces. In total, Canada deploys approx. 950 personnel
² In total the Netherlands deploys approx. 500 personnel
³ Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name