

## **Transparency Input to NATO Website – Canada – March 2009**

Canada currently has in excess of 3000 troops from all three services deployed on overseas operations, a level that it has sustained for the past three years and slightly higher than the level over the last sixteen years. The detailed breakdown of Canadian Forces' operational deployments can be found in the chart below.

Canada's operational focus and largest contribution of troops to NATO is 2800 personnel to ISAF. Within ISAF, Canada contributes a Battle Group, a Provincial Reconstruction Team, an Operational Mentor and Liaison Team and an Air Wing. Given this deployment rate, the Canadian Army, which provides the bulk, though not all, of Canada's ISAF deployment, currently has approximately 4400 troops training for sustained operations. Canada also maintains eight personnel in the NATO headquarters in Sarajevo.

Canada also contributes a frigate or destroyer (approximately 300 personnel) on a rotational basis to NATO's Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 (SNMG 1). In addition, Canada provides, on a rotational basis, six CF-18 fighter aircraft to the NATO Response Force.

Other non-NATO overseas commitments include periodic contributions of a frigate or destroyer to Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and approximately 90 personnel on fourteen peacekeeping or observer missions, primarily with the United Nations.

On a daily basis, approximately 9000 Canadian Forces personnel are also involved in domestic security, search and rescue, fisheries and sovereignty patrols in defence of Canada and North America.

Canadian Operations SITREP as of 25 March 2009

<b>Operation</b>	<b>NATO Yes / No</b>	<b>Operation Area</b>	<b>Type of Operation</b>	<b>Size of Commitment</b>	<b>Duration of Commitment</b>
Altair	N	Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea	Campaign against Terrorism	240 (approximate)	Jan 2004 – Present (intermittent)
Joint Task Force Afghanistan				2830	
-Athena	Y	Afghanistan	Peace Enforcement		Aug 2003 – Present
-Archer	N	Afghanistan	Peace Support		Jul 2005 – Present
-Accius	N	Afghanistan	Military Advisors		Jul 2008 – Present
Foundation	N	US / Bahrain	Campaign against Terrorism	3	2002 - Present
Bronze	Y	Bosnia	Peace Support	8	Dec 2004 – Present
Kobold	Y	Kosovo	Peace Support	5	Aug 2008 - Present
Hamlet	N	Haiti	Peace Support	4	Apr 2004 – Present
Gladius	N	Golan Heights	Observer	2	2006 – Present
Calumet	N	Sinai	Observer	28	1986 – Present
Jade	N	Jerusalem	Observer	8	1954 - Present
Proteus	N	Jerusalem	Observer	9	
Saturn	N	Sudan (Darfur)	Observer	12	Jan 2008 - Present
Snowgoose	N	Cyprus	Observer	1	1964 – Present
Crocodile	N	Dem Rep of Congo	Observer	12	Nov 1999 – Present
Safari	N	Sudan	Observer	35	Mar 2005 – Present
Sculpture	N	Sierra Leone	Military Advisors	7	Nov 2000 - Present
Sextant (SNMG 1)	Y	Atlantic / Mediterranean	Naval Interdiction	240 (approximate)	2005 to present (intermittent)