

Romania's Contribution to Operations

Romania deployed in 2008 more than 1,600 land forces personnel (per tour of duty) in operations, of which approximately 910 land forces in NATO operations, and 690 in non-NATO operations. This represents 2.16 % , respectively 1.63 % (in all 3.79 %) of its reported land forces strength. The average of total armed forces (including air forces and navy) deployed in 2008 was 1,800 personnel.

The biggest Romanian military commitment to NATO in 2008 was ISAF operation in Afghanistan, with more than 760 troops deployed as a contribution to the instauration of the authority of the democratic Afghan government and to the stabilization effort of this country. Romania also maintained its presence in the first line of war against terrorism in Afghanistan, with a contribution of around 60 troops to operation ENDURING FREEDOM. As a response to a NATO request, the contribution to ANA TRAINING mission was increased in 2008 by deploying the first Garrison level - Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (OMLT) which will be followed by 2 Battalion level - OMLTs' in 2009 and 2010.

As a NATO member, in 2008 Romania continued to contribute to the stability in the Western Balkans by participating in KFOR mission in Kosovo with around 150 troops, representing mainly peacekeeping forces, intelligence and staff personnel. Romanian involvement in the EU mission ALTHEA in Bosnia-Herzegovina was maintained with a military police platoon, HUMINT elements and staff personnel (around than 60 troops).

In 2008, Romania provided a significant contribution to operation IRAQI FREEDOM, playing an important role in restoring and maintaining stability of the region by deploying an infantry battalion, a medical detachment, different types of intelligence elements, liaison and staff personnel (around 500 troops). Romania was one of the six countries (together with United States, United Kingdom, Estonia, Australia and El Salvador) agreed by the Iraqi government for reconfiguration of the international coalition.

Romania has been continuing its presence in Africa, Georgia, Afghanistan and Balkans under the auspices of the United Nations contributing with a number of approximately 60 UN military observers.

Romania contributes with one T 22 class frigate (in the Mediterranean Sea) for about 30 days annually to operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR (approximately 200 troops).

As a contribution to political-military regional cooperation, Romania assigned one vessel to BLACKSEAFOR and participates in the Multinational Peace Force South Eastern

Europe (SEEBRIG), in a multinational engineer battalion with Hungary, Ukraine, Slovakia and in a bilateral peacekeeping battalion with Hungary.

With respect to stand-by arrangements, Romanian armed forces contributed to the NRF 10 and NRF 11 with more than 600 troops and are planning to increase this number in the future.