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SPAIN

Spain had 2,800 land force personnel permanently deployed in operations in 2008, of which 1,300 land forces in NATO operations and 1,500 in non-NATO operations. The daily average of total armed forces deployed, including all three Services, was 3,000 personnel.

Spain has contributed with its forces to the following operations (year 2008):

- KFOR (630 personnel)
- ISAF (up to 778 personnel)
- ALLIED PROTECTOR (210 personnel since 2009)
- ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR (rotational)
- UNIFIL (UN-led operation, with some 1,100 personnel)
- ALTHEA - EUFOR (300 personnel)
- EUFOR-TCHAD (90 personnel)
- ATALANTA (EU-led operation, up to 350 personnel since January 2009)

Regarding NATO-led operations, Spain continues to participate in Afghanistan, providing two Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams (52 personnel) and one Provincial Reconstruction Team. Spain is in the command of the Forward Support Base Herat and is responsible for providing a ROLE 2 capacity and also an ISTAR unit made up by four SEARCHER unmanned aircrafts) and it has also begun its contribution to operations in order to protect EU and NATO interests in Indian Ocean (Somalia Coast).

Spain has been a strong supporter and contributor to the NATO Response Force (NRF). Since its inception, it has had some 20,500 personnel on standby during the last 5 years. In particular, Spain has been a lead nation in several NRF rotations, as follows:

- Land Component: NRF rotations 5, 7 and 12 (currently on standby).
- Maritime Component: NRF rotations 1, 2, 7, 8 and 11.
- Special Operations: NRF rotations 9 and 10.

Spain supports NATO's operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR. Spain is contributing to this operation as follows:

- 1 Logistic Support Ship
- 1 Frigate
- 1 Maritime Patrol Aircraft
- 1 Submarine
- So me 200 personnel

With regard to non-NATO operations, Spain is heavily involved in UNIFIL (UN Lebanon). It is contributing around 1,100 personnel to the UN contingent, which means to be the third contributor to the operation.

Spain is strongly committed to the EU Battle Groups. In particular, it is the framework nation Battle Group of one EU Battle Group in the first 6 months of 2008 (some 1,200 personnel) and it is foreseen to be framework nation the first 6 months of 2009 again.

For information on current deployments see: www.mde.es

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