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The Netherlands continues to provide a high proportion of its deployable forces for NATO-led crisis response operations and the NRF as well as participation in UN and EU missions, including the EU Battle Group, with an emphasis in 2008 on NRF10.

In 2008, the Netherlands armed forces deployed in total approximately 11144 personnel in operations (7068 in NATO operations and 3009 in NRF; and 1067 in non-NATO operations and 500 in EU Battle Group). The average deployment on operations and stand-by in 2008 was approximately 3422 military personnel. In 2008, its forces have participated in ISAF, KFOR, NTM-I and several EU missions as EUFOR, EUPM, EUBAM and UN missions UNTSO, UNIFIL and UNMIS.

In particular, it provides a significant contribution to operations in Afghanistan, being the lead nation in Uruzgan, and providing a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) and Battle Group and a Taskforce staff. The Netherlands decided to fulfil this role until the mid of 2010, when the role as lead nation will be terminated. In this period the average military deployment in Uruzgan will be between 1500 and 1750 persons. It supports NATO's Operation Active Endeavour through its contributions to the standing maritime naval groups and participates in the counter-piracy mission ALLIED PROTECTOR within the NATO SNMG 1 and later in the second half of 2010 also as commander of the EU mission ATALANTA.

It continues to participate in Balkans operations. It is a strong supporter of, and contributor to, the NRF and EU Battle Groups. It provided a sizeable NRF contribution during the first half of 2008. It has contributed to a Battle Group in the first half of 2007 and will contribute to a Battle Group in the first six months of 2010 and 2011.

The land forces strength as reported is for 2008: 29,975; deployable personnel is 19054 (63.6%); sustainable personnel is 3,056 (10.2%). Land forces strength in 2010 will be: 29,904; deployable 19,027 (63.6%); sustainable 3,056 (10.2%). Further information on defence efforts and up-to-date information on current operational deployments see:

- www.mindef.nl/en/brochures/index.aspx
- www.mindef.nl/missies/ingezette_functies.aspx