



# Resolute Support Mission



## Resolute Support Mission (RSM): Key Facts and Figures

### DISCLAIMER

The following document is intended to provide basic information, releasable to the public, about the nature, mandate, and scope of the NATO-led Resolute Support mission (RSM). The troop numbers reported in the second page reflect the overall presence in Afghanistan of each contributing nation. They are based on information provided directly from contributing nations and may include forces deployed in a support role for RSM. They should be taken as indicative as they change regularly, in accordance with the deployment procedures of the troop contributing nations.

**Mission:** The Resolute Support mission (RSM) is a NATO-led mission to train, advise and assist the Afghan security forces and institutions. The mission was launched on 1 January 2015, immediately following the stand-down of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

The legal framework for the Resolute Support mission is provided by a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), signed in Kabul on 30 September 2014 and ratified by the Afghan Parliament on 27 November 2014. The SOFA defines the terms and conditions under which NATO forces are deployed, as well as the activities they are authorised to carry out. The mission is also supported by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2189, unanimously adopted on 12 December 2014.

The Resolute Support Mission currently consists of around 17,000 troops from 38 NATO Allies and partners. Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have attended the meeting on Afghanistan at the level of Heads of State and Government on 12 July 2018 and have been invited to attend the meetings on Afghanistan at the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 5 December 2018 and of Defence Ministers on 27 June and 25 October 2019. Both are finalizing the details of their respective offers to the Resolute Support Mission.

The mission operates with one 'hub' (Kabul/Bagram) and four 'spokes' (Mazar-e-Sharif in the north, Herat in the west, Kandahar in the south, and Laghman in the east). It carries out training, advice and assistance activities in support of the Afghan government's four-year security roadmap (launched in 2017), which aims to increase the effectiveness and accountability of the Afghan national security forces and institutions. The roadmap focuses on leadership development, fighting capabilities (with an emphasis on the Afghan special operations forces and the air force), unity of command and fighting corruption. The mission also performs supporting functions in several areas. These include: operational planning; budgetary development; force generation process; management and development of personnel; logistical sustainment; and civilian oversight in order to ensure the Afghan security forces and institutions act in accordance with the rule of law and good governance.

Those countries not contributing troops to the Resolute Support Mission are supporting this mission in different ways, as well as the broad effort to strengthen the sustainment of the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces (ANDSF) in the long term.

Beyond this training, advice and assistance mission, Allies and partner countries will also contribute to the financing of the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces, and will enhance the Enduring Partnership with Afghanistan, by strengthening political consultations with the country and by strengthening practical cooperation in areas of specific interest for Afghanistan.

These efforts are part of the broader engagement of the international community in Afghanistan to ensure that Afghanistan is never again a safe haven for terrorism.

**Commander:** [General Austin S. Miller \(USA\)](#)  
**NATO Senior Civilian Representative:** [Ambassador Sir Nicholas Kay KCMG \(UK\)](#)

**38 Contributing Nations**  
**RSM Total Strength: 17,178**

### RSM Command in KABUL

RSM Headquarters

Commander: [General Austin S. Miller \(USA\)](#)

### RSM Command in KABUL

Deputy Commander: [Lt. Gen. Giles Hill CBE \(GBR\)](#)

### Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC)

#### Capital:

Headquarter TAAC(C) in Kabul (TUR)

Commander: [Brig. Gen. Şahin Iğdir \(TUR\)](#)

### Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC)

#### North:

Headquarter TAAC(N) in Mazar-e Sharif (DEU)

Commander: [Brig. Gen. Jürgen Brötz \(DEU\)](#)

### Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC) East:

Headquarter TAAC(E) in Laghman (USA)

Commander: [Brigadier General Donn H. Hill \(USA\)](#)

### Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC) South:

Headquarter TAAC(S) in Kandahar (USA)

Commander: [Brigadier General Miles Brown \(USA\)](#)

### Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC) West:

Headquarter TAAC(W) in Herat (ITA)

Commander: [Brigadier General Giovanni Parmiggiani \(ITA\)](#)

### Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC) Air:

Commander: [Brig. Gen. Jeffery D. Valenzia \(USA\)](#)



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## Troop Contributing Nations



	Albania	135		Germany	1.300		Poland	354
	Armenia	121		Greece	11		Portugal	214
	Australia	300		Hungary	93		Romania	797
	Austria	16		Italy	895		Slovakia	33
	Azerbaijan	120		Latvia	40		Slovenia	8
	Belgium	83		Lithuania	50		Spain	66
	Bosnia-Herzegovina	68		Luxembourg	2		Sweden	25
	Bulgaria	159		Mongolia	233		Turkey	579
	Croatia	110		Montenegro	27		Ukraine	21
	Czech Republic	334		Netherlands	160		United Kingdom	1.100
	Denmark	155		New Zealand	13		United States	8.475
	Estonia	42		North Macedonia	47			
	Finland	67		Norway	54			
	Georgia	871						
							<b>Total</b>	<b>17.178</b>

See links to media backgrounder on "[NATO-Afghanistan relations \(October 2019\)](#)" and to media backgrounder on the [ANA Trust Fund](#).