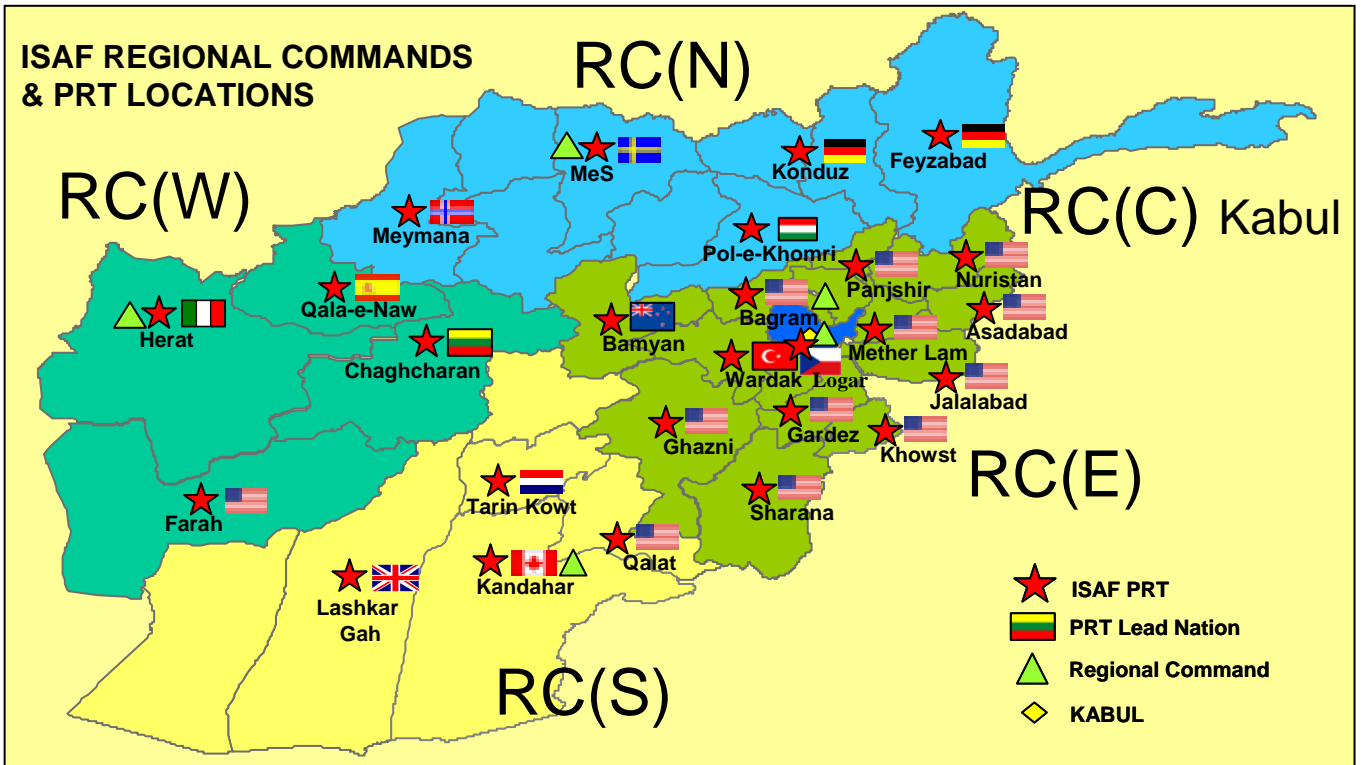




# International Security Assistance Force



**Mission:** Conduct military operations in the assigned area of operations to assist the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIRoA) in the establishment and maintenance of a safe and secure environment with full engagement of Afghan National Security Forces, in order to extend government authority and influence, thereby facilitating Afghanistan's reconstruction and enabling the GIRoA to exercise its sovereignty throughout the country.

### Key Facts:

- Commander: General (USA) David D. McKiernan
- 40 Troop Contributing Nations
- ISAF Total Strength: approx 52,700
- ISAF AOR (Afghanistan land mass) 650,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 26 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs)

**Note on numbers:** Totals are approximations and actual numbers change daily. Number of troops will never be exact and should be taken as summaries.

### Regional Command Capital: (appx strength 5900)

- HQ ISAF in Kabul (Composite)
- HQ RC(C) in Kabul (ITA) (rotates ITA, FRA, TUR)
- KAIA (BEL)

### Regional Command South: (appx strength 23800)

- HQ RC(S) in KANDAHAR (CAN) (rotates CAN, NLD, GBR)
- Forward Support Base Kandahar (multinational)
- PRT KANDAHAR (CAN)
- PRT LASHKAR-GAH (GBR, DNK, EST)
- PRT TARIN KOWT (NLD,AUS)
- PRT QALAT (USA,ROU)

### Regional Command West: (appx strength 2500)

- HQ RC(W) in HERAT (ITA)
- Forward Support Base HERAT (ESP)
- PRT HERAT (ITA)
- PRT FARAH (USA)
- PRT QALA-E-NOW (ESP)
- PRT CHAGHCHARAN (LTU)

### Regional Command North: (appx strength 4300)

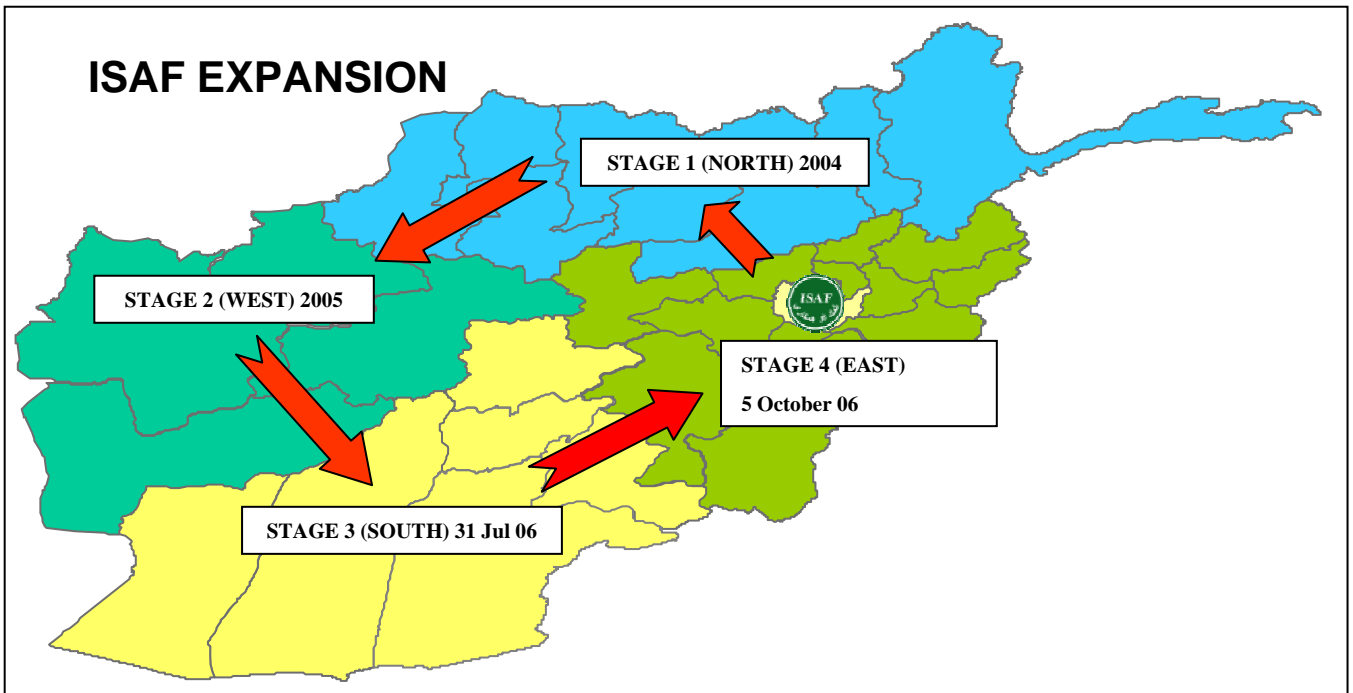
- HQ RC(N) in MAZAR-E-SHARIF (DEU)
- Forward Support Base MAZAR-E-SHARIF (DEU)
- PRT MAZAR-E-SHARIF (SWE)
- PRT FEYZABAD (DEU)
- PRT KONDUZ (DEU)
- PRT POL-E KHOMRI (HUN)
- PRT MEYMANA (NOR)

### Regional Command East: (appx strength 16200)

- HQ RC(E) in BAGRAM
- Forward Support Base BAGRAM (USA)
- PRT LOGAR (CZE)
- PRT GHAZNI (USA)
- PRT SHARANA (USA)
- PRT ASADABAD (USA)
- PRT KHOST (USA)
- PRT BAGRAM (USA)
- PRT METHER LAM (USA)
- PRT NURISTAN (USA)
- PRT BAMYAN (NZL)
- PRT WARDAK (TUR)
- PRT PANJSHIR (USA)
- PRT GARDEZ (USA)
- PRT JALALABAD (USA)



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**NATO Mission In Afghanistan:** On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2003, NATO assumed authority for the ISAF mission. The NATO mission consists of 5 phases:

- Phase 1 Assessment and Preparation, including operations in Kabul (completed)
- Phase 2 Geographic expansion (completed)
- Phase 3 Stabilization
- Phase 4/5 Transition / Redeployment

**Expansion:** In October 2003, the UN Security Council authorized the expansion of the NATO mission beyond Kabul. In October 2004, Stage 1 of the expansion to the North was completed with Stage 2 in the West following in September 2005. Stage 3 of the expansion to include the South was completed on 31 July 2006 and Stage 4 to include the East occurred on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006, at which stage the geographic expansion phase was completed.

**Troop Contributing Nations (TCN):** The ISAF mission consists of the following 40 nations (the troop numbers are based on broad contribution and do not reflect the exact numbers on the ground at any one time).

	Albania	140		Finland	65		Lithuania	200		Spain	800
	Australia	1100		France	1670		Luxemburg	9		Sweden	250
	Austria	2		Georgia	1		Netherlands	1770		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>1</sup>	140
	Azerbaijan	45		Germany	3370		New Zealand	160		Turkey	760
	Belgium	375		Greece	150		Norway	580		Ukraine	3
	Bulgaria	420		Hungary	205		Poland	1140		United Kingdom	8530
	Canada	2500		Iceland	10		Portugal	165		United States	23550
	Croatia	210		Ireland	7		Romania	570			
	Czech Republic	370		Italy	2350		Singapore	2			
	Denmark	690		Jordan	90		Slovakia	70			
	Estonia	120		Latvia	75		Slovenia	70			
										<b>Total (rounded)</b>	<b>52700<sup>2</sup></b>

1 Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name

2 Snapshot figure that includes overlapping rotations