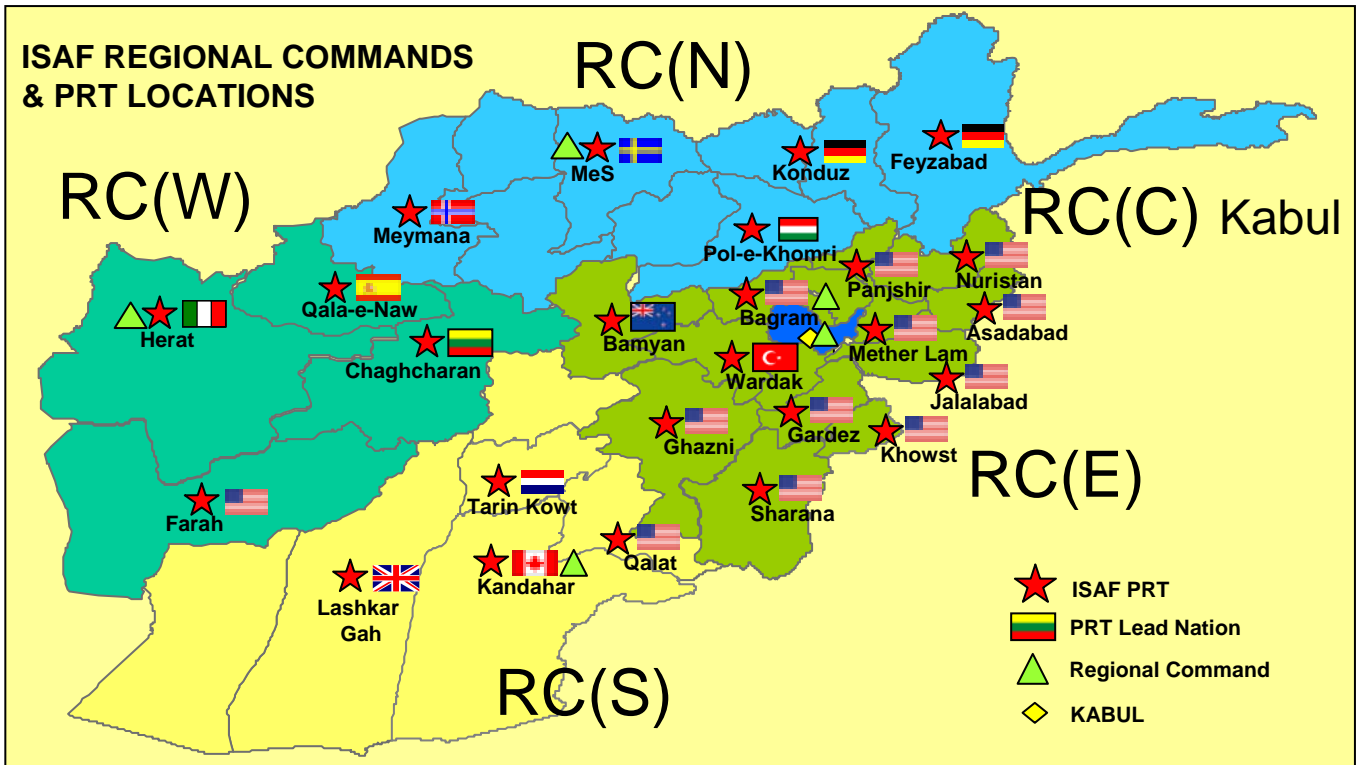




# International Security Assistance Force



**Mission:** Conduct military operations in the assigned area of operations to assist the Government of Afghanistan 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 contributing to regional stability.

### Key Facts:

- Commander: General (USA) Dan K. MCNEILL
- Current HQ: HQ ISAF X (USA lead) from 4 FEB 2007
- 38 Troop Contributing Nations
- ISAF Total Strength: approx 41144 (Includes National Support Elements)
- Remaining USA Contingent: approx 7.000 (Operation Enduring Freedom)
- ISAF AOR (Afghanistan land mass) 650.000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 25 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

### Regional Command Capital: (approx strength 4800)

- HQ ISAF in Kabul (Composite)
- HQ RC(C) in Kabul (TUR)
- KAIA (BGR)

### Regional Command South: (approx strength 11600)

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

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

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

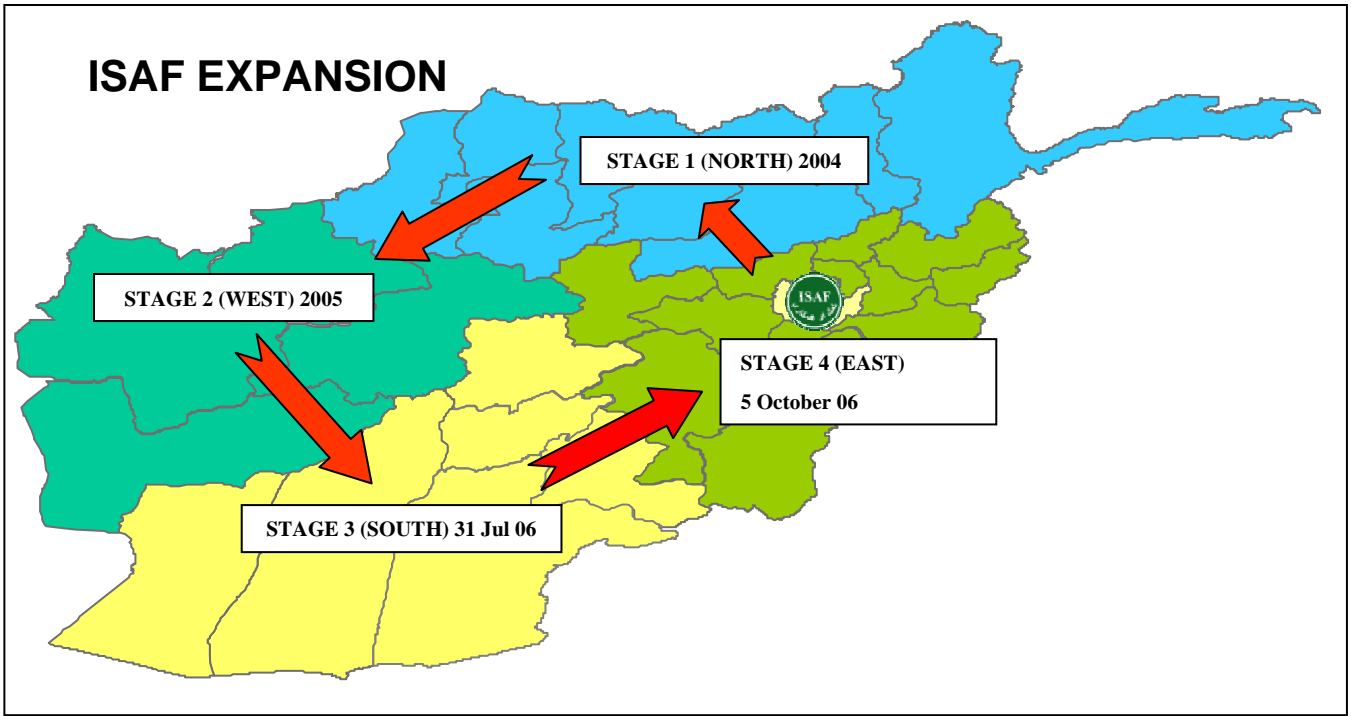
### Regional Command North: (approx strength 3300)

- 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: (approx strength 13900)

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

### National Support Elements (approx strength 4100)



**NATO Mission In Afghanistan:** On the 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
- 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 the 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 38 Nations. (The troop numbers are based on broad contribution and do not reflect the exact numbers on the ground at any one time)

**NB: Georgian troops not yet deployed**

	Albania	138		Finland	85		Lithuania	195		Spain	715
	Australia	907		France	1073		Luxemburg	9		Sweden	340
	Austria	3		Georgia	-		Netherlands	1516		Switzerland	2
	Azerbaijan	22		Germany	3155		New Zealand	138		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*	129
	Belgium	368		Greece	146		Norway	508		Turkey	1220
	Bulgaria	401		Hungary	225		Poland	937		United Kingdom	7740
	Canada	1730		Iceland	11		Portugal	162		United States	15108
	Croatia	199		Ireland	7		Romania	536		ISAF	41144
	Czech Republic	233		Italy	2395		Slovakia	70		National Support Elements	4140
	Denmark	454		Latvia	97		Slovenia	42			
	Estonia	128									

\* Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name. Current as of 22 Oct 2007