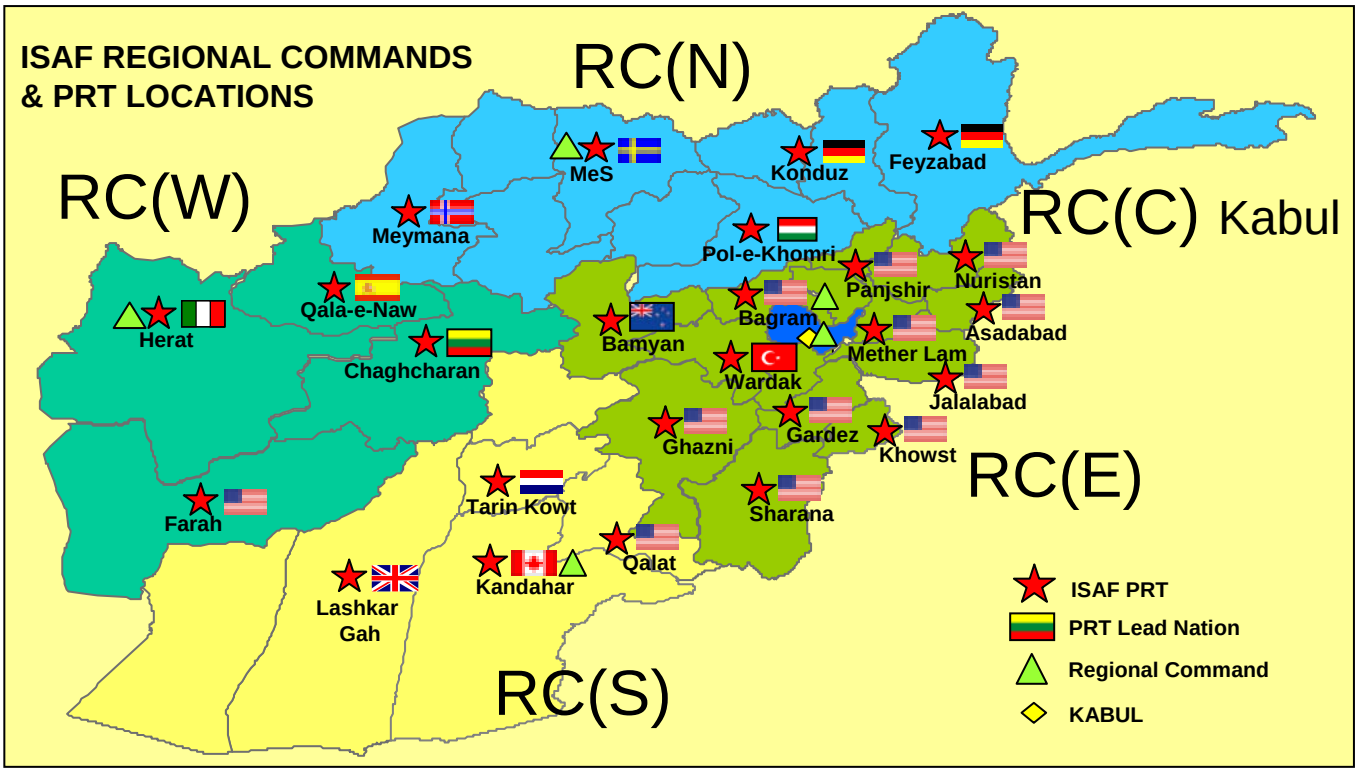
# International Security Assistance Force




**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
- 39 Troop Contributing Nations
- ISAF Total Strength: approx 41 700 (Includes National Support Elements)
- Remaining USA Contingent: approx 7.000 (Operation Enduring Freedom)
- ISAF AOR (Afghanistan land mass) 650.000 km²
- 25 Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

**Regional Command Capital:** (approx strength 3 300)
- HQ ISAF in Kabul (Composite)
- HQ RC(C) in Kabul (ITA)
- KAIA (BGR)

**Regional Command South:** (approx strength 11 700)
- 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 2 500)
- 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 3 400)
- 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 14 300)
- HQ RC(E) in BAGRAM (USA)
- Forward Support Base BAGRAM (USA)
- PRT SHARANA (USA)
- PRT KHOST (USA)
- PRT METHER LAM (USA)
- PRT BAMYAN (NZL)
- 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 6500)

**Current as of 5 December 2007**

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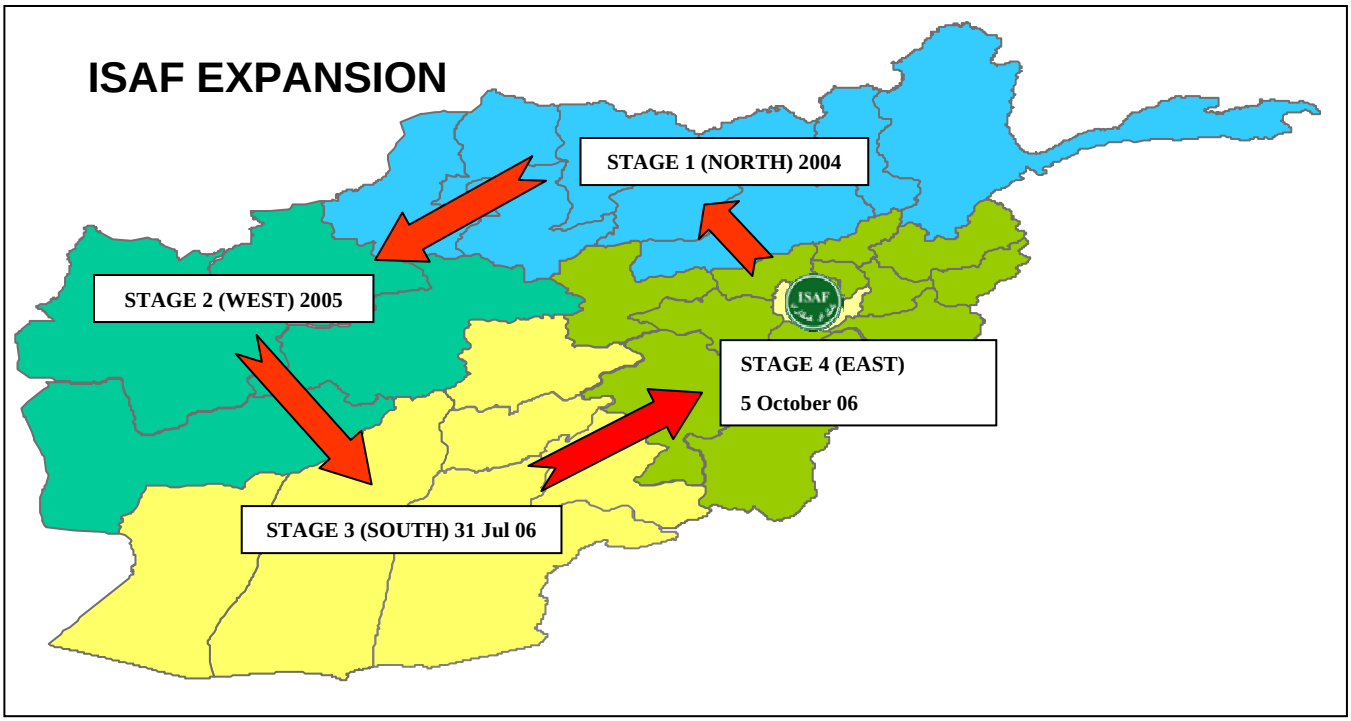


**NATO Mission In Afghanistan**: On the 9th August 2003 NATO assumed authority for the ISAF mission. The NATO mission consists of 5 phases;

- 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 5th October 2006, at which stage the geographic expansion phase was completed.

**Troop Contributing Nations (TCN)**: The ISAF mission consists of the following 39 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**

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| Albania | 138 | Finland | 86 | Lithuania | 196 | Spain | 763 | | | | |
| Australia | 892 | France | 1292 | Luxemburg | 9 | Sweden | 350 | | | | |
| Austria | 3 | Georgia | - | Netherlands | 1512 | Switzerland | 2 | | | | |
| Azerbaijan | 22 | Germany | 3155 | New Zealand | 74 | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* | 125 | | | | |
| Belgium | 369 | Greece | 143 | Norway | 508 | Turkey | 1219 | | | | |
| Bulgaria | 401 | Hungary | 219 | Poland | 1141 | United Kingdom | 7753 | | | | |
| Canada | 1730 | Iceland | 10 | Portugal | 163 | United States | 15038 | | | | |
| Croatia | 211 | Ireland | 7 | Romania | 537 | ISAF +NSE | 41741 | | | | |
| Czech Republic | 240 | Italy | 2358 | Slovakia | 70 | National Support Elements | 6495 | | | | |
| Denmark | 628 | Jordan | 90 | Slovenia | 66 | | | | | | |
| Estonia | 125 | Latvia | 96 | | | | | | | | |

**Current as of 5 December 2007**

* Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name