

NATO to take full control of Afghanistan

NATO is set to take full command of peacekeeping across Afghanistan despite worsening violence. The move involves placing under NATO command some 18,000 mostly U.S. troops based in the eastern sector, the only area not yet covered by NATO



NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)

Regional command HQ

Mazar-i-Sharif

NATO senior commander
General James Jones
(U.S.)

ISAF deployed since Dec 2003

NORTH

Herat

WEST

ISAF deployed since Jun 2005

EAST

Kabul
ISAF HQ

Kandahar

SOUTH

ISAF deployed since Jul 2006



Troop-contributing nations
(as of Sep 16, excludes 18,000 troops in sector east)

UK	5,000
Germany	2,750
Canada	2,000
Netherlands	2,000
U.S.	1,300
Italy	1,600

France	1,000
Spain	600
Turkey	450
Romania	560
Others	2,855
Total	20,115

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100 miles
160km