

# NATO takes full control of Afghanistan

NATO is assuming responsibility for security across the whole of Afghanistan, taking command in the east from U.S.-led coalition forces, the only area until now not under NATO command



**NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)**



Regional command HQ

ISAF deployed since Dec 2003

Mazar-i-Sharif

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

**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