

# NATO response force

NATO leaders have declared a new rapid response force operational after four years of preparation. The 25,000-strong force forms the core of a modernized NATO, ready to be sent at days' notice to troublespots around the globe

▶ **Ground force – 9,500 personnel**

Brigade-sized mix of combat and support troops, including tanks, helicopters and artillery



▶ **Naval task force –**

**6,300 personnel:** Includes an aircraft carrier, amphibious ships, surface craft, submarines and support vessels

▶ **Air force – 5,500 personnel**

Able to conduct 200 air missions a day

▶ **Special forces – 1,400 personnel**

Equipped with chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defence units

▶ **Logistics – 1,900 personnel**

Includes airlift capability and support for disaster relief operations