

# U.S. to reinforce embattled Afghan mission

Some 3,200 U.S. Marines are preparing to go to Afghanistan in an effort to stem an expected Taliban spring offensive. The move follows reluctance by European NATO members to send additional combat troops to bolster ISAF's mission in the dangerous southern and eastern provinces

## MAIN ISAF DISPOSITIONS

Italy, Spain, U.S., Lithuania



100 miles  
160km

★ Regional command HQ  
Most volatile areas

Sources: ISAF, UN, The Military Balance



## ISAF TROOPS

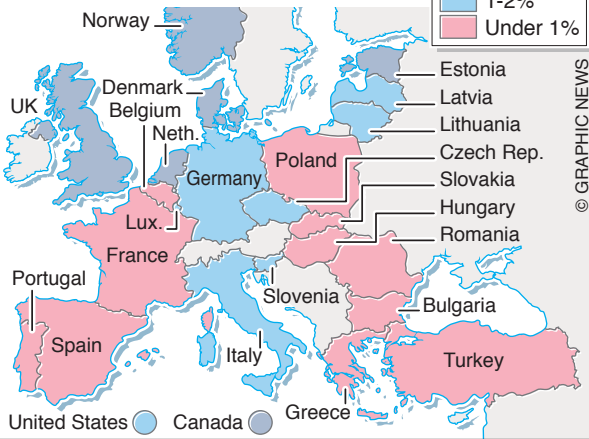
As of Dec 5, 2007

U.S.	15,038
Britain	7,753
Germany	3,155
Italy	2,358
Canada	1,730
Netherlands	1,512
France	1,292
Turkey	1,219
Poland	1,141
Australia	892
Spain	763
Others	4,888
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,741</b>

## NATO COMMITMENT TO AFGHANISTAN

ISAF contribution as % of armed forces

Over 2%  
1-2%  
Under 1%



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