



Resolute Support Mission



Resolute Support Mission (RSM): Key Facts and Figures

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The following document is intended to provide basic information, releasable to the public, about the nature, mandate, and scope of the NATO-led Resolute Support mission (RSM). The troop numbers reported in the second page reflect the overall presence in Afghanistan of each of individual contributing nations. They are based on information provided directly from individual contributing nations and may include forces deployed in a support role for RSM. They should be taken as indicative as they change regularly, in accordance with the deployment procedures of the individual troop contributing nations.

Mission: The Resolute Support mission (RSM) is a new NATO-led mission to train, advise and assist the Afghan security forces and institutions. The mission was launched on 1 January 2015, immediately following the stand-down of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

The legal framework for the Resolute Support mission is provided by a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), signed in Kabul on 30 September 2014 and ratified by the Afghan Parliament on 27 November 2014. The SOFA defines the terms and conditions under which NATO forces are deployed, as well as the activities they are authorised to carry out. The mission is also supported by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2189, unanimously adopted on 12 December 2014.

The Resolute Support mission will provide training, advice and assistance in eight key areas: multi-year budgeting; transparency, accountability and oversight; civilian oversight of the Afghan Security Institutions; force generation; force sustainment; strategy and policy planning, resourcing and execution; intelligence; and strategic communications.

Those countries not contributing troops to the Resolute Support Mission are supporting this mission in different ways, as well as the broad effort to strengthen the sustainment of the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces (ANDSF) in the long term.

Beyond this training, advice and assistance mission, Allies and partner countries will also contribute to the financing of the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces, and will enhance the Enduring Partnership with Afghanistan, by strengthening political consultations with the country and by strengthening practical cooperation in areas of specific interest for Afghanistan.

These efforts are part of the broader engagement of the international community in Afghanistan to ensure that Afghanistan is never again a safe haven for terrorism.

Commander: [General John W. Nicholson \(USA\)](#)

NATO Senior Civilian Representative: [Ambassador Cornelius Zimmermann \(DEU\)](#)

39 Contributing Nations
RSM Total Strength: 13,576

RSM Command in KABUL

RSM Headquarters

Commander: [General John W. Nicholson \(USA\)](#)

RSM Command in KABUL

Deputy Commander: [Lieutenant General Rosario Castellano \(ITA\)](#)

Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC)

Capital:

Headquarter TAAC(C) in Kabul (TUR)

Commander: [Brigadier General Ayhan Saygin \(TUR\)](#)

Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC)

North:

Headquarter TAAC(N) in Mazar-e Sharif (DEU)

Commander: [Brigadier General André Bodemann \(DEU\)](#)

Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC) East:

Headquarter TAAC(E) in Laghman (USA)

Commander: [Brigadier General Paul T. Calvert \(USA\)](#)

Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC) South:

Headquarter TAAC(S) in Kandahar (USA)

Commander: [Brigadier General Lee Henry \(USA\)](#)

Train, Advise and Assist Command (TAAC) West:








































Headquarter TAAC(W) in Herat (ITA)

Commander: [Brigadier General Claudio Minghetti \(ITA\)](#)

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Troop Contributing Nations



	Albania	83		Germany	980		Portugal	10
	Armenia	121		Greece	4		Romania	587
	Australia	270		Hungary	90		Slovakia	38
	Austria	10		Iceland	2		Slovenia	7
	Azerbaijan	94		Italy	1,037		Spain	8
	Belgium	62		Latvia	22		Sweden	25
	Bosnia-Herzegovina	55		Lithuania	21		the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	39
	Bulgaria	92		Luxembourg	1		Turkey	659
	Croatia	95		Mongolia	120		Ukraine	10
	Czech Republic	223		Montenegro	18		United Kingdom	500
	Denmark	97		Netherlands	100		United States	6,941
	Estonia	4		New Zealand	10			
	Finland	29		Norway	42			
	Georgia	872		Poland	198		Total	13,576

1 Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.

2 See links to media backgrounder on [“NATO-Afghanistan relations \(May 2017\)”](#) and to media backgrounder on the [ANA Trust Fund](#).