

Afghan National Security Forces Order of Battle
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<u>Afghan National Army (ANA)</u>
Afghan Army National HQ – Kabul
Afghan National Army Logistics Command Headquarters
Kabul Military Training Center (KMTC)
Infantry basic training
Engineering
Communications
Medical
Intelligence
Command and Staff College
Afghan National Army Training Command
National Military Academy
Commando school (opened Spring 2007, US lead, Iraqi trainers)
Explosive ordnance disposal school, Camp Shaheen (opened October 2007)
201st Corps (Shelab/Flood) – Kabul, Major General Mangal, fully staffed
Regional logistics depot
1st Brigade
1st Battalion Presidential Security, Presidential Palace – Kabul
2nd Infantry Battalion
3rd Infantry Battalion
4th Combat Support Battalion
5th Combat Service Support Battalion
2nd Brigade – Pol-e-Charki
1st Infantry Battalion
2nd Infantry Battalion
3rd Infantry Battalion
4th Combat Support Battalion
5th Combat Service Support Battalion
3rd Quick Reaction Force Brigade – Jalalabad, Nangrahar. National Quick Reaction Force
1st Commando Battalion
2nd Mechanized Infantry Battalion (APC: M113, BMP1) – Jalalabad
3rd Armored Battalion (T-62 tanks) – Jalalabad
4th Combat Support Battalion
5th Combat Service Support Battalion – Pol-e-Charki, Lieutenant Colenol Shamsuddine
<i>Brigade base built in Kunar</i>
<i>Brigade base built in Jalalabad</i>
<i>Dec. 5, 2007: Another base being built in Jalalabad; to be complete by Oct. 13, 2009.</i>
203rd Corps (Tandar/Thunder) – Gardez, Ghazni province, Major General Abdul Khaliq
Regional logistics depot
Commando Battalion
1st Brigade
1st Infantry Battalion – Khost, Paktia
2nd Infantry Battalion – Ghazni
3rd Infantry Battalion – Gardez, Paktia

4th Combat Support Battalion
5th Combat Service Support Battalion – Paktika
2nd Brigade – Paktika Province
1st Infantry Battalion
2nd Infantry Battalion – Khost/Gardez, Paktia
3rd Infantry Battalion
4th Combat Support Battalion – Khost/Gardez, Paktia
5th Combat Service Support Battalion
3rd Brigade – <i>Added December 2007</i>
<i>Brigade base built in Paktika</i>
205th Corps (Atal/Hero) - Camp ShirZai, Kandahar Airfield, Kandahar, Brigadier General Gul Aqa Naibi, fully staffed
Regional logistics depot
Commando Battalion – <i>Formerly 2/2/205th</i>
1st Brigade – Tarin Kowt, Oruzgan
1st Infantry Battalion – Tarin Kowt, Oruzgan
2nd Infantry Battalion – Operating in Kandahar, Kandahar
3rd Infantry Battalion (Night fighters) – Tarin Kowt, Oruzgan
4th Combat Support Battalion – Tarin Kowt, Oruzgan
5th Combat Service Support Battalion
2nd Brigade – Qalat, Zabol, Brigadier General Abdul Rafik (former Muhajadeen)
1st Infantry Battalion – Zabol
2nd Infantry Battalion
3rd Infantry Battalion
4th Combat Support Battalion - Qalat, Zabol,
5th Combat Service Support Battalion
3rd Brigade – Camp Sharabak, Helmand, Brigadier General Muhayadin Ghori
1st Infantry Battalion
2nd Infantry Battalion – Camp Sharabak, Helmand
3rd Infantry Battalion – Operating in Sherwan Gar, Panjva'I district/Kandahar
4th Combat Support Battalion – Helmand (3x D30 122mm howitzers)
5th Combat Service Support Battalion
4th Brigade – Tarin Kowt, Oruzgan
<i>4x battalions. Types unknown.</i>
<i>Brigade base built in Qalat, Zabol</i>
<i>Brigade base built in Camp Sharabak/Helmand</i>
<i>Camp Shirzai has 3,000 ANA troops commanded by General Khair Mohammad</i>
207th Corps (Zabar/Victory) – Herat, Major General Walizadah
Regional logistics depot
1st Brigade
1st Infantry Battalion
2nd Infantry Battalion
3rd Infantry Battalion
4th Combat Support – Ghurian
5th Combat Service Support – Farah

209th Corps (Shakeen/Falcon) – Mazar-e-Sharif, Major General Marad Ali
Regional logistics depot
1st Brigade
1st Infantry Battalion
2nd Infantry Battalion – Kunduz, <i>operating in Sangin Helmand</i>
3rd Infantry Battalion – Mazar-e-Sharif, <i>operating in Shah Wali Kot, Kandahar</i>
4th Combat Support Battalion – Currently an HQ company with infantry and artillery; Meymana
5th Combat Service Support Battalion – Mazar-e-Sharif
<u>Organization</u>
57,000 soldiers (December 2007)
Ministry of Defense 2,300 (Apr07)
Sustaining Institutions 1,300 (Apr07)
Intermediate commands 6,400 (Apr07)
ANA combat forces 20,200 (Apr07)
10 brigades formed December 2006 (April 2007)
46 battalions fighting (March 2007)
There are plans to add medical, evacuation, intelligence for targeting, artillery, fixed-wing attack, engineers, MP companies, and intel companies.
The battalion cycle for a brigade of three battalions is one on leave, one in training or available for surge operations, and one on operations.
Logistics and medical are weak.
<u>Pre-December 2007 Goals</u>
Units
5 corps headquarters
14 brigade headquarters by 2008
70 battalions
6 commando battalions (3,900 troops) by September 2008
1 battalion per corps plus 1 battalion for national quick reaction force (3rd Brigade/201st Corps)
Manning: total of 70,000 including 9,000 officers
Kabul corps: 10,000
4 provincial corps: 40,000
Joint staff and Ministry of Defense: 10,000
Military schools: 10,000
Weapons:
50,000 light weapons
110 armored personnel carriers
<u>Post-December 2007 Goals</u>
Afghan National Army 70,000 soldiers by the mid-2008.
The Army would then begin recruiting as many as 12,000 additional soldiers.
60,000 M16 rifles
Oct. 19, 2007: Afghan Defense Minister said: "The army needed air mobility, more firepower, and more combat enablers and force multipliers to begin taking over from the NATO force."
Dec. 2, 2007: Afghan Defense Minister said: "We think that an army of 200,000 troops is in the best interest of both Afghanistan and the international community."
<u>"Standard" ANA Corps:</u> This is the organizational goal for the ANA corps.
Commando battalion
Regional logistics depot

Military intelligence company
Engineering brigade – explosive ordnance disposal, communications
1st Brigade – Brigade base
1st Infantry Battalion
2nd Infantry Battalion
3rd Infantry Battalion
4th Combat Support: recon company (armored vehicles), artillery battery, engineering company (force protection, demolition, mine clearance, counter mobility)
5th Combat Service Support Battalion (logistics and supply)
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Training

Eighty percent of the soldiers are illiterate, and 50 percent of the officers are illiterate. Only 20 percent of the soldiers have a professional knowledge of how to serve in an army; the rest are former militia fighters or young recruits.

Leadership and NCO training are issues

Recruiting is not a problem

Attrition rate for 2007 is 14 percent

600 embedded US advisors

Training 3000 soldiers per month

Nov. 6, 2006: Noncommissioned officer trainers for commando school started training in Jordan

April 20, 2007: 1st Military Police Company in training

April 27, 2007: 12 Indian army officers and some 30 soldiers are set to move to Kabul to train the fledgling Afghan Army.

Officers would mostly be from the infantry and Army Education Corps. Their primary role would be to provide language skills, map reading and basic weapon handling to the Afghan Army officers.

The officers and support staff would be based in Kabul. It is not clear if they would be working at the Kabul Military Training Center.

Nov. 7, 2007: Difficult to get noncommissioned officers to Kabul training facility. Therefore, Afghan-led mobile training teams are going to corps for two weeks of team and squad leader training.

Equipment

Large shortfall of equipment

Salvaged T55 and T62 tanks, BMP1 Infantry Fighting Vehicles, D30 122mm artillery

58 mortars

May 2005: US donated 45 M113 APC and 16 M577 command vehicles.

February 2007: 200 HMMWVs; goal is 800.

May 14, 2007: Turkey donating 24 M114 (155mm towed) artillery pieces.

May 21, 2007: Greece donating 13 Leopard I tanks.

Dec. 4, 2007: 5,000 US M16 rifles, due to arrive this month, with an additional 10,000 each month thereafter, for a total of 60,000.

Dec. 13, 2007: UK pledges "150 new protected patrol vehicles and extra Sea King helicopters."