

## Current Deployments AČR(bc)

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### Foreign Operations



Following the accession to NATO, the Czech Republic assumed also a commitment to take part in foreign military operations under the flag of the Alliance.

Thanks to experience gained in foreign service in UN multinational missions from 1993, followed by operations the Czech Republic participated in under the NATO Partnership for Peace programme, Czech military contingents have successfully fulfilled their tasks not only in countries of former Yugoslavia, but also in other parts of the world.

The Czech general public has been well aware of this country's soldiers participation in missions and operations in faraway Afghanistan, Pakistan, and engagement of Czech Military Police contingent in Iraq in training new Iraqi Police Force.

Not a small role has been also played by Czech military observers in, on many occasions, exotic places of this planet under the flag of the United Nations or the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

## KFOR



### NATO Operation "Joint Enterprise" in Kosovo

The NATO-led Multinational Forces "Kosovo Force" (KFOR) began their operation on the territory of Kosovo on 12 July 1999 in implementation of United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolution No. 1244 that was passed on 10 June, 1999. International civil and security presence was deployed in Kosovo under UN auspices.

The Armed Forces of the Czech Republic (ACR) have participated in this operation since 1999, originally with a reconnaissance company followed by a mechanised unit. Since accomplishment of the Czech mechanised unit's participation in NATO-led operation on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the contingent in Kosovo have become the principal ACR foreign mission in the Balkans.

Since 2002 till July 2005, the ACR formed together with Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic a joint Czech-Slovak KFOR battalion that contributed to the Multinational Brigade CENTRE. In average, there were 500 Czech soldiers and 100 Slovak soldiers serving at the joint unit during that time. The cooperation of both armies at present goes on at the national level within KFOR. Prior to deployment to Kosovo, both national contingents met at the ceremony at the Czech-Slovak border crossing Bumbálka on 8 July 2005.



7th Contingent of ACR in KFOR  
8th Contingent of ACR in KFOR

### 9th Contingent of ACR in KFOR

The 9th Czech Contingent in size of 500 personnel replaced the 8th Czech Contingent in KFOR operation in July 2006 when its commander Colonel Miroslav Hlaváč handed over not only the task of the Czech Contingent to Lieutenant Colonel Pavel Lipka, but also the command of the whole



Multinational Task Force CENTRE to the commander of the Swedish Contingent. The core of the current 9th Contingent is formed by soldiers of the 7th Mechanised Brigade based at Hranice. The Contingent includes personnel also from other units according to required specialties. The mission of this Contingent will last six months, that is, until the end of 2006.

Units of the Multinational Task Force CENTRE (MNTF-C) are formed by soldiers of the Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Slovakia, and Sweden.

#### **Number of Czech Military Personnel in the Operation:**

**500 (to 1 August 2006)**

#### **Contingent Commander:**

**Lieutenant Colonel Pavel LIPKA**

#### **MNF (I) - Multinational Forces (Iraq)**

### **Coalition Operation of Multinational Forces in Iraq**



The Czech Government's proposal to prolong the participation of ACR soldiers in the MNF (I) operation was passed by both Houses of the Czech Parliament. The House of Deputies approved the governmental proposal on 7 December 2005, while the Senate approved the proposal on 30 November 2005 already. The decision adopted enables the ACR personnel to serve in the operation till the end of 2006.

Since March 2005, the Contingent has been reinforced by six soldiers serving in Baghdad with the Multinational Security Transition Command in Iraq (MNSTC-I) and the NATO Training Mission in Iraq (NTM-I). The primary goal of the mission is to help create new security structures in Iraq. The trainers have been engaged in training selected groups of commanders, in assisting a build-up of the Police Academy and the Training Education and Doctrine Center (TEDC). The primary mission of the present Czech 11th Military Police Contingent is to contribute to training and professional preparation of new Iraqi Police personnel. The training was conducted for the most part of last year at the Police Academy in Az Zubayr, while at present the training takes place at the Al Shaibah Base, close to the City of Basra.

Till the end of 2005, the Czech military contingent also included a Czech surgical team (three doctors and three nurses), which, under the command of Major Dr. Aleš KOPŘIVA, served in a British Field Hospital.

The Military Police Contingent of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic is located at the Al Shaibah Base, Basra Province, in southern Iraq, and is under the command of the British-led Multinational Division South East.

The mission of Czech military policemen began in 2003. "Since that time, Czech policemen have trained approximately 10 thousand Iraqi policemen," said Colonel Jiří Neubauer, Commander of the 10th MP Contingent, on the arrival in Prague on 20 June 2006 after a three-month mission in Iraq.



#### **Number of Czech military personnel in the operation:**

**96 (to 1 June 2006)**

#### **11th Contingent Commander:**

**Lieutenant Colonel Milan DIVIAK**

#### **Structure of the contingent:**

Commander, Commander's Personal Staff, Operations Staff, Military Police units, Logistics Group, Support units, Medical Team, Platoon of Guards.

### **ALTHEA**



#### **European Union Operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The European Union took over responsibility from NATO command for multinational peacekeeping operation in BiH on 2 December 2004.

The goal of the EU military operation is to keep safety environment, to support progress of BiH towards European integration, and work to eliminate corruption and organised crime.





**Number of Czech personnel in the operation:**

65 (to 12 June 2006)

**Location of the personnel:**

EAGLE BASE in the city of Tuzla, northeastern part of BiH

**Contingent commander:**

Lieutenant Colonel Vojtěch PRÝGL

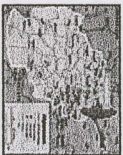
**ISAF**



### NATO Operation in Afghanistan

The primary mission of the Multinational Force ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) on the territory of Afghanistan is to contribute to safe and stable environment in support of further peace process of the country. The ISAF forces support processes of disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration, and the national anti-drug policy of the Afghan government.

The task of the ACR contingent - the EOD (Explosive Ordnance Detachment) - is, first, the keeping minefield awareness and anti-explosives protection of the KAJA International Airport in Kabul, and, second, the contribution of the Czech personnel to air traffic weather service



**Number of Czech military personnel on the operation:**

17 (to 1 June 2006)

**Contingent commander:**

Major Zdeněk HEJPETR

### Structure of the ACR Contingent:

The EOD is composed of two five-member defensive mine countermeasures teams, a couple of weather observers, and a two-member logistic group (NSE - National Support Element). The personnel are incorporated in the structure of the multinational unit that supports the airport's operation.

**Website to ISAF:**

[www.afnorth.nato.int/ISAF/](http://www.afnorth.nato.int/ISAF/)



### PRT (Provincial Reconstruction Team)

The NATO Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT) extend their operation in ISAF mission beyond limits of the Afghan Capital City of Kabul to its immediate surroundings. This extension was enabled by the UN Security Council resolution No. 1510/2003 of the 13 October 2003.

The PRTs serve on the basis of the civil-military partnership.

The personnel of the Czech 102nd Reconnaissance Battalion have been part of a reconstruction team in Badakshan province since 9 March 2005.

Their task is to support security in the area, to protect international units, and to cooperate with local people in reconstruction of their homeland. Czech scouts are assigned to the team of about 200 soldiers together with Danes and soldiers of the German Bundeswehr.

Each Czech contingent serves in Afghan city of Fayzabad in northeastern part of the country for six months.

**Number of Czech military personnel on the operation:**

83 (to 1 June 2006)

**Contingent commander:**

Lieutenant Colonel Tibor BUDÍK

**Contingent Structure:**

The Commander of the contingent serves at the same time as Deputy Commander of PRT, and he commands a platoon of protection and escorts, and a support group.



## NATO's ASSISTANCE IN IRAQ

NATO is helping Iraq provide for its own security by training Iraqi personnel and supporting the development of the country's security institutions.

In response to a request by the Iraqi Government, NATO has established a Training Mission in Iraq and is running a training centre for senior security and defence officials on the outskirts of Baghdad.

All NATO member countries are contributing to the assistance, either in Iraq, outside of Iraq, through financial contributions or donations of equipment.

### What is the aim of the operation?

NATO is involved in training, equipping, and technical assistance - not combat. The aim of the Training Mission and the Joint Staff College at Ar-Rustamiyah is to help Iraq build the capability of its Government to address the security needs of the Iraqi people.

### What does this mean in practice?

NATO is training and mentoring middle and senior level personnel from the Iraqi security forces in Iraq and outside of Iraq, at NATO schools and training centres. The Alliance also plays a role in co-ordinating offers of equipment and training from individual NATO and partner countries.

### How did this policy evolve?

At their Summit meeting in Istanbul on 28 June 2004, NATO Heads of State and Government agreed to assist Iraq with the training of its security forces. A Training Implementation Mission was established on 30 July.

### Who is in charge?

The NATO mission is a distinct mission, under the political control of NATO's North Atlantic Council. It is co-ordinated with the US-led Multinational Force

## Coalition Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan



Participation in the coalition operation in Afghanistan led by the U.S.

Up to 120 personnel of the 601st Special Forces Group based at Prostějov, Czech Republic, were deployed in Afghanistan, Kandahar area, at the end of March 2006 to join multinational coalition force in ENDURING FREEDOM operation. The Czech special force should serve there for six months following approvals, given by the Czech government and both chambers of Parliament in January and February 2006.

### Visit also the website of:

601st Special Forces Group  
[Pictures from Afghanistan](#)

## Military Observers



Personnel of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic are deployed to peacekeeping missions on the basis of requirements of international governmental bodies which include the United Nations, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the European Union (UN, OSCE, EU). Their tasks result from mandates of the specific peacekeeping missions.

As a rule, they monitor political, military and security situation in the region of armed conflict. They actively cooperate with governmental and non-governmental humanitarian organisations, and they serve as mediators in the process of restoring peace.

### Twelve Czech Military Observers are at present in the following countries:

- 2 Ethiopia-Eritrea (UNMEE)
- 1 DR Congo (MONUC)
- 5 Georgia (UNOMIG)
- 1 Kosovo (UNMIK)
- 3 Liberia (UNMIL)



## History of Czech Military Operations Abroad (1990 - 2006)



Under the cloak of night from August 1 to 2, 1990, Iraqi troops crossed the frontiers of the State of Kuwait and seized its whole territory. The UN Security Council immediately condemned this aggression and U.S. president George Bush began a build-up of a wide international diplomatic and military coalition with the ultimate goal to free the State of Kuwait from the Saddam Husain regime's occupation. Soldiers, airmen and marines of the armed forces of many countries were deployed to the region of the Persian Gulf.

In this country, the Federal Assembly of the Parliament of the (former) Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, made the decision on September 23, 1990 to send the Czechoslovak Chemical Unit to the Persian Gulf region in order to join the anti-Iraq U.S.-led coalition force set to free the State of Kuwait. Based on that decision, the Czechoslovak military sent 200 soldiers-volunteers to Saudi Arabia during December 11 - 14, 1990.

This was the beginning of a new era of participation of our soldiers in solving crisis situations in the modern history of the Czech state.

The following chart provides the history of Czech foreign deployments which represents the participation of soldiers and airmen in crisis-struck regions. Listed chronologically, it shows the total number of soldiers who participated in given operations/missions. The list also includes on-going operations where the numbers of participants change following each rotation.

Details regarding each named operation:

NAME	SIZE	WHO	WHEN
1. DESERT STORM Liberation operation	200	CSLA <sup>1</sup>	1990 - 1991 Kuwait
2. UNGCI United Nations Guards Contingent in Iraq	320	CSLA <sup>1</sup> ACR <sup>2</sup>	1991 - 2003 Iraq
3. UNPROFOR Peacekeeping mission	2 250	CSLA <sup>1</sup> ACR <sup>2</sup>	1992 - 1995 Former Yugoslavia
4. UNCRO Peacekeeping mission	750	ACR	3/1995 - 1/1996 Croatia - Krajina
5. UNTAES	100	ACR	1/1996 - 1/1998

Field Hospital participated			Croatia - Eastern Slavonia
6. IFOR, SFOR, SFOR II Peacekeeping operation	6 300	ACR	1996 - 12/2001 Bosnia&Herzegovina, Croatia
7. AFOR 6 <sup>th</sup> Field Hospital	100	ACR	1999 Albania, Turkey (earthquake)
8. KFOR Peacekeeping operation	980	ACR	1999 - 2/2002 Kosovo
9. ESSENTIAL HARVEST (TFH) Peacekeeping operation	120	ACR	8 - 10/2001 Macedonia
10. KFOR Czech-Slovak battalion participates	2 400	ACR	from 2/2002 Kosovo
11. KFOR Brigade and Task Force Centre	1 438	ACR	from 2004 Kosovo
12. SFOR Command posts+civil cooperation	42	ACR	2002 - 12/2004 Bosnia&Herzegovina
13. ENDURING FREEDOM Anti-terrorist operation	612	ACR	3/2002 - 6/2003 Kuwait
14. ISAF Peacekeeping operation - (6 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> Field Hospital)	269	ACR	4/2002 - 1/2003 Afghanistan
15. ISAF Field Surgical Team participated	11	ACR	1/2003 - 4/2003 Afghanistan
16. IZ SFOR 7 <sup>th</sup> Field Hospital participated	526	ACR	4/2003 - 12/2003 Iraq, Basra
17. IZ SFOR (MNF - D) Military Police participate	4818-6x*	ACR	from 12/2003 Iraq, Shaibah
18. CONCORDIA EU operation	2	ACR	4/2003 - 12/2003 Macedonia
19. ISAF EOD Explosive Ordnance Disposal + meteo	250	ACR	from 3/2004 Afghanistan, Kabul
20. ENDURING FREEDOM 6 <sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group	120	ACR	3 - 8/2004 Afghanistan
21. WINTER RACE NATO Humanitarian and Medical Relief	29	ACR	10/2005 - 1/2006 Pakistan
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<sup>1</sup> Czechoslovak People's Army  
<sup>2</sup> Armed Forces of the Czech Republic  
6x\* - 6 personnel rotate in Field Surgical Team four times a year