NON-CLASSIFIED

SPAIN

Spain had 2,250 land force personnel permanently deployed in operations in 2007, of which 1,080 land forces in NATO operations and 1,170 in non-NATO operations. The daily average of total armed forces deployed, including all three Services, was 2,900 personnel.

Spain has contributed with its forces to the following operations (year 2007):

- KFOR (600 personnel)
- ISAF (up to 742 personnel)
- UNIFIL (UN-led operation, with some 1,100 personnel)
- ALTHEA EUFOR
- ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR

Regarding NATO-led operations, Spain continues to participate in the Balkans and it has also improved its contribution to operations in Afghanistan, providing two Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams (52 personnel) and one Provincial Reconstruction Team. Spain is in the command of the Forward Support Base Herat and is responsible for providing a ROLE 2 capacity.

Spain has been a strong supporter and contributor to the NATO Response Force (NRF). Since its inception, it has had some 20,500 personnel on standby during the last 5 years. In particular, Spain has been a lead nation in several NRF rotations, as follows:

- Land Component: NRF rotations 5 and 7.
- Maritime Component: NRF rotations 1, 2, 7 and 8.
- Special Operations: NRF rotations 9 and 10 (currently on standby).

Spain supports NATO's operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR. Spain is contributing to this operation as follows:

- 1 Corvette
- 1 Maritime Patrol Aircraft
- 1 Submarine
- Some 200 personnel

With regard to non-NATO operations, Spain is heavily involved in UNIFIL (UN-Lebanon). It is contributing some 1,100 personnel to the UN contingent, which means to be the third contributor to the operation.

Spain is strongly committed to the EU Battle Groups. In particular, it is the framework nation Battle Group of one EU Battle Group in the first 6 months of 2008 (some 1,200 personnel).

For information on current deployments see: www.mde.es