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In 2007, Hungary deployed on average 945 land forces personnel in operations, of which 730 were in NATO and 215 in non-NATO operations. This is altogether 8.9 % of its reported land forces strength. The average number of personnel (including air force) deployed in 2007 was 1,029. The Hungarian Defence Forces are participating in Kosovo Force (KFOR), International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), NATO Training Mission in Iraq (NTM-I) and several EU, UN and OSCE missions. More than 600 personnel serve on the Balkans and about 230 in Afghanistan.

Hungary does not foresee significant numerical changes in its overall operational participation, however some internal restructuring and increasing the units' level is expected during the next few years.

Hungary will lead the Baghlan Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan at least until October 2009. Besides managing the PRT, Hungary will take over the lead nation role of Kabul International Airport (KAIA) in August 2008 (for a six month period), deploy two Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams (in the second half of 2008 and in 2009 respectively) and a Special Operational Forces team (in Dec. 2008) as well. In 2008, Hungary plans to centralise its participation in KFOR, and creates a manoeuvre battalion from the present units under the Multinational Task Force – West (MNTF-W).

Hungary strongly supports the NATO Response Force (NRF) and European Union Battle Groups (EUBG). It's NRF participation consisted of 260 personnel for the first half (NRF 8) and 83 for second half of 2007 (NRF 9). It has also had 250 personnel on EUBG standby during the second half of 2007. The EUBG was formed from the Italian-Slovenian-Hungarian Multinational Land Forces.

The land forces strength as reported for 2007 is 10,523; deployable personnel is 1,993 (18.9%); sustainable personnel is 1,015 (9.6%). Land forces strength in 2012 will be: 11,010; deployable 3,439 (31.2%); sustainable 1,080 (9.8%).

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