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Over many years, Germany has regularly committed more than 2% of its armed forces size to NATO led operations and missions, reserves and standby forces, and has also contributed to EU and UN led missions. At the end of 2007, Germany provided 7,150 joint forces to NATO operations in Afghanistan (3,210) and Kosovo (2,190), EU operations in Bosnia Herzegovina (130), UN deployments in Lebanon (620), Sudan (42), Georgia (12), Ethiopia and Eritrea (2), and anti-terrorism operations at the Horn of Africa (250), including a battalion to NATO's reserve forces.

The average of total armed forces (including air force, navy and 2,180 personnel of the Joint Support and Central Medical Services) deployed in 2007 was 8,064, of which just over 6,000 were deployed on NATO operations including the continuous German participation in the Standing NATO Maritime Groups and other contributions to NATO's Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR. German land forces have participated in KFOR, ISAF and several other EU and UN missions. In particular, Germany provides the third largest contribution to operations in Afghanistan, including support to NATO's scarce ISTAR and intra-theatre air lift capabilities, two role two field hospitals, two Provincial Reconstruction Teams and a number of Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams, and is extending its support to the Afghan National Army and police force. It is lead nation for the Regional Command North in Afghanistan. Germany is a strong supporter of, and contributor to, the NRF and EU Battlegroups and also offers forces for the UN Standby Arrangements System (UNSAS). It has, on average, had some 3,000 personnel on NRF standby during 2007 and will provide about 5,700 personnel to the NRF during the first half of 2008 and another approx. 2,200 to the EU Battlegroup later in the same year.

Taking into account an additional national contingent for emergencies abroad, a joint force of about 12,000 service men and women (average) were on deployed operations or held at very high readiness. All contributions above are sustainable. The average figures disguise the actual effort required, as personnel preparing for, and recuperating from, deployments are not available for additional tasks. For up-to-date information on current deployments see: www.einsatz.bundeswehr.de

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