



ISAF SOF



BRIEF to SO/LIC SYMPOSIUM
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ISAF SOF Mission



ISAF SOF will build enduring tactical, operational and institutional capabilities with Afghan **Special Police** and designated specialist security elements within Afghan ROL, in order to neutralize insurgent networks, protect the population and **set the conditions for the transfer of Responsibility to our Afghan partners**



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ISAF SOF Strength –incl SOFFC

Task Force/SPTC- Nations (17) HQ ISAF SOF - Nations (22)



GBR



USA



POL



ITA



DEU



SVK



DNK



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EST



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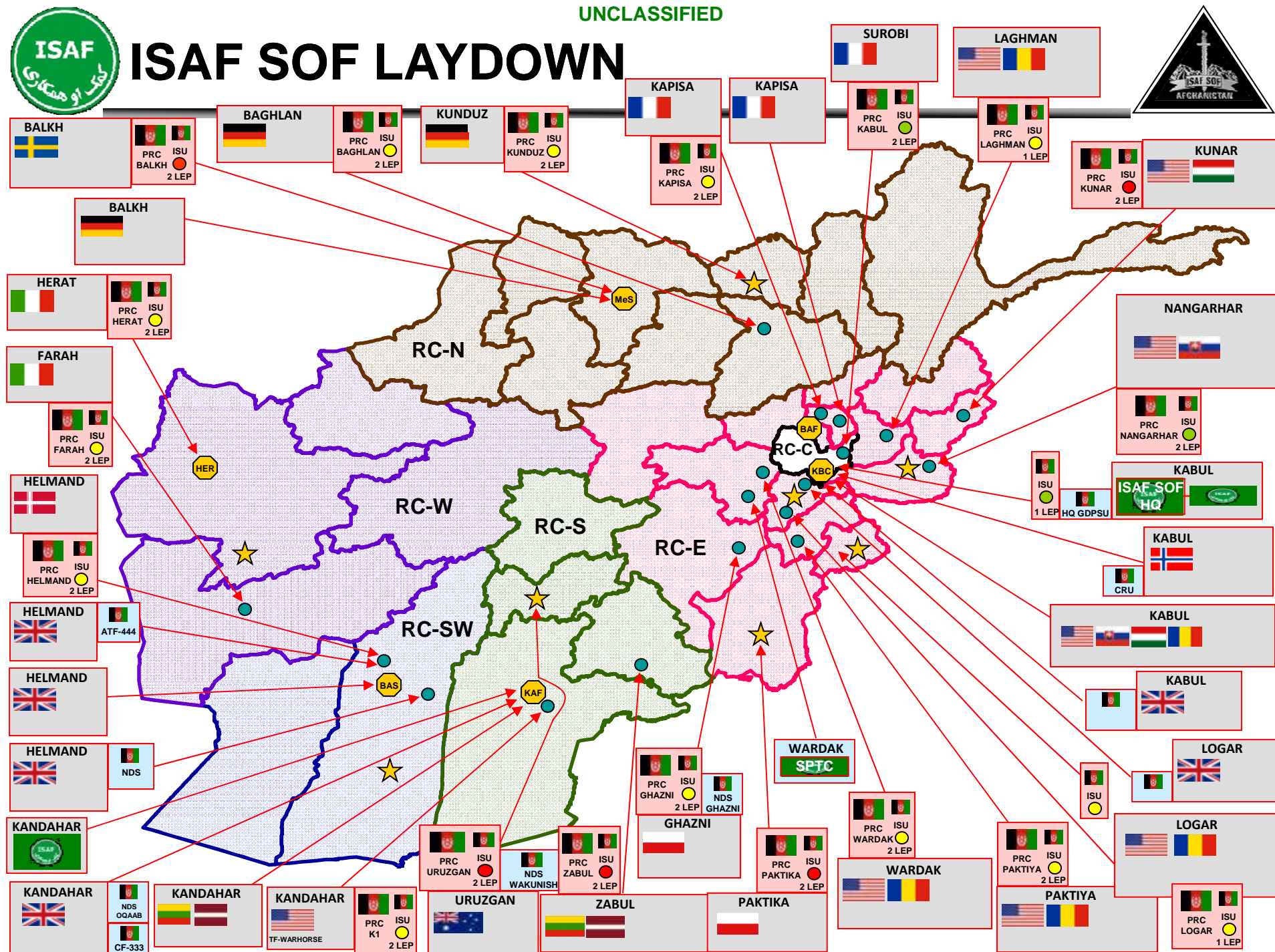
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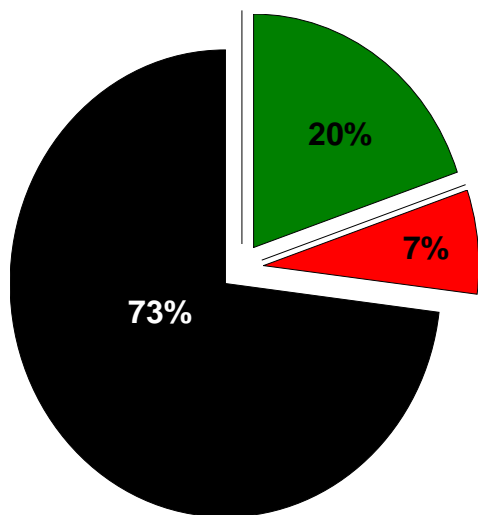
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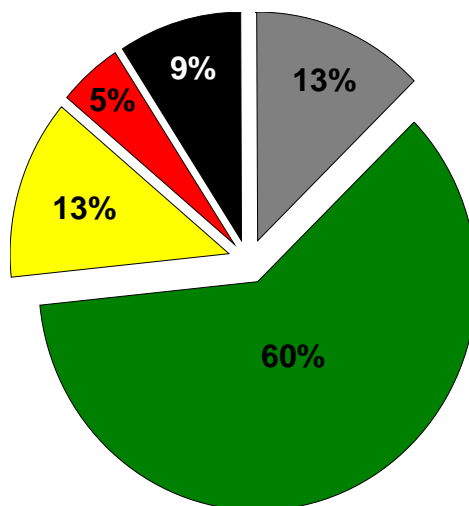


ANSF & ISAF SOF Ops by Type

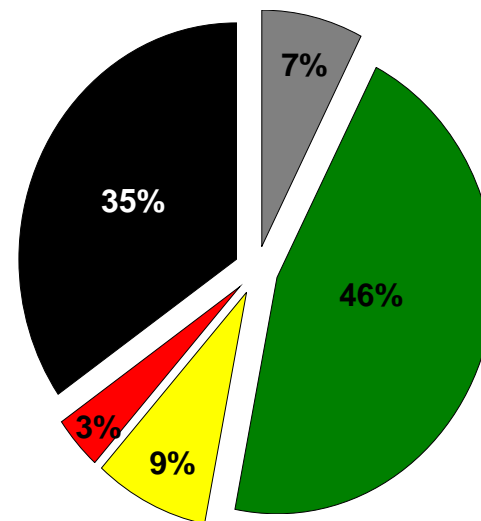
September 2011



September 2012



01 Oct 11 – 19 Oct 12



Key

- ANSF Unilateral Ops
- ANSF Led ISAF SOF Enabled Ops
- ISAF SOF Led Partnered Ops
- ISAF SOF Unilateral Ops
- ISAF Advised

AFGHAN LED OPS TOTAL % FOR SEPTEMBER 2012:

86%

AVERAGE PARTNER RATIOS % FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

61%

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SOF Indirect Approach in Afghanistan



- Rapid development of Afghan Special Police and other elms: by, with and through.
- Selection / Education / Training / Operational mentorship.
- Professionalism of the force / trust of the people / limited Green on Blue issues.
- Commonality and rapid development of Coalition SOF in theatre.
- Fusion of Coalition Intelligence with Afghan Intelligence to allow proactive rather than reactive operations: Kabul 2012 V's 2011.
- Synchronization of Coalition SOF effects in conjunction with the Afghan SOF like forces.



An Indirect Approach in the Future



- The future of Coalition SOF has some common themes:
 - Global economic environment.
 - Reduction in conventional forces.
 - Preference to utilize SOF over larger scale commitments / political decisions at the last safe moment or beyond.
- Coalition / Partnership of the willing:
 - Cooperative environment.
 - Commonality of threat/s.
 - Economies of scale.
 - Regional expertise.
- Challenges:
 - Ability and willingness to share on an even playing field.
 - Historical alliances: 5 eyes, NATO.
 - Capability inequities (budgets).

Discussion/ Questions?

