

Afghan National Army Air Corps (ANAAC)

ISAF Advisory group established May 2007

ANAAC Headquarters – Kabul , Major General Mohammad Dawran

Kabul Air Corps Training Center(KACTC) - Kabul

Opened April 2008. Classes in Aviation English; Basic Fire Fighter; Air Corps Orientation; Introduction to Computers; Basic, Maintenance; Mi-17 Crew Chief; Literacy Course; Logistics Course; Aerial Gunner; Fire Officer.

130 US and 11 Czech mentors including: helicopter and fixed wing instructor pilots [IP], personnel specialists, logisticians, maintainers, medical specialists, security forces, operations and communications specialists, civil engineers, English language teachers, ATC and weather specialists, and a lawyer.

Kabul Air Wing - Brigadier General Mohammad Barat

Kabul International Airport (KIAP). The ANAAC KIAP North Cantonment, opening in April 2008, will house the ANAAC headquarters and serve as a home base for up to 46 aircraft and 3,754 personnel. Joint Aviation Facility (JAF 1) is a state-of-the-art maintained base operations, flight planning, and training facility. MEDEVAC flights are being conducted

Current / Goal by end2015

- C-27 transport: 0 / 12
- C-27 transport, convertible to VIP transport: 0 / 2
- Mi17v5 transport helo: 6? / 16
- Mi-17DV VIP transport: 3 / 3
- Propeller cargo aircraft based ISR: 0 / ?
- Propeller light attack / ISR: 0 / ?
- Light multi role attack / air superiority jets: 0 / ?
- Mi-35 attack helo: 9 / 0 (retired end FY2013, replaced by Mi-17)
- An26/32 transport: 7 / 0 (retired end FY2011, replaced by C-27)
- L-39 jets: 2 / 0 (to be retired, ceremonial aircraft)

Kandahar Air Wing – Supports RC- South / 205th Corps. Facilities construction has begun. Eventually to house 2500 personnel. MEDEVAC flights are being conducted

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- Mi-17v5 transport helo: 3? / 12
- Propeller cargo aircraft based ISR: 0 / ?
- Propeller light attack / ISR: 0 / ?
- Light multi role attack / air superiority jets: 0 / ?

Jalalabad Regional Support Squadron – Support RC – Central, 201st Corps

- Mi-17v5: 0 / 8

Shindand Regional Support Squadron – Supports RC – West, 207th Corps. Center for pilot training.

- Mi-17v5: 0 / 8
- Basic fixed wing training : 0 / 8
- Advanced fixed wing training: 0 / 6
- Rotary wing training: 0 / 6

Mazar-e-Sharif Regional Support Squadron – Supports RC-North / 209th Corps

- Mi-17v5: 0 / 8

Gardez Detachment – Supports RC- East, 203rd Corps
Aircraft rotate in for 5 days at a time from Kabul

- Mi-17 transport helo: 3 / 3

Herat Detachment – Supports RC-West/207th Corps

- MI-17 transport helo: 3 / 3

Current status (July 2009)

Personnel: 2700, including 301 pilots(190 actually fly), 300 maintenance personnel

Rotary wing aircraft:

- 15x MI-17v5 transport
- 3 x MI-17DV VIP transport
- 9x MI-35 attack

Fixed wing aircraft:

- 5x AN-32 transport
- 2 x AN-26 transport
- 2x L-39

Flying hours per month: 140, five fixed-wing transport flights per day.

Operations for 2008: 6,754 sorties; 469,706 kilograms of cargo; 80,653 passengers

End state goal (by end 2015).

Capabilities: VIP transport, CASEVAC, MEDEVAC, operational airlift, tactical battlefield mobility, training, intel/surveillance/recon, light ground attack, air superiority

7254 personnel

139 aircraft total

Rotary wing:

- 58 MI-17v5 (battlefield mobility)
- 3 Mi-17 (VIP transport),
- 6 training helicopters
- Mi-35 will be replaced by armed Mi-17 by FY14

Fixed wing:

- 20 C-27 (18 operational airlift, 2 VIP transport configurable)
- 4 propeller cargo aircraft based ISR
- 14 propeller light attack / ISR
- 20 light multi role attack / air superiority jets
- 8 propeller basic training aircraft,
- 6 propeller advanced training aircraft
- AN32 / AN-26 will be replaced by C-27 by FY12

Total cost ~\$5billion

FY2009 to FY2011 goal: 100 aircraft, 4900 airmen.

- Build English skills, focus on air-mobility, develop logistics and sustainment, build initial infrastructure, and build training capability.
- Initiate training 48 pilots per year. Sent to US for 2 years.
- Acquire 20x C27 cargo aircraft. First four arriving end 2009 and two per quarter thereafter.
- Acquire 58 Mi-17v5

FY2012 goal :

- ANAAC takes full control of all airfields, except Bagram Air Base.
- Add more training capability. Add trainer aircraft

FY2013 to FY2015 goal: 139 aircraft, 7250 airmen.

- Add light attack capability (single-engine turboprop with precision attack capability)

- Add intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capability.
- Add attack / air sovereignty