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## NATO activates Response Force for the first time in history

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On 25 FEB the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) activated its Response Force (NRF) for the first time in history. Established in 2003, the NRF is composed of 40,000 land, air, maritime and special operations multinational personnel. All 30 members of NATO agreed to activate the force. General Tod Wolters, Supreme Allied Commander of NATO and head of the NRF, called the force's activation a "historic moment". Forces of the NRF have not yet been deployed but are on standby. If these troops are deployed, they will join others in NATO countries surrounding Ukraine and participate in NATO-led missions as a part of the NRF's support of Ukraine.

### CMCD Note

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It can be estimated with high confidence that the NATO Response Force will deploy its forces within the next two weeks, as the war in the Ukraine escalates. It can be stated with high confidence that NATO will continue to provide military personnel to NATO-allied nations surrounding the Ukraine, but will not send forces into the Ukraine. Approximately 40,000 troops from the United States and NATO states have been deployed to NATO-allied nations surrounding the Ukraine since the beginning of the invasion by Russia.

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With activation of NATO Response Force, US military ready to provide forces

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