



U.S. ARMY

CENTRAL

# NATIONAL INTERESTS

## U.S. Army Central protects national interests in the Central region and around the globe.

U.S. Army Central helps the Army remain ready to fight and win the nation's wars by building partnerships, preserving relative peace and stability, and defeating or deterring adversaries in the Middle East, Central and South Asia.

Through cooperation and training with our partner nations, U.S. Army Central has strengthened partnerships throughout the region, increasing land force interoperability and capabilities of our partners and allies.

In a volatile region, we seek to reassure our partners by deterring malign actors through our presence. Our forward-stationed capabilities contribute to regional stability and protect the free flow of commerce around the globe.

- USARCENT presence in the region includes approximately **23,500 personnel** (Military, Civilians, and contractors)
- USARCENT's forward command post is located on **Camp Arifjan, Kuwait** – with Area Support Groups in Kuwait and Qatar.
- **Kuwait** is a major non-NATO ally of the U.S. – its location is ideal for logistics and rapid reaction to numerous potential contingencies.
- The USARCENT area of responsibility covers more than **4 million square miles** and includes 20 countries.
- Within this **intersection of three continents** are globally vital commercial sea lanes, flight corridors, pipelines, and overland routes that support our \$20 trillion U.S. economy.
- The Central region encompasses **65%** of the world's oil and **35%** of the natural gas.
- USARCENT has three named U.S.-led operations actively engaged in **counterterrorism** operations or training and advising in hostile territory as part of other multinational missions.