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## Afghan police force opens doors to new headquarters at Spin Boldak

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Afghanistan and United States personnel gathered for the ribbon-cutting ceremony that opened the new ANP headquarters in Spin Boldak. (USACE photo)

SPIN BOLDK, Afghanistan – The Afghan National Police (ANP) opened its new Uniformed Police Spin Boldak District headquarters here on Sept. 21, as part of the counterinsurgency (COIN) efforts to provide security and stability to Afghanistan. The facility represents the capabilities and professionalism of the ANP with its allies.

“Symbolically, it’s about bringing all these working elements together,” said Col. Anthony Funkhouser, commander of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Afghanistan Engineer District – South (AES), whose responsibility it was to design and construct the ANP headquarters building. “From the Afghan National Police to the people of Spin Boldak to coalition partners, it’s about creating a secured environment.”

The new headquarters, which cost approximately \$883,000, provides the ANP with office space, a detention facility, and quarters for the police officers, said Michael Chang, project manager with the Afghan National Security Forces branch, AES.

“This modern facility headquarters provides a little bit of everything for the ANP,” said Chang. “The layout is ergonomic in terms of power structures placement, sewage layout, and overall landscape design. More importantly, we want the Spin Boldak community to know the police headquarters was built by an Afghan company and is established to maintain peace to ensure prosperity in Afghanistan.”

USACE personnel were able to mentor and advise the Afghan laborers, engineers, and project managers on how to construct the Spin Boldak headquarters.

The building also serves a Corps’ initiative to standardize Afghanistan’s police district headquarters by adapting it to the layout of the proposed site.

“Basically, it doesn’t matter if it’s Spin Boldak,” said Chang. “If you go to Kabul or Herat or any other district or province within Afghanistan, you will find similar district headquarters layouts.”

ANP headquarters facilities are designed to enable Afghan police districts to take on greater responsibilities and to increase the size of their security force.



The new Afghan National Police headquarters in Spin Boldak officially opened on Sept. 21, 2010. (USACE photo)