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## ANP opens new District Headquarters in Pashtun Zarghun

(KANDAHAR, Afghanistan) – The Afghan National Police (ANP) opened its new Uniformed Police headquarters in the Pashtun Zarghun district of the Herat province in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 10.

Two themes emerged during the ceremony: the importance of this project for the Pashtun Zarghun community and greater Afghanistan for ensuring security through a strong police force, and the partnership between the Afghanistan and U.S. governments for delivering this important police headquarters.

Attendees included Maj. Mohammed Nadir, the District Headquarters Deputy Commander; Abdul Rasheed Popal, the District Governor; several members of the Uniformed Police; and representatives of the Afghanistan construction firm. U.S. attendees included a representative from the Afghan Regional Security Integration Command – West Herat and several members from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan Engineer District – South (AES), based in Kandahar.

“This building is built on a strong foundation of concrete, but it is surrounded by a strong foundation of commitment from the people of Pashtun Zarghun,” said Col. Anthony C. Funkhouser, AES commander. “This facility will help ensure strength for your police force and for your government.”

AES is managing construction of ANP headquarters facilities in six districts in the Herat province under a single contract, valued at \$3.5 million, held by Omran Consulting Construction and Engineering Company of Kabul.

With the completion of the \$439,000 facility in Pashtun Zarghun, five are now complete and turned over to the ANP. The last site is scheduled for completion next month.

“I am very grateful to Omran for completing this project under difficult circumstances,” Funkhouser said. “You persevered and delivered a beautiful project. Thank you for working through many challenges to deliver a quality project. This police headquarters is a reflection of your commitment and our partnership.”

To the Pashtun Zarghun leaders and Omran officials, Funkhouser said, “None of us can succeed without each other. I am proud to be associated with this project.”



Maj. Mohammed Nadir, the District Headquarters Deputy Commander, cuts the ribbon as Col. Anthony C. Funkhouser, commander of the Afghanistan Engineer District – South, looks on. (USACE Photo)



The new ANP district headquarters compound has office space, a detention facility, quarters for the police officers, utilities and security features. (USACE Photo)

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Kenneth Safe, officer-in-charge, AES Herat Area Office, and Scott Hughes, project engineer, presented a certificate of appreciation to Omran for its work on the project. The District Headquarters Deputy Commander also presented a certificate to the contractor.

The official ceremony concluded with signing over the facility to the ANP District Deputy Commander and presenting him with the keys.

Construction of ANP headquarters facilities supports Coalition efforts to provide law and order throughout the district provinces in Afghanistan, thereby fostering enduring security and stability and creating lasting governance.



Afghanistan and U.S. attendees gathered for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Uniformed Police headquarters in the Pashtun Zarghun district of the Herat province. (USACE Photo)