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## ANA celebrates new garrison completion

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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Completion of an Afghan National Army garrison to support about 1,000 troops was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting and flag-raising ceremony March 14 in Nimroz province. ANA officials, local Afghan government officials, U.S. Marine Corps mentor representatives, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan Engineer District South officials, and over 400 ANA troops turned out for the celebration.

Guest speaker for the event was Brig. Gen. Abdul Wasea, commanding general of the 2nd Brigade, ANA 215th Corps. An avid supporter of providing security and stability throughout Nimroz province, Wasea has worked to strengthen the partnerships between the local village elders, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and Afghan National Security Forces.

“We have conducted more than 28,000 combat activities with the help of the U.S. Marines,” said Wasea through an interpreter. “We need to try and have readiness to prevent all acts against this area.”

Construction of the ANA garrison was managed by AED-South. The \$34 million project was awarded in June 2008 to FCEC UIP Joint Venture, an Afghan firm. It includes officer barracks, enlisted barracks, a battalion storage facility, a maintenance facility, an arms and ammunition storage facility, a fuel distribution and storage facility, a communications facility, a dining facility, a sanitary sewer network, and a generator plant.



*Afghan National Army leaders raise the flag to officially open their new garrison (military post) at Delaram March 14.*

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“This ANA compound will provide necessary security for the Nimroz province and will serve as a vital training center and regional hub for the ANA,” said Edmund W. Starnes, the resident engineer of the AED-South Delaram Resident Office.

The garrison is being completed in two phases. The contractor for phase one provided a product that is above average in quality, added Starnes. Phase two construction, with a target award date of early third quarter fiscal year 2011, will expand the current facility to accommodate 4,300 personnel.

It sits on what used to be known as Forward Operating Base (FOB) Delaram 1 and is across from FOB Delaram 2, where soldiers of the 215th Corps currently serve with troops from the Georgian Army and U.S. Marines. It’s located about one kilometer southeast of the city of Delaram, which serves as a major transportation center in western Afghanistan, with several major roads converging on the area, including Highway 1 known as the Ring Road, Route 515 to Farah City, Route 522 to Gulistan and Route 606 to Iran.

Following the ceremony, the commanders shared light refreshments with the elders of Delaram and then toured the 22-building facility. “These buildings were built by Afghans for Afghans,” commented AED-South Commander Col. Anthony C. Funkhouser while shaking hands with Wesea during the tour.

With completion of this vital training center and regional hub, soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 215th Corps, are more equipped to provide security and stability throughout Nimroz province.



*Soldiers with the 2nd Brigade, 215th Corps ANA, stand in formation during the ceremonial event.*



*Brig. Gen. Abdul Wesea (center) speaks with AED-South Commander Col. Anthony C. Funkhouser while touring the ANA garrison, as elders from Delaram look on.*