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Kohsan Uniform Police have a new facility

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan Engineer District-South turned over a newly constructed Afghan Uniform Police District Headquarters compound in Kohsan to Gen. Sayeed Ahmad Sami, the Afghan National Police chief in Herat province Feb. 23.

The compound is similar to other uniform police compounds the South District has turned over to the Afghan National Police. It has offices, barracks, a jail cell, indoor and outdoor kitchen facilities, dining area, bathrooms and storage areas.

The compound also has a well for potable water distribution, a wastewater disposal system, vehicle refueling station and electric power.

About 60 police officers can work out of the uniform police district headquarters, which was constructed by the Fazullah Construction and Engineering Company and the United Infrastructure Projects Joint Venture and overseen by the Corps of Engineers.

“We issued a notice to proceed in June 2010 and the project was completed Feb. 15,” said Frances Hinkley, the South District’s project manager responsible for the Kohsan project. “The cost to construct this building was \$1.2 million. The project started slowly, but the USACE team worked really hard with the contractors to get it finished.”

During his speech to the crowd, Lt. Col. Gordon “Mark” Bartley, the Herat Area officer in charge, said that the structure was built with a strong foundation of concrete, to assure it will last. “This strong foundation is also assurance to the citizens of Kohsan and Herat province that they will have a strong security presence and peace for generations to come. This construction project was an ‘Afghan First’ initiative built by an Afghan general contractor, and is a fine example of the skill and craftsmanship of the Afghan people,” he continued.

After brief speeches to a crowd of more than 150, the ribbon was cut, refreshments were served and a tour of the facilities commenced.



From the right, Air Force Col. Benjamin Wham, Afghanistan Engineer District-South commander, cuts the ceremonial ribbon along with Haji Noor Ahmad Hafbala, Kohsan district governor; Engineer Rafi, Fazullah Construction and Engineering Company; Engineer Zama Hamim, Fazullah Construction and Engineering Company construction manager; Col. Ghulam Yahya, provincial Afghan National Police spokesman; and Ahmadullah Alamzi, Fazullah Construction and Engineering Company’s west region area manager, Feb. 23. Cutting of the ribbon marked the turnover of the Kohsan Uniform Police district headquarters compound in Kohsan. (USACE Photo by Karla Marshall)

“The Afghanistan Engineer District-South has turned over several uniform police compounds to the ANP and each one is a step closer to long-term security and stability for Afghans,” said Air Force Col. Benjamin Wham, Afghanistan Engineer District-South commander during his tour of the facility. “This compound will enable the uniform police to provide the level of professionalism the citizens of Kohsan deserve.”



Sam Lowery, left, the South District’s project engineer and construction representative responsible for the Kohsan Uniform Police District Headquarters construction project received a certificate of appreciation from the Ministry of Interior Affairs and the Herat province chief of police. Rafi Forotan, the quality control manager for Fazullah Construction and Engineering Company congratulates Lowery Feb. 23. (USACE Photo by Karla Marshall)