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Provincial police headquarters opens in Uruzgan

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD— Afghan National Police opened a new provincial headquarters in Tarin Kowt, Uruzgan province May 31.

Dignitaries at the ceremony included:

- Amir Mohammad Akhundzada, governor of Uruzgan province;
- Maj. Gen. Salim Ehsas, Commander, Afghan Uniform Police Maiwand 404 (responsible for Kandahar, Uruzgan and Daykundi provinces);
- Maj. Gen. Mohammad Zafar, commander of the 48th Brigade of the Afghan National Army;
- Brig. Gen. Matiullah Khan, Chief of Police for Uruzgan province.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan Engineer District-South contracted for and oversaw construction of the \$4 million facility, which will accommodate over 80 provincial police. The facility includes barracks, offices, a dining facility, clinic, motor pool and vehicle maintenance facilities.

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Provincial Chief of Police Matiullah Khan (right), Gen. Salim Ehsas (left), and Provincial Governor Amir Mohammad Akhundzab (center), raise an Afghan flag after a ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Provincial Police Headquarters in Tarin Kot, Afghanistan, May 31, 2012. (U.S. Army photo, Spc. Nevada Jack Smith, Combined Team Uruzgan Public Affairs)