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Afghan National Police Program Receives Facilities

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Kabul, Afghanistan – A recent ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Puli-Alum to mark the completion of another facility for the Afghan National Police (ANP) Program. Puli-Alum is a village along the Kabul to Gardez Highway in Logar Province.

The ceremony drew interest and participation from the local government, police, the contractor, provincial reconstruction team, embedded training team and the US Army Corps of Engineers.



Overview of the Puli-Alum ANP facility taken during the pre-final inspection in March 2007.

“These are some of the best constructed facilities I have seen since coming to Afghanistan” said Captain Eric Marshall, Gardez resident engineer; “the contractor has done an excellent job here”.

Contrack International, Inc, was awarded the contract to design and build this and other ANP facilities in Afghanistan. Puli-Alum and similar ANP facilities cost about \$3.2 million to build and are designed to function independently, like a small city. Each facility has its own electricity, water supply, sewage, maintenance, fueling station, billeting, dining and administration facilities for over one-hundred police officers.

The original contract, worth \$48 million, was for six police facilities in the eastern and southern portions of Afghanistan. As a result of changing requirements, the contract was modified to construct nine total facilities, including FOB Kandahar, for the ANP program. Of the remaining facilities, four are for the border police, and four are police company compounds.

The transfer of the ANP facility near Gardez is expected before the end of May. The four ANP border facilities under this same contract are nearing completion and cost about \$6.5 million. Border police facilities are also designed to function independently, yet are able to accommodate a larger number of officers.

The ceremony marks the completion and release of another police facility to the Afghan National Security Forces Program. The ANP programs include police at all levels, counter narcotics and border police.

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