

Islam Qala Border Crossing Point opens



The Islam Qala Border Control Point along the Iran/Afghanistan border was officially opened June 17. The new facility which was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Herat Area Office will allow the Government of Afghanistan to control the flow of goods and personnel across this critical border crossing.



All traffic crossing the Iran border into Afghanistan will be diverted through the 800 acre border crossing complex. The crossing point will bring in much needed tax revenue to Afghanistan.



According to Col. Thomas E. O'Donovan, former AED commander, the Islam Qala border control point is one of the most important projects the Corps is doing in Afghanistan." O'Donovan is shown leading a group of VIP's during the ribbon cutting ceremony. U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry is seen on the left.



Ambassador Eikenberry makes remarks during the ribbon cutting ceremony. "This port is literally the door between worlds and people's that will contribute to a vibrant exchange of ideas, goods, and of services," said Eikenberry.



US Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry (center) and a group of Afghan VIP's cut the ribbon, officially opening the border crossing for use.