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## **USACE provides medical facility upgrades for Afghan National Police hospital**

**KABUL** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers celebrated the completion of a \$2.2 million construction and renovation project for the Afghan National Police Central Hospital compound located here, Feb. 7.

The Corps constructed a new administration building and kitchen and renovated the hospital's outpatient clinic and medical police academy.

Currently, the hospital administration staff is working out of the main hospital building, taking up valuable bed space for patients in need of care. The new admin building will provide office and work space for more than 40 staff members, which will create a better work environment and more efficient work system.

"This building, along with the DFAC (dining facility) will go a long way to expanding the care for the more than 200,000 police here in Kabul Province," said U.S. Navy Capt. Phil Blaine, team chief for the medical transition group during the ribbon-cutting ceremony which was held in the newly built administration building.

The main hospital building provides medical care to more than 6,000 ANP officers and their families throughout the Kabul Province. The outpatient clinic, located in the basement of the hospital, provides patients with medical care for less severe ailments.

"One thing this facility gives to all the police in Kabul is the next echelon of care, not just for the police, but their families," said Lt. Col. Steve Danner, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan Engineer District-North Kabul office, officer in charge.

Land issues during construction caused the project to be delayed for more than a year. At one point, human remains were found on the construction site causing construction to stop. The total time to finish the new construction and renovations was just over two years.

"It took some time, there were some challenges, but we overcame these issues in support of USACE," said Sayed Hashemi, Krima Construction Corp. project manager. "We are very happy to be a partner in the reconstruction of Afghanistan."

Krime Construction Corp., based out of Seoul, South Korea, was the contractor on the project. At the height of construction, Krime hired more than 100 Afghan construction workers and worked more than 250,000 exposure hours without loss or incident.

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Key contributors to the construction and renovations of the Afghan National Police Central Hospital celebrate the completion of the projects with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. From left: Maj Seunghoon Lee, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, combined joint engineer; Chris Collver, AED-N project engineer; Rich Newton, AED-N resident engineer; U.S. Navy Capt. Phil Blaine, Team Chief for the medical transition group; Lt. Col. Steve Danner, Kabul Area Office Officer in Charge; and Sayed Hashemi, Krima Construction Corp. project manager.