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Counter Narcotics
Law Enforcement
Capacities in
Afghanistan
(Phase-1)
TD/AFG/G38**

**Drug Law
Enforcement
Interdiction Unit
TD/AFG/H10**

**Strengthening
Afghan-Iran Drug
border control and
cross border
cooperation (SAID)
TD/AFG/H16**

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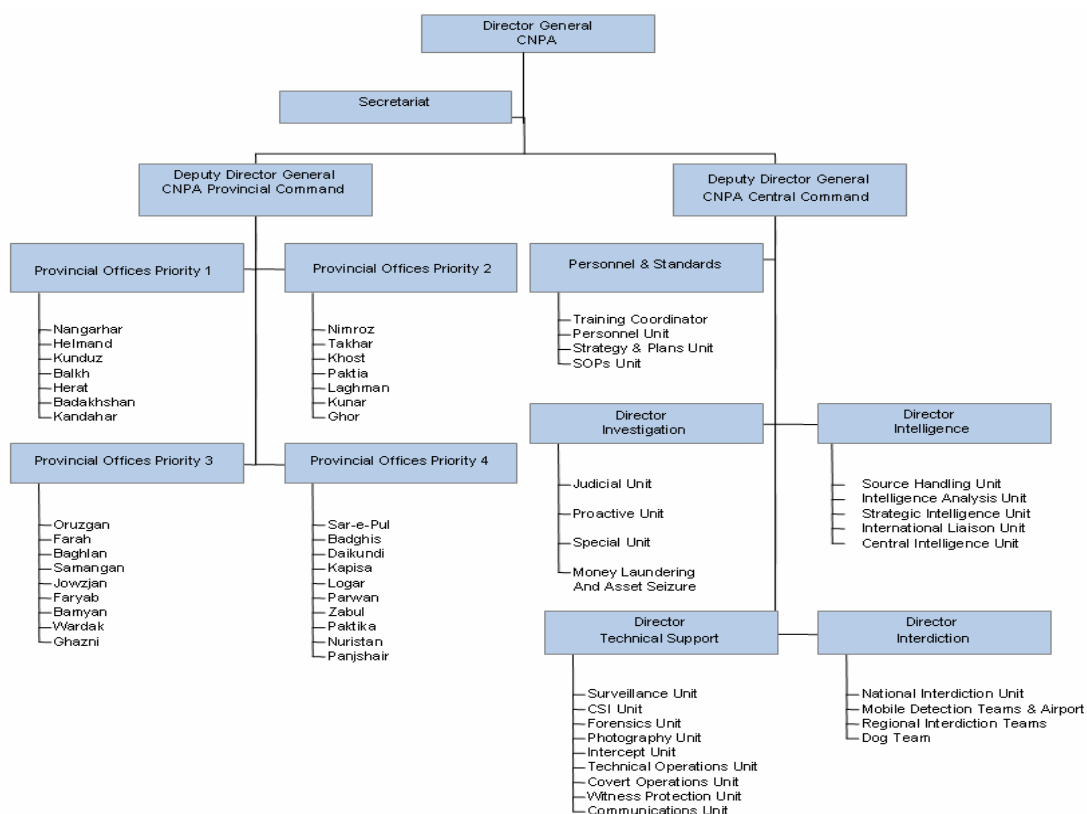
INTRODUCTION

The Afghanistan-UNODC Law Enforcement projects have been designed to assist the Afghan law enforcement community in combating both domestic and international drug trafficking. Ongoing projects include the building of a counter narcotics police unit in Kabul and in key provincial locations as well as strengthening the border police capacity to combat the flow of drugs from Afghanistan into Iran. As per the original Bonn agreement the German government has the lead coordination role in rebuilding the national Afghan police structure and the United Kingdom has the lead role in rebuilding and restructuring a national narcotics enforcement program. To accomplish this task UNODC retains a close working relationship with the Afghan government, particularly with the Ministry of Interior, as well as with representatives from Germany, UK, US, and numerous other coalition partners.

I. MAIN PROJECT STRATEGIES

A. TD/AFG/G38 (Strengthening of Counter Narcotic Law Enforcement Capacities in Afghanistan)

This ongoing project which has been funded by the governments of the United Kingdom, Austria, and Japan was developed to assist in building an Afghanistan national narcotics force. This project will include the building and remodeling of a Counter Narcotics Police-Afghanistan (CNP-A) operational headquarters and a fully trained and equipped CNP-A Investigative unit. In addition, seven provincial satellite offices will be established in key locations (Herat, Lashkargah, Kandahar, Jalalabad, Mazar, Kunduz and Fiazabad) throughout Afghanistan. By Afghan law the CNP-A is established as an independent body but within the organizational structure of the Afghan National Police of the Ministry of Interior.



B. TD/AFG/H10 (Drug Law Enforcement – Interdiction Unit)

This ongoing project which has been funded by the United States (US) was developed to build a highly trained National Interdiction Unit (NIU) within the structure of the CNP-A. The US is committed to training an elite force capable of conducting high value targets (HVTs) seizures, raids, and arrests which are designed to have a national enforcement impact. In addition to the training the US government is building a NIU compound outside of CNP-A headquarters in Kabul. This facility will include housing, food preparation, firing ranges, heliports, training rooms, and a communication center. In close consultation with the US Embassy officials in Kabul the UNODC project TD/AFG/H10 will furnish and equip this new and modern facility. At the present time plans call for the housing of up to 300 NIU officers. The facility is expected to open in August of 2006.

C. AFG/H16 Strengthening Afghan-Iran Drug border control and cross border cooperation (SAID)

This ongoing project which is funded by the European Commission (EC) and the government of Austria was developed to facilitate the equipping of border control posts along the international border between Afghanistan and Iran. The governments of Iran and Afghanistan have adopted a bilateral agreement for Iran to build 25 border posts within the Afghan territory. UNODC has committed to train and equip Afghan border patrol officers in these extremely remote locations. This project will enhance the capacity of the Afghan Border Police to reduce the flow of drugs at the Afghanistan/Iran border. To date, 10 out of 25 border post have been completed and handed over to the government of Afghanistan. The project will:

- Equip up to 25 border posts with drug and precursor test kits, basic search equipment, and transportation equipment.
- Provide the specialized heavy duty equipment for the rebuilding and maintaining border posts access roads.
- Establish a communication network between the border posts and the center.
- Provide appropriate training for staff deployed along the border.
- Provide specialized equipment to assist with duties associated with border patrolling and security.

Afghan Government Focal Point for Project TD/AFG/H16

General Abdul Rahman (Born 1957, Kabul)

After completing his primary and high school education General Rahman joined the Afghan Police where he obtained his Bachelor degree. Since 1975 he worked in various assignments within the Ministry of Interior to include the Anti-Terrorism Department and the Border Police. Since 2001 he has been working as Deputy Director General of Afghan Border Police.



II. PREMISES

During the second half of 2005, CNP-A provincial offices in Kandahar, Lashkargah, Herat, Jalalabad, Mazar, Kunduz, and Fiazabad have been refurbished or constructed. By the end of 2005 a CNP-A Headquarter in Kabul and offices in seven provincial locations will be constructed, refurbished, and equipped.



III. PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT

In the second half of 2005 law enforcement equipment to include vehicles, forensic laboratory equipment, generators, radio equipment, and tactical police equipment (ballistic shields, night vision goggles, satellite phones, and GPS) were procured under three UNODC Law Enforcement ongoing projects and delivered to CNP-A and Border Police. This equipment will serve to both protect and enhance the capabilities of the law enforcement officers.



EQUIPMENT HAND-OVER CEREMONY

The Ministry of Interior and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) held a joint ceremony to hand over law enforcement equipment to the Afghan Border Police. The ceremony took place on 11 December 2005 at the Border Police Headquarter. Participants included the Deputy Head of the Border Police, UNODC's Representative Ms. Doris Buddenberg, and Mr. Karl Harbo the Head of European Commission (EC) Delegation. This project, which has been funded by the EC and the Government of Austria, started in January 2005. A total of 25 border posts along the Afghan-Iran border will eventually be constructed and manned with trained and equip Border officers.



CNPA and Border Police HQs Connected to Internet

In the hand-over ceremony law enforcent officials from the Afghan Border Police and CNP-A officially open the internet server rooms for both the Border Police and CNP-A. Ms. Doris Buddenberg Representative of UNODC Country Office for Afghanistan in the presence of General Gul Nabi Ahmadzai Director General of Education from the Ministry of Interior cut the official ribbon. The equipment which included two Satellite ground stations and internet connectivity (for one year) was provided through UNODC projects TD/AFG/G38 and TD/AFG/H16.



IV. TRAININGS

A. Global Positioning System (GPS)

A three days Global Positioning System (GPS) training course was conducted for 26 National Interdiction Unit (NIU) officers of the CNP-A on 24 July 2005 in the Kabul. This course was designed to provide information & instructions to NIU officers for the programming and reading of GPS equipment during interdiction operations. On 26 July 2005 officials from Ministry of Interior, Drug Enforcement Administration (US-DEA), UNODC, and Norwegian Police Project participated in an award ceremony.



General Mohammad Daud, Deputy Minister of Interior for Counter Narcotics thanked all the participants and asked for the international community's ongoing/further cooperation and assistance to CNP-A. He particularly thanked UNODC for their ongoing assistance provided to the NIU/CNP-A.

B. English Language and Computer Skills Training

A three month English Language and Computer training program for the NIU was started on 8 June 2005 and successfully completed on 7 September 2005. The main purpose of the course was to enhance reading, writing, speaking, and computer operating skills of NIU/CNPA officers participated in trainings/workshops conducted by national experts and were taught how to maintain law enforcement files.



C. FDTK training

A two days field drug test training course for 25 officers of CNP-A was conducted on 1 May 2005 in Kabul. The main purpose of the course was to enhance the knowledge of CNP-A officers to identify narcotics and precursor chemicals. At the end of the training session test kits to detect the presence of opiates, marijuana, hashish and precursor Chemicals were distributed to CNP-A directors. CNP-A officers are now using the kits during their Counter Narcotics operations.

V. REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

SLEO

On 6 December 2005 an Afghan delegation headed by Director General of CNP-A accompanied by representative from the Afghan Border Police, Afghan Ministry of Finance (Customs), and UNODC Afghanistan participated in the 6th SLEO (Senior Law Enforcement Officers) meeting in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. The meeting was sponsored by UNODC and attended by Senior Law Enforcement officers from Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan. All countries signed a MoU, which underscored the need for the elimination of poppy cultivation, drug conversion laboratories, and drug trafficking. Participants agreed to exchange information/intelligence on international drug traffickers.



HONLEA

On 12 September 2005 an Afghan delegation headed by the Director General of CNP-A participated in the fortieth session of the sub-commission on illicit Drug Trafficking and related matter for the Near and Middle East (HONLEA) in Baku Azerbaijan. Delegates from Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Kirghistan, Uzbekistan Turkmenistan India, Afghanistan and UNODC participated in the meeting. The head of the Afghan delegation delivered a presentation on the counter narcotics activities of the government of Afghanistan in 2005 and reaffirmed the need for cross border cooperation to prevent the importation of precursor chemicals into Afghanistan. The participants of the meeting once again re-assured their government readiness to cooperate with the Afghan Government.



PARIS PACT

The Paris Pact Initiative was convened to bring together countries affected by Afghan heroin trafficking (AD/GLO/IO5). The first meeting was held in Islamabad on 21-22 March 2005. Delegates from 16 countries including UNODC, Interpol, EU and ECO participated in the meeting. The Director General of CNP-A delivered a speech which focused on the Counter Narcotics Law Enforcement activities of the Afghan Government particularly along Pakistan and Afghanistan border.



MAJOR DONORS

On 4 March 2005 Afghan Deputy Minister of Interior for Counter Narcotics delivered a speech at the Major Donor Meeting (MDM) at the Vienna International Center. The speech focused on the Counter Narcotics Law Enforcement activities of the Afghan Government which covered a period of 21 months (April 2003 till January 2005). The donor community at the meeting warmly welcomed the speech. Delegates from US, UK, Canada, Germany, Japan, Netherland, Italy, and other countries thanked the



Deputy Minister and his government for instituting aggressive law enforcement measures to counter the narcotics problem. The donor community once again reassured the Afghan Government of their full support not only in counter narcotics law enforcement but also in the field of alternative livelihood.

BOMCA

On 7 September 2005 an Afghan delegation comprised of the Deputy Minister of Interior for Counter Narcotics, Director General of CNP-A and Deputy Director General of Afghan Border Police participated in the second BOMCA/CADAP donor conference held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. This meeting reviewed the progress to date and the need for future assistance from donors to Tajikistan. This meeting followed up on the first conference held in February 2005. Senior government officials from Tajikistan, Afghanistan, US, UK, France, Germany, Russian Federation, and representatives from UNODC, UNDP, IOM, UNHCR, Agha Khan Foundation, and EU participated in the conference.



Tajik-Afghan Law Enforcement Agencies

On 29 September 2005 Afghan Ministry of Interior/Border Police and the State Committee for Border Protection (BPC) of Republic of Tajikistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which pledged mutual support in the fight against international drug trafficking. This was the first joint conference of senior law enforcement officials from Tajikistan and Afghanistan. The memorandum was signed between Tajikistan's Border Protection Committee (BPC), represented by its chief Sayed Amir Zuhurov and the



Deputy Minister for Counter Narcotics within the Afghan Interior Ministry represented by Lt. General Mohammad Daud. The MoU emphasised intelligence sharing, extradition of criminals, and deployment of Border Liaison officers on both sides of border.

Tripartite Review:

On 6 April 2005 the Tripartite Review meeting was held at the Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan (CNP-A) Headquarter in Kabul. The purpose of the meeting was to share and discuss the UNODC law enforcement project TD/AFG/G38 and TD/AFG/H10. Representatives from Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Counter Narcotics, Government of UK and UNODC participated in the meeting. All participants endorsed the plans for the above mentioned projects to include expansion of programs to other key provincial locations. The expansion projects were based on the priority list of the Ministry of Interior.

VI. FIELD MISSION

In continuation with the implementation of UNODC law enforcement project TD/AFG/H16 an assessment and fact-finding mission to the Afghan – Iran border was conducted. The purpose of this mission was to meet the head of the border police in Herat and visit 10 border posts which have already been constructed by the government of Iran. During the meeting with the Director of the 6th Brigade of the Afghan Border Police some of the major issues such as lack of safe drinking water, lack of proper mobility (Communication system and Vehicles) and unimproved access roads between the border posts were discussed. After a briefing from the UNODC on project AFG/H16 the director of 6th Brigade pledged to fully cooperate in the implementation of this project with UNODC.

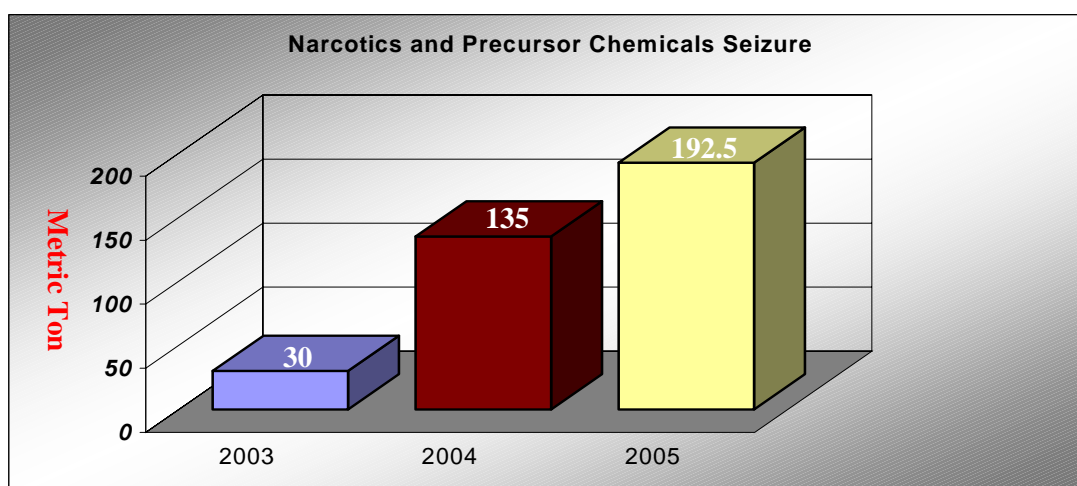
On October 12-14, 2005, UNODC along with the deputy director of the Afghan border police, and Director of the 6th Brigade conducted two field trips to the Afghan – Iran border. During the visit the following major deficiencies were noted:

- The roads between the border posts were very bad. It is at times impossible to go post to post especially during the winter.
- None of the border posts have access to clean drinking water. At this time pack animals are used to haul in water.
- Most of the items provided by Iran have already been damaged.
- Most of the water supply and drainage systems pipes have been damaged.
- In some of the border posts almost all of the water pipes are blocked due to unavailability of water.
- The border posts have not been wired for electricity.
- Some of the border posts have not been provided with fuel tanks.
- Almost all of the visited border posts need some refurbishment work due to visible physical structural problem such as cracks.
- No day binoculars have yet been given to the border posts' troops.



VII. SIEZURE:

During the year 2005 a considerable amount of narcotics were seized by CNP-A and ANSF (Anti-Narcotics Special Force). The seized narcotics consisted of heroin, morphine, hashish, opium and different types of the precursor chemicals used in the processing of heroin. In addition a number of weapons, ammunition, and radio communication equipment were seized. Raids were conducted on clandestine laboratories, bazaars, and residences. The following graph shows the narcotics seizures statistics in total:



Some Seizures

A. On 29 October 2005 officer of the Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan (CNP-A) in Mazar-e-Sharif successfully seized 12 Kg. of hashish and 68 Kg. of opium in the vicinity of Super Star Hotel. The drugs were concealed in hollow timbers and were destined for Kabul. One suspect was arrested during the operation. The case and the suspect were submitted to Prosecutors office under case No. 233/48 dated 30 October 2005.



B. On the evening of the 4 October 2005 near the village of Chakhargah officers of the 6th Brigade of the Afghan Border Police-Herat were given a tip that some drug smugglers had been seen waiting on a nearby hill top for nightfall so they could cross undetected into Iran. The Border Police officers went to investigate the area and when they moved up a bridge adjacent to the suspected location of the smugglers they were fired upon. A 30-40 minutes firefight ensued. The Border Police encircled the smugglers and continued to return fire. The smugglers dropped their stash and evaded. Over 40 Kg's of Heroin and Opium were seized. The seized heroin and opium was then delivered to the CNP-A Herat.

