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Canadian Senior Police Delegation Visits EUPOL

Left to right: Bill Blair, Sherry Whiteway, Bob Paulson, Chris Lewis, Dave Critchley and Mario Fournier with the EUPOL Deputy HoM, Geoffrey Cooper

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Transition Process Announced

On March 22, President Hamid Karzai announced the Transition process. This process will initiate a phased transition to Afghan leadership of national security, beginning in June 2011 in 4 Afghan provinces and 3 districts.

Since 2007, EUPOL Afghanistan has been assisting the Afghan Government in developing civilian policing structures within the Afghan National Police. The reform of the ANP aims at creating a sustainable, credible and accountable law enforcement system, capable of providing policing services within the wider rule of law framework.

EUPOL Afghanistan has witnessed a positive development of the ANP within the past year, in particular in the area of growth and training. With its focus on civilian policing and the interface between police and the judiciary, EUPOL aims to compliment the important and necessary efforts of other partners in theatre.

EUPOL will continue to train the leaders of the ANP and provide them with the necessary skills to lead and train the ANP into the future.

Transitioning districts will be of importance for EUPOL teams in the field, who will be expected at some point to develop and to take on a more substantive role as security progresses and the demand for civilian policing expertise increases. However this progress will not come easily.

EUPOL will continue the hard work in all our fields of expertise. I was happy to see that a new Call for Contributions from our Member States has been published. Over the next few months, I am looking forward to the arrival of our new colleagues with their enthusiasm and varied expertise, we will be in a better position to deliver on the objectives we have set as a mission. That is why I am confident to state that EUPOL is indeed moving forward.

Jukka Savolainen



EUPOL Head of Mission Jukka Savolainen

Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton in Response to President Karzai's Announcement on Transition in Afghanistan - 23 March 2011



Lady Catherine Ashton

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, made the following statement:

“President Karzai announced the start of the transition process in Afghanistan. The Afghan Government, supported by the international community, is embarking on a crucial period during which strong Afghan leadership will be of the essence.

With leadership comes accountability, both to the Afghan people as well as to international undertakings.

The EU stands ready to further support the transition process, in particular in the areas of governance, development and police reform.

The EU has a long-term commitment to assist Afghanistan with strengthening its democratic institutions, economic and social development, and to promoting effective regional cooperation. In this context, the EU is ready to further develop its own political and economic ties with Afghanistan.”



CoPP Training in Mazar



Adil Shah, Operational Team Commander of the Counter-Narcotics Department, and Appeal Trial Prosecutor Rahmatullah Mushfiq from Mazar City

With a small opening and cake ceremony, the inaugural EUPOL “CoPP” * training in Mazar got off the ground to an auspicious start. From 26th March to 7th April, 24 police officers and prosecutors are involved in a joint training course, to improve their mutual working methods and operating procedures. This course forms the first in a series of twenty courses to be delivered across Afghanistan.

The CoPP Team has spent a considerable amount of time recruiting and training ten Afghan trainers and they closely monitor and mentor the trainers throughout the CoPP course. EUPOL’s Cornelia Schneider, who devised the CoPP Project last year, explains the process: “It is fantastic to have Afghan trainers - the class is so much more engaged and lively because we are not bogged down with translations every minute of the day and the EUPOL mentors can focus on providing guidance and assistance when it really matters. We sit with participants whenever they are divided into working groups during the day and otherwise assist the trainers when needed. In addition, we spend at least one hour with the trainers at the end of

every day going through the strong points of the training, setting out points for improvement, and preparing the next day’s schedule, reminding them which exercises in the Manual they could focus on next.” Richard Bone, who accompanies the project on the EUPOL Mazar side, elaborates: “This training is not just about the Balkh police officers and prosecutors. We are also helping a future generation of Afghan trainers develop their potential. Their progress is visible every day.”

Yet of course the main purpose of the course is to help bring about more effective working practices for Balkh police and prosecution – a long process. Richard Bone and his colleagues in Mazar will continue accompanying participants long after the training is over. And participants seem to be looking forward to the challenge: “We had the trainers come up with a Dari saying that would best represent cooperation and the need to work together,” Cornelia says. “The trainers chose a popular Dari theme, the ‘tambourine,’ and slightly amended an existing saying, ending up with ‘Whatever I say, my tambourine should play to the same tune.’ The participants really connected with the idea of having to play in unison for a harmonious effect; they continue to talk about it. This is most promising.”



Samuniar Nasruddin, one of the characters of the case study

* The “Coordination of Police and Prosecutors” (CoPP) Project, financed by the Dutch government and implemented by EUPOL with the support of German GIZ-PIU, runs over a schedule of two years and targets some 500 regional and district participants. Prosecutors and police officers from the entire country are eligible to attend, one of the 20 two-week residential courses in five locations (Kabul, Mazar, Herat, Bamyan and Tarin Kowt). All training is conducted in local languages by ten specially trained Afghan CoPP Trainers, assisted by EUPOL mentors. The course manual was developed in a previous EUPOL/CMC Finland initiative by a working group of Afghan high-profile representatives of the Ministry of Interior, the Attorney General’s Office, the Afghan Independent Bar Association, the Ministry of Justice and the Supreme Court, and is financed by the Government of Finland.



Special Crime Scene Investigation Department

“During the last two years, we have been able to improve the way we do our work. We want to express our gratitude to EUPOL, and the other international experts that have been helping us to do so.”, Lt. Gen. Jamil Junbish said in a special ceremony held at March 27th at the Ministry of Interior. The event marked the two year anniversary of the inauguration of the Special Crime Scene Investigation Department. Since March 2009, EUPOL has worked to strengthen the capacity of the Special Crime Scene Investigation Department, so that the department will be skilled to investigate crime scenes in a professional manner.

As a result, a full investigative capability, both forensic and investigation, was compiled and it has been relentlessly developed ever since. EUPOL has advised, trained and equipped both constituents of Special Crime Scene Investigation Department that operate nationally in Afghanistan where very serious crimes, such as terrorist attacks, occur. Over the last two years, Special Crime Scene Investigation Department has investigated more than 260 criminal cases out of which 133 were terrorist attacks, suicide attacks and murders.

The ceremony was honored by the presence of Lt. Gen. Jamill Junbish, the Head of Anti Crime, Lt. Gen. Mohammad Yarmand, the Head of Crime Investigation Department, Mr. Uwe Mainz, EUPOL Head of the Police Component, and Colonel Ioan Campian, EUPOL’s CID Advisor and representatives from the NTM-A.



Colonel Ioan Campian (left) has been the EUPOL Mentor/Advisor to SCSID even before the inauguration

Leadership and Management Course



Handover of the certificates to the participants of the course

Sixteen heads of departments of the General Prosecution Department to Combat Crimes against Internal and External Security are right to be pleased with themselves. They have just completed a EUPOL Leadership and Management course providing basic management skills, new ideas, and perhaps an inspiration for leadership, too.

The course with topics such as strategic planning, implementation of organizational change and diversity within a professional environment, should have a significant impact on the work of their departments’, as the trainees of the course, work in vital leadership positions within their organisation. Even the director of the department, Major General Said Noorullah, was amongst the participants graduating from the EUPOL training course.

The closing ceremony of this course was on March 28th. Attorney General Aloko and Deputy Attorney General Amini were present and handed over certificates to the proud graduates.



Field Training and Education Officers Course



Graduation ceremony of the FTEOC

On March 30, sixteen new Afghan police trainers graduated from the EUPOL Field Training Education Officer course. During the three-week course, the Afghan officers learnt various training methods. The main topics were the principles of adult learning, team building, how to manage conflicts within a team, non-verbal communication, developing training goals and objectives and identifying suitable training methods of instruction.

The skills of the officers were put in a test during the course. All sixteen ANPs, who rank from first sergeant to captain, passed the mid-term and the final examinations. Furthermore, they all gave a presentation to demonstrate the knowledge that they have obtained during the training course. The graduates are from all branches of the

Afghan Police, and they are predominately stationed in Kabul or the provinces surrounding the capital. The course took place at new EUPOL training rooms at CTC.

Romanian Police Day Celebrated at EUPOL HQ

EUPOL's HoM BG Jukka Savolainen and Deputy HoM Geoffrey Cooper congratulated the Romanian contingent on the occasion of the Romanian Police Day and thanked them for their support to the EUPOL Mission.



EUPOL HoM congratulates Cristian Franculescu on his promotion on the occasion of the Romanian Police Day. Cristian became a colonel.



The Portrait: Frank Stoldt, Germany - Chess Boxing World Champion



Captain Frank Stoldt

Captain Frank Stoldt is working as a Senior Training Course Developer in Command and Accelerated Promotion Programme at the EUPOL Staff College. He has been working as a police officer for 22 years. Back home, he has worked with the anti-riot police and has policed large public events in Berlin such as soccer games, state visits, rallies and demonstrations.

Captain Frank worked as a platoon leader for eight years and was leading a team of 38 officers.

“My last Police task before joining the Mission was at the main office of crime prevention at the Police Headquarters in Berlin. As an administrator for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, I led and supported building and planning projects in different areas of Berlin. We worked closely together with

external planning consultants and other government institutions: The aim was to create security in the city by design”, said Captain Frank. As Senior Training Course Developer/Trainer (Command & Accelerated Promotion Programme), Frank is responsible for the design, development and subsequent delivery of high quality training products to senior Afghan National Police officers in relation to Senior Command & Accelerated Promotion Programmes. The Accelerated Promotion Programme will comprise of a developmental structure, aimed at preparing and equipping police officers for senior posts within the Afghan National Police. The APP will offer accelerated career challenges and personal growth opportunities, which will seek to optimize leadership and management potential.

Captain Frank was a Chess Boxing World Champion in Cruiserweight 2007. According to the World Chessboxing Organisation, Chessboxers go through alternating four-minute long rounds of chess and three-minute boxing rounds with a one-minute break in between. A maximum total of 11 rounds are fought out-six rounds of chess and five rounds of boxing are possible. The fight begins with a round of chess. Each player has a respite of 12 minutes during the game of chess, which means the maximum duration of the whole chess game is 24 minutes. A Knock Out or checkmate can lead to an early win, and the fight can also be cut short if a player exceeds the chess time limit or the referee decides the fight has to be aborted. If the game of chess ends with a draw, it is settled with the points earned in the boxing rounds. If the boxing fight ends with a tie too, the player who has played with the black pieces on the chessboard wins.

In 2007, Captain Frank joined his first mission “UNMIK” in Kosovo. He worked as a team leader of Enhancement Forces in Mitrovica. He says “During my break time, I used to play chess up in the north with some Serbs and in the late evening I trained boxing down the south with the Albanians. During my leave time back home I managed to win the Cruiserweight World Championship in Chessboxing against Devid Depto from the USA. One year later I lost the title to an enormous talented young Russian Chessboxer named Nikolay Sazhin.”

One can meet Frank in EUPOL HQ after office time in the Gym. He also gives boxing lessons and loves to play chess in the Cabana.



EUPOL TODAY

(31 March, 2011) EUPOL's mission strength is currently 317 internationals (184 police officers, 47 Rule of Law experts and 86 civilian experts) and 172 nationals. The 317 internationals are deployed as follows: 225 at the EUPOL HQ in Kabul (including five assigned to the International Police Coordinating Board, IPCB Secretariat); 89 in the regions; and 3 providing support within the Mission Support Element in Brussels.

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Mission Statement: *EUPOL Afghanistan shall significantly contribute to the establishment under Afghan ownership of sustainable and effective civilian policing arrangements, which will ensure appropriate interaction with the wider criminal justice system, in keeping with the policy advice and institution building work of the Community, Member States and other international actors. Further the Mission will support the reform process towards a trusted and efficient police service, which works in accordance with international standards, within the framework of the rule of law and respects human rights.*

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2007/369/CFSP of 30 May 2007 on establishment of the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan

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