



ANSF officers learn how to better equip Afghan forces

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Officers from the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police recently graduated from the Afghanistan Intermediate Project Management Course, Defense Acquisition University, at the ANA Logistics Command compound.

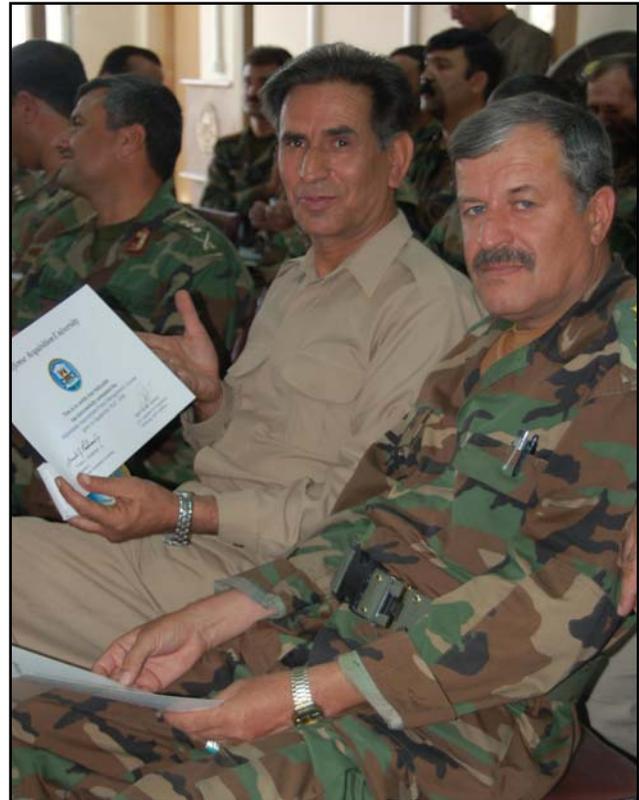
This was the first time representatives from both the Afghan Ministries of Defense and Interior participated together in the 10-day program, which focuses on defense acquisition requirements, market research, ethics, contracting and logistics.

“This is the first time I participated in such a course,” said ANP Col. Abdul Samad, one of the six honor graduates of the class. “The most useful thing I learned was how to purchase better arms and equipment for the police force.”

He said acquiring weapons and ammunition, as well as more effective training, is a top priority for the ANP, and that this class helped him prepare for these challenges. In turn, the class will help the Afghan Security Forces provide logistical support to the front-line units, increasing Afghanistan’s stability.

“To decrease casualties,” Colonel Samad said, “we need to increase the numbers, capabilities and education of the ANSF.”

Members from the Afghan and international com-



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Afghan National Police and Army officers show off their certificates of completion from the Afghanistan Intermediate Project Management Course, Defense Acquisition University.

munity came together to teach the third graduating class, consisting of 40 colonels and lieutenant colonels, how to get the best value of equipment with the ANSF budgets.

ANA Col. Abdul Salaam said the support function is critical for high morale and support to the front-line warriors.

“With these (acquisition) lessons, we are better able to defend this country,” he added

DAU courses are available to ANSF members on a quarterly-basis, and by selection only. 

Left: An ANA logistics officer receives a certificate and coin upon graduation from the Intermediate Project Management Course.

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