



MoD, MoI visit Herat, ask for national support

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HERAT, Afghanistan — Officials from the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Defense gathered here Nov. 28 to discuss the importance of Afghanistan's security and the role its people share in it. Officials discussed how the Afghan people can make a difference in the safety of their nation by supporting and joining the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police.

“Based on the expanse of the country, its challenges and the country's rehabilitation, we realize that we need more troops and we need your help,” said Dr. Yusuf Ahmmad Nuristani, MoD first deputy minister.

The minister said that the country realized it will need to increase the size of the ANA. It needs the support and understanding of the Afghan people in continuing the growth of its security forces.

“The ANA and the ANP cannot do anything without your help and co-operation,” he said. “Persuade your children and family members to join the security forces and help beat the enemies of this country.”

The MoI deputy minister of security echoed this sentiment.

“The current ANP establishment is not enough to answer the challenges in this country,” he said. “We need more troops with a strong desire to bring security to this country.”

In addition to the efforts of the tribal leaders and the Afghan citizens, the deputy minister highly recommended



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Local leaders from the Herat province discussed their concerns with the current security of Afghanistan and its plans for the future.

the people in the Herat province join the ANA and share pride in creating a safer environment to live in.

“With your help, the ANA can achieve the respect of its people,” the deputy minister said. “The ANA is made of your children, your brothers and your loved ones and we need to support them and make them strong so Afghanistan can be strong.”

In closing remarks, the officials urged the people of Herat to help make Afghanistan safe and whole

again. By keeping a watchful eye on those who live around them and encouraging people to be just and kind, they can strengthen the nation's security.

“It is your responsibility to talk and negotiate with the opposition and make them (support) the government of Afghanistan,” said Doctor Nuristani. “This is your country and your people, be kind to them.”

The MoD and the MoI will next visit Gardez. 

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