



ANA receives donation of equipment, enhancing security

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KABUL, Afghanistan – At a handing over ceremony Dec. 12 at the Logistics Command headquarters, Mr. Rakaish Sood, India's Ambassador to Afghanistan, signed over a donation valued at about \$3 million to Minister of Defense Rahim Wardak.

This contribution to the effectiveness and survivability of the Afghan National Army by the Government of India takes the form of several pieces of security equipment.

"I deeply appreciate and thank India for its donation to the ANA," said Minister Wardak. "Helping the ANA is not only helping Afghanistan's security and stability, but it is also helping the ANA fight terrorism, counter narcotics and organized crime and assist in bringing peace and stability to the entire region," he added.

Speaking on behalf of the Indian government, Mr. Sood expressed that he saw this as only



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Some of the items donated to the ANA by the Indian Government were on display at the ceremony. Bullet-proof observation posts, like the one in the inset, were also donated.

a small beginning, but the list of equipment contradicted that. The donation included 150 bullet-proof observation posts, 15,000 rolls of barbed wire, 2,500 Individual Body Armor and helmets, de-min-

ing equipment and 1,000 laser sights.

"We remain ready to contribute in whichever way it would be considered suitable and desirable to help the people and the government of Afghanistan," said Mr. Sood.

India and Afghanistan have had close relations for centuries. This donation is India's latest contribution, and further improves the ANA's capability and survivability.

"India has played a significant role in the rehabilitation of Afghanistan," said Minister Wardak. "It's assistance is dramatically visible. I hope this relationship develops and strengthens in the future, especially in the military area." 

Minister of Defense Rahim Wardak signed for and accepted, on behalf of the ANA, a donation from the Indian Government in a recent ceremony at the Logistics Command headquarters.

