



Mol debuts National Police Command Center



President Hamid Karzai applauds the grand opening of the National Police Command Center Dec. 16. (Photos by Army Maj. Sheldon Smith.)

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KABUL, Afghanistan – The Ministry of Interior hosted a ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new Afghan National Police Command Center Dec. 16 at the MoI Compound. President Hamid Karzai was in attendance along with the MoI leadership.

Operations began at the new center Nov. 30. The new \$3.4 million facility, funded by the United States, enables a direct link and command and control with the five Afghan National Police Regional Command Centers, as well as coordination with other agencies, such as the Ministry of Defense.

It replaces the former NPCC that was located in the Ministry of Interior headquarters building. The facility boasts the latest in technology and provide a greater

amount of dedicated space as the central nerve center for the ANP. The new expanded facilities provide working areas and equipment to report, assess, coordinate and initiate responses during civil disasters, civil unrest and insurgent operations.

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NPCC chief of operations

“Establishment of NPCC is another milestone for the Ministry of Interior,” said President Karzai. “Thirty years of war demolished all infrastructures of our Ministries of Defense and Interior. But with the establishment of facilities such as the NPCC, I’m confident in the ANP’s ability to improve, tackle crimes and help Afghanistan be safe again.”

The heart of the facility is the central watch floor. This provides leaders with optimum command and control capability so they will be able to more effectively plan, coordinate and direct the execution of police operations. The facility also includes conference rooms,

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President The Afghan National Police Honor Guard lined lined up for the arrival of President Karzai at the grand opening of the National Police Command Center Dec. 16 at the Ministry of Interior compound.

office spaces for senior leadership and a dining facility.

The NPCC Chief of Operations is Brig. Gen. Muhammad Wasim Azimi, who heads a multi-function team consisting of numerous liaison officers within the ANP, including logistics, personnel, communications, intelligence, counter-terrorism, counter-narcotics, criminal investigation division, border police and standby police. Liaison officers from the Afghan National Army and International Security Assistance Force are also integral members of the team.

The general sees the opening of the NPCC as pivotal in making the ANP a strong and efficient security force with enhanced interoperability with other key agencies within the government and the international coalition.

“This center enables MoI to communicate with its provincial units, the ANA command and control center, and ANA units in the regions,” said General Azimi. “This facility will help us create better coordination between Afghan National Army and ANP and International Security Assistance Force.”

This is a major milestone in the continuing evolution of the Ministry of Interior and the Afghan National Police’s service to the people of Afghanistan. 



Afghan children greeted distinguished guests and visitors at th NPCC grand opening.