



Minister of the Interior Zazar Ahmad Moqbil reviews assembled Afghan National Police troops during a recent ceremony marking the opening of the Kabul Joint Regional Coordination Center. (Photos by PO1 Scott Cohen.)



Kabul welcomes new Joint Regional Coordination Center

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KABUL, Afghanistan — During a recent ceremony, the newly established Kabul Joint Regional Coordination Center was officially opened. The center is an operational headquarters designed to facilitate close coordination between Afghan security organizations.

“Today, we are witnesses to the fact that real coordination between the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police has been established,” said Zazar Ahmad Moqbil, Afghan Minister of the Interior. “With the help of the ANA, security forces and international forces, we wish to perform our duties sufficiently. I want the ANP to assist in building new systems and exacting reforms.”

Kabul’s JRCC is one of five in the nation. All provide a means to conduct more rapid security responses to protect the Afghan people, synchronize the use of security forces and help communicate crisis to Kabul and the central government.

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During the opening ceremony, which was attended by Major Gen. Robert Durbin, Commanding General of Moqbil emphasized the importance of a police force that builds a feeling of security among the people.

“When can we assure our people they are secure?” Moqbil asked the 300 police officers assembled, “Once we are assigned according to the law, serve and act according to the law and perform our duties with loyalty.”

Kabul’s JRCC, which is manned 24-hours a day, is headed primarily by ANP, but also includes representation from the ANA and other security organizations. All of Afghanistan’s Regional Coordination Centers are linked by radio communications to 29 Provincial Coordination Centers throughout the nation, according to the Ministry of the Interior.

The other coordination centers in Mazar E Sharif, Gardez, Kandahar and Herat will open within a week of each other and subsequently begin communications with the National Police Communication Center at the MOI in Kabul.

All centers are equipped with radios, vehicles and trained personnel. 