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Pol-e-Charkhi Fire Dept. is always ready

By Capt. Mirza M. Uadil-yar
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The garrison fire station has a new training schedule of lectures and practical exercises to gain more firefighting experience and better execute their mission.

Personnel at the Pol-e-Charkhi Fire Station have been issued modern vehicles and equipment and have a professional staff prepared to react to difficult circumstances.

“We are ready to stop fires and accidents inside the garrison,” said Maj. Ahmad Ali, the fire station officer in charge. “By order of the garrison commander and the 201st Corps command group, we can also execute our mission in every part of Kabul.

“We have enough equipment to rescue people and protect their livelihood,” he added.

Ali added that the aim of the fire station is not just to serve the government, but to serve the people both on and around Pol-e-Charkhi.



Photos by Pol-e-Charkhi Garrison PAO



ABOVE: Two Soldiers with the Pol-e-Charkhi Fire Department conduct a rooftop rehearsal for fighting fires. LEFT: Maj. Ahmad Ali, the fire station's officer in charge, instructs his personnel on how to properly use the equipment.



Martyr memories

Soldier Naqibulah, son of Abdul Wakheel, with 4th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 201st Corps, was born in Hazar Bagh in Takhar province.

During a mission in the Surobi district of Kabul, Naqibulah was part of a convoy hit by an improvised explosive device placed inside

the road Nov. 30, 2009. When the IED exploded he died in service of his country and his people, and was rewarded with martyrdom by the 3rd Brigade religious office.

His comrades will never forget him.

CORPS COMMANDER QUOTES

“The Afghan National Army is a savior of territory -- a protector -- and a benefit to the entire nation. We will achieve our goals by increasing our capabilities and continuously conducting professional training.”

“The facilities that the officers of the international community are providing to us should be used for the progress of our nation and our people.”

“While we increase our readiness, we should also improve our own personal and professional training.”

-- Maj. Gen. Mohammad Raheem Wardak
201st Corps commanding general

201st corps holds Personnel Seminar

By Staff Sgt. Ramin Sahmadi
201st Corps Public Affairs Office

The personnel department of 201st Corps conducted a seminar to share experiences and improve performance here Jan. 11.

Brig. Gen. Mohammad Akbar Youldash, 201st Corps deputy commander; Col. Qurban Nazer, G1 officer in charge; Col. Abdullah, the deputy G1; Col. Ghulam Akhbar, the transportation officer; and personnel Soldiers from many companies participated in the seminar.

Participants offered their opinions and discussed solutions to authorization problems for NCOs and soldiers on the new forms, mistakes in tasks, and officer promotions based on capability and experience. Regulations were the emphasis of the meeting.

“This type of Seminar is important for correcting mistakes,” Youldash said.



Photo by Sgt. Rahmudeen Nangarhari

Col. Qurban Nazer gives suggestions for improving mission performance during the seminar.



Photo by Capt. Naseema, 201st Corps Religious Department

Maj. Shah Bagam, 201st Corps Religious Department family support officer consoles and comforts a child and provides winter clothes to him.

Family support assists martyr's families

By Major Shah Begam
Family Support Officer, 201st Corps Religion Department

Family support officers from the 201st Corps religious department recently provided aid to families of martyrs from the 201st Corps.

On Jan. 4 they went to the home of Capt. Habibur Rahman, formerly the finance officer for the 201st Corps. There they donated winter clothes, childrens toys and stationary to his family.

In December the family support officers donated approximately 15,000 Afghani to provide aid to nine martyr families from the Ministry of Defense based on the need of the families.

They also visited wounded personnel of the 201st Corps in Sardar Dawoud Khan (Ministry of Defense) Hospital and contributed clothing and shower items to them.

It is the Islamic and humanitarian responsibility of every ANA Soldier to take care of a martyr's family.

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Suicide bombings are attack against Islam

By Lt. Col. Qadruddin
201st Corps Islamic training officer

Human life has a lot of value in Islam, according to the sayings of Allah. Almighty Allah said that anyone who kills an innocent person is going to Hell, and he will stay in Hell forever. Twice in the Holy Quran, Almighty Allah says that to kill one innocent person is the same as killing every person on earth, and to rescue a person's life has the same meaning as rescuing every life on Earth.

Only Almighty Allah has more value and importance than human blood and life, so it is clear that suicide attacks are against Islam.

Almighty Allah said not to put yourself in a trap. Even to throw away your own life is wrong. Human life is entrusted to God, no one has the right to kill himself.

In the past, former enemies of Islam, humanitarians and those of different beliefs than Mohammad (Peace be Upon Him) became regretful and joined Islam. In conflicts and wars it may be required to kill the enemy to save innocent lives, but to kill others because they are not Islam is wrong.

These days, the Taliban place bombs -- improvised explosive devices -- beside the roads and conduct suicide attacks in the Muslim name, killing innocent people in our country and calling it an Islamic priority. These actions are not just against Islam, but they are inhumane and, indeed, a disgrace to Islam.

All over the world, Muslims discuss peace and prosperity in accordance with the Islam religion, but unfortunately, to the international community the Islam image is stained by the sadism of suicide attacks. The enemy are practically making these attacks against Islam itself.



Photo by Sgt. Rahmudeen Nangarhari

Lt. Col. Qadruddin, 201st Corps Islamic training officer, gives a lecture to personnel from the Mine Clearing Company about how suicide attacks are a horrid action against Islam, because the Taliban's suicide bombers are ruining the international image of Islam.

In the historical life of Mohammad (PBUH), there were many wars where the Muslims were weak, and their enemies were well-equipped ... but never did these Muslims resort to suicide attacks.

In the history of Islam, it is the honest people who have benefited. Islamic scholars reject Taliban activity and their propaganda. True Muslims save people.

It needs to be mentioned that the name of Islam should not be slandered by suicide attacks.



Photo by Sgt. Rahmudeen Nangarhari

Seeking knowledge

Khan Mohammad, a literacy instructor for Pol-e-Charkhi, teaches Soldiers how to read and write. Besides serving their country, these Soldiers are using the Afghan National Army as a good opportunity to get an education and overcome illiteracy.

The value of good health



Capt. (Dr.) Mohammad Dad Mohammad Akhazadi gives the HBS vaccine to Staff Sgt. Ramin Sahmadi, 201st Corps Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Atiqullah Wali-zadha

Pol-e-Charkhi garrison administers HBS vaccine

By Sgt. 1st Class Atiqullah Wali-zadha
201st Corps Public Affairs Office

The 201st Corps began the administration of about 3,600 Hepatitis B vaccine Jan. 10 at the Pol-e-Charkhi clinic.

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Mine Clearing Company, Military Police, Commando Battalion, 3rd Brigade Headquarters and several 3rd Brigade battalions in Pol-e-Charkhi were given the vaccine, according to Dr. Jouma Gul Maqbal, the head surgeon at the post clinic.

“This is a process in progress,” Maqbal said. “The vaccine will prevent Soldiers from catching ‘Black Typhoid’ (the Afghan nickname for the disease.)”



Capt. (Dr.) Sher Mohammad Wardak, Pol-e-Charkhi Medical Clinic dentist, conducts an oral examination for an officer at the garrison clinic, Jan. 12. The clinic is open 24 hours a day for garrison personnel.

Photo by Pol-e-Charkhi Garrison PAO

3rd Brigade Soldier gets decade in prison for double manslaughter

By 201st Corps Legal Office

A Headquarters and Headquarters Company Soldier with the 3rd Tank Battalion of 3rd Brigade, 201st Corps, was sentenced to ten years in prison and fined 2,500 Afghani here, Jan. 5, after pleading guilty to two accounts of attacking other Soldiers with an intent to kill and using illegal narcotics.

Ali Khan, son of Habibullah, was on a mission in Kapisa Province’s Nigrab district on Oct. 12. During the serving of dinner, he was arguing with another soldier. Ali grabbed his rifle and shot the soldier twice, wounding him. Ali was disarmed and arrested by his platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Alam.

During the initial investigation, Ali acknowledged that he had been attempting to commit murder and had also been using hash. He was still under the custody of the attorney as an accused person, when he attacked another person on Oct. 14, biting another detainee on the back of the neck.

At the 201st Corps primary court, Ali confessed to the justice department delegation repeatedly that he had been attempting to kill.

Crime is an action that hurts everyone. By our orders and regulations we determine how crimes will be punished.

Let Ali Khan’s punishment be an example, and do your part to prohibit criminal behavior.