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SLUG: AFGHAN DOCTORS DISCUSS HEALTH CARE IN CONFERENCE

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IMPROVING AFGHAN MILITARY HEALTH CARE IS A CRITICAL BATTLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TALIBAN. EXPERIENCED PHYSICIANS, QUALITY EQUIPMENT, AND STANDARDS ACROSS THE BOARD ADD TO THE CREDIBILITY OF THE COUNTRY. TECH SERGEANT ADRIENNE BRAMMER EXPLAINS HOW AFGHAN DOCTORS HOPE TO ACHIEVE THESE PRIORITIES.

SCRIPT:

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND COALITION MENTORS FROM AROUND AFGHANISTAN MET FOR TWO DAYS TO DISCUSS THE HEALTH CARE AFGHAN SOLDIERS RECEIVE. THIS IS THE 6TH AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES MEDICAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND THE FIRST TO BE HOSTED IN KANDAHAR.

Col Abdul Baseer Elaj

Kandahar Regional Hospital Commander

"We had five leadership conferences in Kabul, but this is the first time that we're conducting the conference here. We have a lot of casualties over here and the

workload is here and also the main focus of ANA system is in Kandahar. That's why we're conducting this conference over here."

CDR Sean Sullivan

NTM-A Deputy Command Surgeon

"~~The intent of this conference is to disseminate information from the Kabul area, where the medical command leadership exists, down to the Corps surgeons and the regional Hospital commanders.~~ It's an opportunity for not only the sharing of information but the developing of ideas in order to solve the problems that we're struggling with in the ANA healthcare system." (:30)

THE GOALS OF THE MULTI-NATIONAL 20-11 CONFERENCE INCLUDED IMPROVING LOGISTICS AND KEEPING BETTER TRACK OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

Col Abdul Baseer Elaj

"~~Annually we conduct this type of conference two times a year.~~ The main purposes of our conferences are to evaluate the medical care in our system, what are our challenges, and how should we respond to the needs of the Afghan soldiers all over Afghanistan."

"~~And our main mission is the Office of the Surgeon General and the whole ANA system. Their priority is to provide good medical care for our injured individuals.~~"

"We started from zero and right now we have a lot of equipment, a lot of facilities, so we are on a level that we longed for in the past."

ORGANIZERS PLAN TO HAVE TWO CONFERENCES EVERY YEAR AND ALTERNATE THEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO DISPLAY THE SUCCESSES OF EACH REGIONAL HOSPITAL. TECH SERGEANT ADRIENNE BRAMMER, KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN.