



SECURITY ASSISTANCE

ONE OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE CZECH RECONSTRUCTION TEAM IN LOGAR IS SECURITY REINFORCEMENT. SUPPORT FOR SECURITY PROJECTS IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT ONLY A SECURE ENVIRONMENT CAN MAKE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER AREAS POSSIBLE.

The Czech PRT focuses on cooperation with both the Afghan National Police (ANP) and the Afghan National Army (ANA). The police, which in Logar consists of about 860 members, suffers in particular from a lack of equipment and regular training. Another serious problem is low motivation of the policemen and frequent personnel changes or resignations. This might be among the reasons why police are such an easy target for the Taliban and other armed groups.

In terms of security, one of the biggest projects of the Czech team is a complete refurbishment of five checkpoints on the main Logar road between the capital Kabul and Paktia province. Keeping this highway secure is crucial for both the economy of the region and for the authority of the provincial government. Before the reconstruction, these police checkpoints were mostly in state of disrepair – there was no electricity and

their capacity for self-defense was very insufficient. After the reconstruction and the wind power installation, the policemen have significantly better conditions for work and better possibilities to protect themselves and to rest.

The Reconstruction Team also built a training center for the Afghan Police, which is soon to acquire the status of a provincial police academy. The center has spaces for instruction, a climbing wall for high altitude training or a hurdle track.

“The men from my unit have already done the course run by the Czechs and they gained some valuable experience. It’s not important if a person is holding a gun but if he knows how to use it. That’s why I am here.” Emaduddin, an Afghan police officer

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While the renovation projects are carried out mostly by the PRT's civilian section in cooperation with the leadership of the Afghan Security Forces, the military section of the Reconstruction Team is involved in intensive training of the Afghan police. Over a period of 18 months, the Czech team trained hundreds of Logar policemen, who gained experience in basic skills such as weapons handling, self-defense, building and vehicle searches and physical training. Since bleeding to death is a frequent cause of death among Afghan police officers, the training also includes basic skills of first aid.

Other projects include the reconstruction of an army base, supply of basic equipment such as reflective vests, metal detectors, signal arms etc., and the refurbishment of the army headquarters in the capital of Logar province Pol-e Alam. Several police stations were built: one in the strategically important pass of Tangi Waghjan and the other three in the districts of Azra, Khushi and Charkh.

Two new checkpoints will be built in Baraki Barak and Khoshi districts to allow local policemen to guard strategically important roads to Wardak and to Pakistan.

- Seven checkpoints for 100 policeman on the main Logar road underwent refurbishment.

- A new training center helps the education and training of more than 900 members of ANP.

- In Pole Alam a new administration building for security forces was constructed.