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TURKISH HELICOPTERS ARRIVE



Photo: Anne-Claude Gouy

Two Antonov 124s and one C-130 brought helicopters and personnel.

By Anne-Claude Gouy

Last month ISAF's capability was re-enforced by three additional helicopters. The three Turkish UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters arrived onboard two specially chartered Antonov heavy lift transport aircraft and were welcomed at Kabul international airport by NATO's Senior Civilian Representative, H.E. Hikmet Cetin and ISAF's Deputy Commander Air, Brig. Gen. Gero Schachthoefner.

KAIA - Turkey already has over 160 soldiers currently serving with ISAF-- the helicopter detachment means an additional 56 Turkish personnel including 12 pilots and 16 technicians.

Logistics support

The Blackhawks will be used primarily as troop carriers and logistics support aircraft but generally, they can also be configured to carry out medical evacuation, command

and control, search and rescue, armed escort and executive transport missions.

The Blackhawks will be assigned to ISAF for six months, during which time they can expect to be kept very busy. For Turkey, operating helicopters on peacekeeping operations outside of their own country is a new experience. They will be assisted by the Dutch and German contingents and we wish them a successful deployment with ISAF.



Photo: Anne-Claude Gouy

NATO and Turkey personalities (here H.E. Hikmet Cetin and Brig.Gen. Gero Schachthoefner) were all here to welcome the Turkish crew.

To make Kabul safer



Photo: Lt. Ciro Parisi

Many anti-tank mines were neutralized.

By Lt. Ciro Parisi

Two Italian Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams attached to the Multinational Engineering Group have been carrying out intensive unexploded ordnance clearing operations on the northern outskirts of Kabul.

The clearance programme, which started last month, has so far blasted some 650 objects, including 520 grenades of various calibre from 55 to 120 mm, 129 rocket propelled guns and some 360 fuses. In the suburbs of Kabul, using a render safe procedure, some further 235 objects, among them many anti-tank mines, were neutralized.

In addition to clearing unexploded objects, the two teams have also used sweeping and monitoring devices, metal detectors and prodders to clear an increasing wider area enhancing the security of the city for both the local population and ISAF personnel.

Lt. Carmine Evangelista, Incident Commander of the Multinational Engineering Group, said *"In the delicate process of stabilisation, the goal of the Italian bomb disposal experts is to provide a solid contribution to ISAF by securing a safe environment both for the local population and for the increasing number of ISAF personnel as the process of enlargement gets underway"*.



Photo: Lt. Ciro Parisi

The Italian EOD teams have also used sweeping and monitoring devices.

Animal Vaccination Programme

By Lt. Ciro Parisi

Sheep and goats are the only source of lively hood for much of Afghans people but many of the animals are infested with parasites, which are easily passed on to human beings.

In order to minimise the spread of disease and ensure healthy livestock, ISAF's Italian and French contingents have been involved in an active vaccination programme of flocks of sheep and goats in the villages of North West Afghanistan.



At Bara aw Dara, around 450 animals were vaccinated.

The local population has expressed considerable gratitude for this kind of assistance from ISAF, appreciating that it will improve their quality of life immeasurably. Lt. Col. Umberlo LUSENA, the Italian contingent veterinary said, *"The vaccines being used are some of the latest generation of sanitary treatments available. They are very effective at controlling parasitical infection, but just as importantly, they are harmless to human consumption and don't leave any residue in the milk or the meat, the primary source of sustenance for the population."*

From bullet to ballot



ISAF Supports Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Process.

By Cdr. Sue Eagles

To date, a total of 83 tanks, 17 armoured vehicles and 118 pieces of artillery have been handed in as part of ISAF's Heavy Weapons Cantonment operation in Kabul. The operation is now into its final phase and this month the 99th Air Defence Rocket Brigade from Charahi Qamber, Kabul, turned in its heavy weapons and began the demobilisation of its soldiers.

Part of the long-term solution to Afghan security, envisaged by the Bonn Agreement of December 2001, is that private, regional armies are disarmed and demobilised and a national Afghan Army and Police Force are built up answering only to the legitimate central government in Kabul. As well as planning and executing cantonment operations, ISAF is also facilitating the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Programme (DDR) run by Japan. The DDR aims to reintegrate former fighters into society by helping them train for civilian jobs or by integrating them into the Afghan Army.

The demobilisation of the 99th Air Defence Rocket Brigade was marked by a ceremony in Pol-e-Charki which was attended by Ambassador Kinichi Komano from Japan, members of the local and international media and various

government members from the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan including Gen. Abdurahim Wardak, first Deputy Minister of Defence. Approximately 60 SA-2 and SA-3 heavy air defence missiles were turned in and 75 soldiers and officers of the brigade were released from their duties to begin a new life. *"A new season starts in Afghan history. DDR is the honourable and simple way toward a normal life for officers and soldiers"*, said Mr. Komano.

Several ethnic groups, one army

Gen. Wardak added: *"The fighters fought honourably and bravely during the years of war. Now the time for fighting is over. Now is the time for peace and reconstruction. The DDR process will be implemented all over the country. All the Afghan armed militias that are not part of the Afghan National Army will be disarmed"*. With over 10 million guns thought to be in circulation in Afghanistan the DDR process has been a difficult one to implement.

But Gen. Wardak concluded : *"In the future there will be only one national army in Afghanistan. This army will be composed of our brothers and sons from different tribes and ethnic groups. It will represent everyone in the country"*.

Italian gift to Afghan children

By Lt. Ciro Parisi



“Reviving a hope for Kabul” is the project launched last January by the 5th Artillery Regiment Superga which aimed to collect school material in Italy for distribution in Afghanistan.

Udkheyl - A part of this material has been distributed by the CIMIC team of Italfor Contingent to the children of a school, located in



The volunteers were numerous to distribute the material to the children.



Thanks to Italian students and Italian soldiers, Afghan children recovered the smile.

North East Kabul. Thanks to eight Italian schools and the entire communities of the Venice and Treviso provinces, “Reviving a hope for Kabul”

today is only at its beginning, with the distribution of two tons of material both in elementary and high school classes. The teaching staff and the students showed particular appreciation for this form of support, giving great value for what the Italian soldiers of ISAF are doing for their future.

“All children have the right to study, because it’s at the basis of the freedom and the destiny of a people; this is the reason why we thank the students and the institutions all over the world for what they have collected for us. It is with great pleasure that we thank the Italian contingent of ISAF for what they have done,” were the thankful words Mr. Baz Mohammad KHAN, headmaster of the school, said to Lt. Col. Maurizio GULOTTA, Deputy Commander of Italfor contingent.

Comrades in Arms

By Maj. Guillermo Carrasco

A memorial service was held at the Spanish Compound at Camp Warehouse on 26 May to commemorate the lives of the sixty-two Spanish servicemen who died in an aircraft accident over Turkey a year ago. The Spanish Army and Air Force personnel had just completed a four month period of duty with ISAF in Kabul.

The Spanish Chaplain, Serrano Calvo, read a prayer in memory of these Spanish soldiers and airmen who lost their lives for Afghanistan.



Photo: Maj. Jorge Salvador

One year ago, sixty-two Spanish colleagues died in a aircraft accident going back home.

A job to get independence



Felicity with one of the most famous doll: the Hamid Karzai one!

Photo: Anne-Claude Gouy

By Cdr. Sue Eagles

ISAF's Canadian delegation has helped finance a small business making authentic Afghan dolls, providing work for nine Afghan women in one of the most impoverished parts of Kabul.

Kabul Dolls, was the brain child of Kabul resident and volunteer worker, Felicity Collins, who approached ISAF Headquarters for a small set up grant. Felicity, who helped establish a similar entrepreneurial enterprise for women in Pakistan selling fabrics to the fashion industry, said *"Afghanistan doesn't need gifts and hand outs, it needs business opportunities and innovative ways in which the people can earn their own living"*. The dolls are all hand-made using cottons, silks and fabrics from Afghanistan, and dressed in a range of authentic Afghan traditional dress. *"Our two most popular dolls are the Pashtun doll dressed in embroidered red velvet*

with gold trimmings and the Kuchi doll dressed in the distinctive Jelak robe with a karakul hat made of lambs wool," said Felicity. The dolls are authentic in every detail down to their shoes and bells and beads in their hair. Each doll takes between 4-5 women one day to produce. The dolls are sold for \$50 each. *"Most of the women who work for Kabul Dolls are widows, or their husbands are unemployed"* said Felicity. Kabul Dolls has very low overheads. The rented accommodation in which the women work has no electricity or running water. The sewing machines are all manual and the raw materials are all purchased in local Afghan bazaars. *"The opportunity to work is making a huge difference to their lives"*.



Photo: Anne-Claude Gouy

Each little detail is very important and is hand-made.

KAIA HANDOVER TO NATO



The Afghan gateway to the world is now under Nato command.

Photo: Anne-Claude Gouy

By Lt. Col. Klaus Geier

The hand-over, on 1 June, of responsibility for military operations at Kabul International Airport (KAIA) from Germany to NATO marked a decisive date in the reconstruction of Afghanistan. KAIA is Afghanistan's 'gateway to the

world' and the NATO operation at KAIA is crucial to sustain the current ISAF mission in Kabul and in the area of the PRTs in Kunduz and Mazar-e-Shariff.

The hand-over was marked by a ceremony at which deputy commander ISAF, Maj. Gen. Wolfgang Korte, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the outgoing German commander, Col. Michael Kuhn and his soldiers for their professional work and commitment over the past two years, and welcomed Col. Halli Sigurdson, the new commanding officer, from Iceland. Maj. Gen. Korte said *"Today, after fifteen months, a very successful operation comes to an end and I would like to thank each and every man and woman who has served in the German Air Force Operations Wing for their contribution and dedication, thousands of miles away from home and under most challenging circumstances"*.

ELIMINATING THE NBC THREAT

By Lt. Ciro Parisi



The Italian Nuclear Biological and Chemical (NBC) Company in Kabul carried out extensive analysis of a sample of suspicious liquid found in a cylindrical hermetic case in an ammunition bunker in the south west part of the city. The liquid was subjected to both chemical and radiological screening to detect the presence of any chemical or biological agents which could pose a threat to either the local population or ISAF personnel. After the first negative screenings performed at the site the liquid sample was then subjected to more detailed checks in the field laboratory in



PHOTO: CELESTANO

Camp Invictia. On completion of the procedures Capt. Antonio Pietrini, the NBC Company Commander's assured that the liquid was safe: *"The Chemical and Biological laboratory technicians, based on the tests, have been able to confirm that the liquid is a hydrocarbon mixture, potentially usable as launcher charge"*.

Differents uniforms for differents phases: sampling phase (up) and chemical screenings (left).



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EXPLOSIVE MISSION

By Master Sgt. Erwin Winner



Afghan Police authorities requested official assistance from German EOD specialists. 250 kg of explosives deposited behind the door panels of a Toyota vehicle parked in a garage had to be dealt with. A mission - inappropriate for nervous people. The "drivable bomb" was neutralised in textbook manner. Then the vehicle was given a piggy pack ride to open terrain and prepared for demolition. In a controlled detonation the white TNT Toyota station wagon was pulverized, leaving only parts of the engine block and two wheel suspensions. Mission fulfilled explosive vehicle demolished!



Photos: Master Sgt. Erwin Winner

250 kg of explosives were deposited behind the door panels of a Toyota vehicle parked in a garage.

A Present for



Photo: Anne-Claude Gouy

About two hundred children will leave their tent for their new school.

By Anne-Claude Gouy

ISAF civilian-military-cooperation (CIMIC) teams have three main missions: water installation, road construction and education for children. The education of Afghan children is one of the most important missions for every CIMIC team. Because of this, in August 2003, the French adopted a project for building a school in the Shamali Valley, and last month, it became a reality.

Abdareh - As with a lot of villages outside of the city of Kabul, you have to travel to the middle of nowhere to find Abdareh. In the deserted and arid landscape, if you pay attention, you will be able to see in the distance, far away from the main road, a blue house -- a brand new one.

Build the future

This school will welcome around 200 children from seven villages, many of whom have to travel three to four kilometers on foot to reach it. The school was inaugurated on 10 June by



Col. Lockhart cutting the French ribbon.

the Dhesabs Governor, Mr. Abdul Gaffar Barriollay, the French commander, Col. Jérôme Lockhart, and the Maleks of all

the surrounding villages. Since August 2003, when the project was initiated, the French CIMIC team provided tents, black boards and all material required for a classroom, and installed it beside the place where the new

school was to be located. All the children were impatient to see their new school opened. "They are so proud to have it! They were



Photo: Anne-Claude Gouy

Ten classrooms are now ready to welcome the children.

waiting for the end of the work having a look on it from their tent," said Mr. Khalilulleh, director of the school. The children attended the ceremony with grateful songs and prayers before receiving water flasks and sweets from the French and Canadian CIMIC teams.



Photo: Anne-Claude Gouy

The children thanked the French CIMIC with songs and prayers.

their Future



Photo: Ssgt. Fiona Stapley

Good example of cooperation

The third Tactical Support Team of the French CIMIC proceeded with this project in accordance with an established plan: first they evaluated the situation, second they met the governmental organizations,

the non-governmental organization and the local authorities, and third they proposed some simple projects for the population. *"We are working in cooperation and without any interference with the job of the international and non-governmental organizations. We provide first primary aid for the population, in order to have a better integration for the ISAF forces,"* said Maj. Eric Lelogeais, French CIMIC team leader.

Managed by the French CIMIC team who proposed it in August 2003, the project was

financed by the European Union in November 2003 (80,000 €), the work was done by an Afghan company, and the furniture was paid for by Canadian International Development Agency (4,000 €). *"We are working also in cooperation with the other CIMIC teams and with the engineers, and of course without any restriction regarding different ethnicity, religion or culture,"* said Lelogeais. Isn't it the best way to show that cooperation brings force and hope?



Photo: Anne-Claude Gouy

Canadian and French distributed some water flasks and sweets.

Colors of life for children of Malalaey

By Lt. Lisette Adelaar



The Dutch Apache unit at Kabul International Airport collected money for child day-care 'Malalaey' in Kabul City. But the unit does easy repairing at the child day-care itself. For a few weeks do-it-yourself



Dutch soldiers at work

working crews went to Malalaey to repair the kitchen outside the house, to paint the walls of the six rooms and put Plexiglas into the open windows.

After three weeks of work the walls have a colour, the ceiling is white, the windows have glass, there is a new main gate and the kitchen is almost finished. Gifts from one of the guys in the Dutch unit were wooden toys in the garden

of Malalaey. The toys draw a lot of attention of the children, at the same time they got educated about these things. It started with a house, after that a mosque, a passenger bus and a car followed. The official opening of the child day-care will come soon...



Photos: Lt. Lisette Adelaar

No need for a Playstation to make these children happy.



KABUL Multinational



TV hill road improvement.

Hellenic Forces (*ELDAF*) is one of engineering support under the Multinational Engineer Group (*MNEG*). Some of the projects that Greek engineers have been tasked with over the past three months include the settlement of three sites at the Heavy Weapons Contonment at Pol-e-Charki, improvements to TV Hill road, and improvement of passes and various roads. During

Greece has had a permanent force of soldiers serving with ISAF in Kabul for thirty consecutive months. The primary role of the



Road Jeep.



Heavy Weapon Cantonment at Pol-e-Charki.

their long tour in Kabul, Hellenic personnel enhanced the cooperation with the Afghan population and contributed to the capital's society by offering donations.



Donation to Taimasqan orphanage.

A member of the Slovenian Long Range Recce Patrol gives first aid to an Afghan child with a minor burn.

Brigade in **ACTION**

French Battalion celebrate Saint Bernard

On 15 June, ISAF's French Battalion celebrated the memory of Saint Bernard, the patron saint of the mountain dweller, by organising a trek up the mountains near the airport. Most of the Battalion come from 27e Infantry Mountain Brigade (BIM) who felt it was a good opportunity to honour the memory of the monk who travelled through the Alps for 40 years at the end of the 10



Photos: Maj. Valery Putz

century and gave his name to the Little Saint Bernard and the Big Saint Bernard. 180 French servicemen followed the French Commander Col. Jérôme Lockhart to reach the peak at 2,200 meters with 400 meters difference in level from 4 a.m. They were back at 7 a.m., just in time to start a new working day!

Un moment amusant et inoubliable vécu par un soldat pendant une patrouille. Il a fait le bonheur d'une petite fille Afghane en lui offrant un yaourt.

Here is an amazing and unforgettable moment experienced by a soldier from Recce Squadron while on patrol. While executing a patrol, a little Afghan girl looks content after having received a pudding from the soldier.



Bulgarian and German soldiers are doing patrols together. By working shoulder to shoulder they can share their knowledge, experiences and become good friends. And they all assure that this friendship will last long after the hot summer in Afghanistan.



KABUL Multinational



Bombardier Jacques Desjardins (left) and Master Bombardier Robert Morse, members of the 5 Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada (5 RALC), fire their LG1 howitzer at a firing range near Kabul.



Cpl. Lacasse from Signal Squadron.



The CIMIC personnel from 3 R22eR (Canadian Battle Group) assist the local Afghan people with reconstruction of infrastructure. To date, the CIMIC section has completed over 80 projects in the Kabul area.

At Camp Warehouse, from time to time spontaneous international social get-togethers tend to occur, as, for instance, most recently at the German Signal Company. Twenty-five Canadian servicemen presented their Bison command and control vehicle and, in return, received first-hand information about the German Atv Fuchs. The German Foreign Languages Service at HQ KMN NB provided translations of key terms in English to facilitate communication and understanding. At the photoshoot, flags, coats of arms and pins were exchanged. The get-together was crowned by a barbecue on the occasion of which the Canadians presented a surprise cake. Bottom line: the Bison has more powerful command and control equipment and the Fuchs is more spacious.



Brigade in **ACTION**



Here are two call signs in Canadian Coyotes from Recce Squadron monitoring an observation post. See how the Afghan kids are curious and happy to see these ISAF members looking after them.

Snapshots

"Let's recommence it from sport" was Daniele Readelli's slogan, chief drawer for Olympic Games at the Italian sport newspaper La Gazzetta dello Sport.

He kicked off the donation ceremony of sport materials to the advisor of the Ministry of Youth and Sport and President of the Afghan Olympic Committee, Mr. Anwar Jekdalek, at the presence of the Italian Ambassador Domenico Giorgi and the Deputy Commander of the Italian contingent, Lt. Col. Maurizio Gulotta.



The Canadian Battle Group is increasing its presence in its zone of operations to support local authorities countering criminal activities. The Battle Group intends to help the Kabul city police in disrupting patterns of illegal activities that may exist in its zone of operations and thus increase the general state of security and safety.

More than rebuilding



Photo: Lt. Col. Klaus Geier

Master Sgt. Michael Handscome from Embedded Training Team fitting shoes to a young afghan boy.

By Lt. Col. Klaus Geier



The children of Akajan Nursery School have said thank you for the ongoing support being given by NATO personnel and their families.

Pol-e-Charkhi - The nursery was re-built by ISAF's German soldiers in 2003 and over the past year children and staff at St Mary's Kindergarden in the German village of Lindau

have continued to support the nursery with donations, clothes, gifts and equipment. Head teacher at the Akajan Nursery School said, " We are so grateful for the generous



Photo: Lt. Col. Klaus Geier

Teamleader Lt. Col. Volker Ronnike with members of the rebuilding team and the Afghan woman leading head of the kindergarden.

gifts. There are 80 children in the school and 12 women who work as teachers. We have only very basic and Spartan facilities". The children thanked the German soldiers in the traditional manner by serving tea and sweets.

Brunssum helps Kabul

By Cdr. Sue Eagles



NATO personnel and their families from Joint Force Command Brunssum in the Netherlands, the senior command overseeing

the ISAF operation in Afghanistan, have spent the past year raising money to purchase much needed diagnostic and surgical equipment for the Indira Ghandi Childrens' Hospital in Kabul.



With his 300 children patients per a day, Dr. Rasekh was really thankful for the material provided.

The equipment, including cardiograph machines, diagnostic and surgical equipment and specialist drugs for use as childrens' anaesthetics, was presented to the hospital by senior representative of JFC Brunssum, Col. Serge Labbe, on 14 June. The director of the hospital, Dr. Rasekh expressed great appreciation for the equipment. "We have been enormously grateful to the doctors from ISAF for their ongoing support for the hospital and the arrival of this equipment will make a great difference to our ability to treat the children in our care. It is exactly what we needed". Cdr. Jaap Boreel, an ISAF doctor explained, "The equipment we have provided is of a high specification and technicians from our German field hospital have offered to help provide extra training, instruction and follow up advice to enable it to be used to maximum benefit".

Energetic Soda

By Anne-Claude Gouy

He's full of energy and vitality, you can take him anywhere, he's refreshing all the personnel at KAIA, he's friendly with everyone, he has a good sense of smell and his name is Sprite but he's not a soda.

Sprite is a nine-year old German Shepherd dog whose duties include checking over 400 civilian vehicles entering KAIA every day, working with the NATO de-mining teams, checking vehicles coming into the weekly KAIA market and checking members of the press attending media events at KAIA. *"He never found anything. Unfortunately will say some, fortunately will say some others. For me, the most important is that Sprite is doing his job very well"* said his owner 1st Cpl. Hans Deltenre.

Together we're strong

Both are in Kabul for the second time, and the last one for one of them who will have the chance to



Waiting for the next car to check, Sprite is dreaming about his retirement.

be retired after this mission. They don't just work together, they also live together. *"That's very important to have the dog with you at home. He can feel you on his side 24/24h, and he gets used to you and both can be called whenever"*. Sprite is the partner of Hans since seven years during which they improve every day their training. *"Everything must be a game. It's like a child, you don't have to impose something otherwise he won't do it with pleasure or correctly"* said Hans. Sprite made his studies at the 132^e BCAT (Bataillon Cynophile de l'Armée de Terre), the most important and famous military organization in charge of training dogs in France. *"Each day I make an exercise by hiding some explosives*

substances. We are working with 9 explosives bases. And when he found it, his reward is his toy, a plastic tube with the same substances in it. When he finds something suspicious he lies down and waits for me, because he knows to dig or bark would be dangerous".



During his mission, Sprite was on all the fronts: checking cars, media events, bazaars, houses.

Hard mission

Sprite more than earns his daily biscuits. He has become an indispensable member of the team at the gate at KAIA. *"It is great to work with Sprite. We work more relaxed and serene because he does the most dangerous part of the job. He is exceptionally friendly and kind, and very good company. We all will miss him"*, said Cpl. Stephane Eich from the Luxembourg Army. At the beginning of the month, Sprite went back to Belgium for a good rest and a long retirement living the good life with Hans and his wife Marit and their three other dogs, among which is Coda, the replacement of Sprite. *"I would have liked to call him Coca or Cola, but my wife hadn't agreed. And at home, she's the commander, for me and the dogs!"*



Sprite leaves Kabul for some news more quiet adventures.

Photos: Anne-Claude Gouy

Kunduz Operation

By Cdr. Sue Eagles

Last month, COMISAF, Lt. Gen. Rick Hillier went on a fact-finding mission to Kunduz and the provinces of Baghlan, Takhar and Badakshan to meet with government officials, village elders and mullahs and get a first hand feel for the situation on the ground in these desperately impoverished and remote parts of the ISAF operation.

The north eastern provinces are beautiful, neglected and in urgent need of outside assistance. Travelling with the team, Deputy Political Advisor, Capt. David Freeman said, "In Badakhshan, it is easy to feel that one has stepped back into biblical times. There are no roads into the province, and water, electricity and sanitation are in short supply or non-existent in many areas". The ISAF team was warmly welcomed wherever it went. Men, women and children eagerly gathered to shake hands with Lt. Gen. Hillier and in each village he conveyed the same message



Photo: Maj. Joanne Sevour

Friendship and hospitality was overwhelming.

that NATO was in Afghanistan at the request of the Afghan people to support the government and help provide a secure environment in which

the country's first legal elections could take place. "I have been so impressed by the spirit of the Afghan people and in particular the young people," said Lt. Gen. Hillier. "In the west we have an aging population. Here in Afghanistan you are fortunate to have young people to rebuild your country". The ISAF convoy drove through spectacular countryside including fields of poppies in full bloom. Poppies are grown on a widespread scale and over 80% of the population in the Northern provinces is involved in one way or another in poppy production. Poppy crops unfortunately yield at least ten times more profit

than any other crop and any kind of eradication programme is not a solution without viable alternative means of livelihood. "Northern Afghanistan desperately needs substantial assistance. A major roadway into the region is a clear priority. We need additional forces to provide presence and security before we can even begin to create the conditions necessary to attract non-governmental and other aid organisations into the region", concluded Lt. Gen. Hillier.

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