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NATO SUPPORT TO AFGHAN NATIONAL ARMY (ANA) – OCTOBER 2007

Mentoring and supporting the Afghan National Army (ANA) to increase their capability and reach is one of NATO-ISAF's key military tasks. NATO-ISAF has now fought alongside the ANA and is committed to providing continued direct support to it, through mentoring, training and equipment support.

- Building an effective ANA is critical to building a self-sustaining Afghanistan.
- The USA is the G8 lead nation for the development of the Afghan National Army (ANA) and very significant progress has been made; further work is required to strengthen ANA mobility, combat support and combat service support.
- NATO's involvement with the ANA focuses on its employment rather than its manning, initial training and sustainment. NATO assists the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to bring the ANA up to operating capability through the provision of Operational Mentor and Liaison Teams (OMLTs). These teams support training and deploy on operations in an advisory role.
- OMLTs play a particularly important coordinating and de-conflicting role between ANA and ISAF operations.
- NATO has now deployed 26 OMLTs, and the Alliance is working to increase this number significantly.
- The Asia Foundation survey of 2007 reported that 90% of those Afghans interviewed found the ANA honest and fair, and 89% believed the ANA helped to improve security.
- The Afghan National Army is truly a "national" institution representing every major ethnic group.
- The ANA is growing in strength and capability every day. Three years ago, there was no ANA to speak of, but today the ANA stands at 41,500, many of whom are conducting operations side by side with ISAF forces. In many cases, the ANA is now engaged in or leading major operations.
- ANA Equipment Programme:
- 6 donations delivered since November 2006:
 - Hungary: 20,500 assault rifles and 150,000 rounds of ammo
 - Lithuania: 3.7 million rounds of ammo
 - Montenegro: 1,600 machine guns, 250,000 rounds of ammo
 - Slovenia: 10,000 machine guns, 2 million rounds of ammo
 - Switzerland: 3 fire trucks
 - Turkey: 24 155mm Howitzers, 2,200 rounds of 155mm ammo
- 8 donations in queue to be delivered:
 - Bulgaria: 50 mortars, 500 binoculars, 21.6 million rounds of ammo
 - Czech Republic: 12 helicopters
 - Estonia: 4,000 machine guns, 4 to 6 million rounds of ammo
 - Greece: 13 Leopard 1 GR Tanks & 3,120 rounds of ammo
 - Latvia: 337 rocket propelled grenades, 8 mortars, approx 13,000 various arms, approx 9 million rounds ammo
 - Luxembourg: 1 million euros for purchase of body armour & helmets
 - Poland: 4 million rounds ammo & various uniform items
 - Turkey: Military sewing factory equipment, Military Academy supplies

- An ANA Trust Fund has been established to cover the transportation and installation costs of the ANA donations. Contributions of 400,000 Euro have been made by:

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| Denmark | 250,000 Euro |
| Luxemburg | 50,000 Euro |
| United Kingdom | 100,000 Euro |