



Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team and the Correctional Service of Canada

Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT)

Since August 2005, Canada has been in command of the Provincial Reconstruction Team located in Kandahar.

Provincial Reconstruction Teams represent the combined will of the international community to assist the Government of Afghanistan in extending its authority throughout the country, which is a prerequisite for achieving the desired end state.

Correctional Service of Canada (CSC)

In 2006, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade requested CSC's assistance in the development of a plan for possible Canadian engagement in strengthening the Afghan corrections system and facilities in Kandahar. Following an in-theatre visit and assessment, CSC deployed officers to the KPRT in 2007, followed by additional staff in 2008.

Progress made in Afghanistan through the KPRT

The correctional officers have worked with front-line staff and administrators in order to improve security and make advancements in the general living conditions of prison facilities in Kandahar through infrastructure improvement projects, equipment acquisition, mentoring and training within Sarpoza prison and the National Directorate of Security (NDS).

Examples of training and monitoring:

- Inmate registration;
- Staff nominal rolls;
- Staff training and training records;
- Literacy capacity;
- Key control;
- Crisis management;
- Inmate personal property records and controls;
- Inmate programs and vocational training;
- Medical treatment and facilities; and,
- Facilitated training on human rights by Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission.

Examples of infrastructure and equipment acquisition projects completed pursuant to international standards:

- Carpeting and paint supplies were provided for use within the prison.
- A vocational carpentry shop was constructed.
- Sewage removal and the cleaning of septic tanks.
- Repairs have been made to the facility's only vehicle, which can now be used for prisoner escorts and transportation, and an additional secure vehicle was provided.

- Concertina wire was added atop of the perimeter wall and observation towers were repaired to increase perimeter security.
- Windows were repaired to increase ambient natural light in cells.
- Unoccupied space restored converted to staff training room.
- Latrine and ablution facilities were replaced.
- The prison Armoury was cleared of ordinances and munitions in order to render it safe.
- Provided temporary coverings for the outdoor Mosques to protect against the elements.
- A generator was provided for use within the Vocational Training Area.
- Delivered flashlights to be used to conduct counts and during hours without electrical power.
- The delivery of hygienic products, blankets, uniforms and medical, educational and stationary supplies for prisoners.
- The delivery of staff uniforms.
- Additional looms were provided in order to allow more offenders the opportunity to learn the job skills required for a career in carpet making.
- Delivery of printed newspapers and crank radios to maintain contact with the outside world.
- Polio shots have been provided for the children of female prisoners and the visitors to the prison.

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