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## **EUPOL-Afghanistan completes its assessment of Afghan police work during the Presidential and Provincial Council elections**

The European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL) completed its assessment of the Afghan National Police's (ANP) work during the Presidential and Provincial Council elections. The Afghan National Police (ANP) played a key role in the Elections on 20 August 2009 by ensuring electoral security and maintenance of public order, and "they mostly did a professional job", said the Head of EUPOL, Police Commissioner Kai Vittrup.

The Afghan National Security Forces and ANP were principally responsible for securing polling centres, protecting election staff, voters and observers as well as safeguarding the storage and transportation of election materials.

The evaluation of the police conduct and performance during the election day shows that ANP's performance at most of the monitored polling centres ranged from "professional" to "reasonable". In five provinces ANP work was rated "weak", and in one case, presented a picture of the ANP as overstretched due to a bad security environment.

The best results were shown by the police in the Western and Northern provinces, says the assessment from EUPOL and the weakest results in the South and in the East.

EUPOL developed a training programme based on the principle of training the ANP trainers. Around 20.000 police officers were dispensed the educational training on police responsibilities and conduct in democratic society during an electoral period. "Many improvements should of course take place but overall we are satisfied with the effects of our programme on the ANP personnel" added Kai Vittrup.

EUPOL worked on this programme in cooperation with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

EUPOL, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior, is committed to continue the implementation of the training program to be completed by the Parliamentary elections in 2010.