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#### **Basic human rights playing bigger role in police training**

*The European Union Police Mission supports the new Department of Human Rights and Gender at the Afghan National Police Academy*

It is time to strengthen the human rights component in all police-training, says head of the European Police Mission in Afghanistan, police commissioner Kai Vittrup, EUPOL.

Issues pertaining to human rights and gender have always played a prominent role in the efforts of EUPOL to support the Government of Afghanistan in the creation of a modern police force.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Interior and with the full support of Minister Atmar EUPOL is now supporting the Afghan National Police Academy in setting up the new *Department of Human Rights and Gender Issues*.

The human rights issue is important in police training and police behavior all over the world, says Mr. Vittrup. Developments in Afghanistan have stressed the need to continue making human rights a strong and integrated part of police training and mentoring.

Police commissioner Vittrup says, that it will be more efficient to infuse human rights standards and provisions to every field of police training. For example, issues around arrest and detention should be accompanied with information reflecting human rights standards. "We should make sure that the ANP rank-and-file knows that under such procedures the human dignity and the basic human rights of the detainee should be preserved at all costs", he says as the underlying principle of the new training efforts.

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