



European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan

د اروپایی اتحادی د پولیسو ماموریت په افغانستان کی

20 Jan, 2010

01/2010

PRESS RELEASE

Basic Criminal Investigation Course for Afghan Police

On 21st January EUPOL concludes the second Basic Crime Investigation Course for CID officers of the Afghan Ministry of Interior Affairs (MoI). The training was delivered to 120 participants. 78 Afghan police officers took part in the course in December 2009 and 42 in January.

On this occasion EUPOL Head of Mission, Kai Vittrup, highlights the upcoming commitments of EUPOL in Afghanistan and says: "I am proud that the Minister of Interior, Hanif Atmar, has asked EUPOL to take the lead role among international advisers in supporting the MoI to reform the Anti-Crime Police pillar, including the Criminal Investigation Department."

The main subjects of the training delivered to the ANP officers in the past two months have been the Initial Action and Crime Scene Investigation, Forensic Awareness, Planning and Decision Making, Criminal Code Procedures in Afghanistan, Intelligence Gathering, Report Writing, Witness Statements and interview techniques. EUPOL provided the equipment needed for the future work of the newly trained officers like Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) kits, laptops, printers and cameras worth 33.000 Euros.

The Criminal Investigation Courses will be enhanced by further mentoring and advanced trainings on how to use the CSI kits, cameras as well as video cameras at crime scenes.

In 2010 EUPOL will also organise similar courses on a provincial level.

Background: After an agreement between EUPOL Head of Mission Commissioner Kai Vittrup and Afghan Minister of Interior, Mohammad Hanif Atmar, the Minister signed a Directive Order on the 29th September 2009 for the formation of Crime Investigation and Crime Scene Investigation Teams and asked EUPOL to coordinate the international support to this activity.

EUPOL Press and Public Information Office
(+93)793 990 103 / (+93) 700 037 120