



# Afghan Border Police nab drug smugglers at KIA

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**KABUL, Afghanistan-** An attempt to smuggle narcotics out of the country was foiled by members of the Afghan National Border Police recently.

During a routine screening of passengers bound for Dubai at Kabul International Airport, ANP officers observed two females acting in a suspicious manner. Based on their behavior, the women were searched by the police and were found to be carrying approximately 1.4 kilograms of heroin.

The women were arrested for narcotics trafficking and turned over to investigative authorities.

This demonstration of intuition and knowledge is an outcome of the Afghan National Police and its Border Police training and professionalism toward safeguarding their country. The Border Police had only been on duty at Kabul International Airport for three days before making this bust.

“I am very proud of the men and women here,” said Brig. Gen. Aminullah, chief of the Border Police at KIA. “Their procedures were excellent. From observation and detection, to custody control, to the professional manner in which they treated the suspects.”

The role of the Border Police is unique. While the vast number of people entering or exiting Afghanistan have no intention of causing problems, there are a small minority that do. Whether they seek to destabilize the government and the will of the people through terrorist acts



Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Ed Luchetti

**Members of the Afghan National Border Police receive certificates of commendation for their efforts in the recent drug bust at Kabul International Airport.**

or narcotics trafficking; their behavior will not be tolerated by those sworn to protect the people of Afghanistan. Border officers must be keen, observant, aware of techniques used by criminals, and be on the lookout for suspects and wanted persons. At the same time, they must be respectful and courteous to the ordinary travelers and businessmen. They are often the first person visitors encounter when they enter Afghanistan, through its 12 border check-points or its four international airports.

“You may think we don’t care about drugs leaving the country, but we do,” said Maj. Mirwais, one of the officers involved in the sting. “This is just as bad as drugs coming into the country. The reputation of Afghanistan is at stake. We do more than protect the people, we also protect the image of Afghanistan.”

First Lt. Sheila, another officer in-

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volved in the arrests, said she is proud to be a Border Police Officer. “The poppy hurts people and cases like this are disgusting. Whatever we can do to protect our people, we will do,” she added.

The flawless performance of the Border Police and their professionalism is one of the many factors that contribute to the development of a prosperous Afghanistan. 