



Parliament members make first visit to KMTC

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Nine members of Parliament's Commission of Defense and Territorial Integrity Affairs arrived at the Kabul Military Training Center in a flourish of salutes and flashes of cameras for a visit in August.

This was their first visit, and Brig. Gen. Mohammad Amin Wardak, KMTC Commander, was more than happy to show them how well things are progressing.

"I will give them a briefing, followed by a tour of the facilities and lunch with the soldiers in training," he said.

Noorul Haq Olomi, head of the

commission; Ali Akbar Qasime, deputy of the commission; Abdul Hade Safe, secretary of the commission; and six commission members were able to observe several aspects of training, to include weapons training with laser rifles. Following this part of the tour, Mr. Haq Olomi, couldn't help but express his pleasure at what he observed.

"You are very lucky people, you have

enough equipment to use in your



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Noorul Haq Olomi greets a line of soldiers at the beginning of his visit to the Kabul Military Training Center in August.

training, and with the help of these laser rifles, you can get more accurate results with less effort," he said.

It was with this sentiment that he went on to express this would not be the last visit. He was happy with what he saw and plans on revisiting.

"As representatives for our nation," Mr. Haq Olomi said, "our duty is to make sure things are going well and to offer assistance if something needs fixing. But we are pleased with what we see. Things are improving."

Just the words Brig. Gen. Wardak was seeking to hear.

"It's important that they have confidence in what we're doing. This is the future of our Army," Wardak said.


This was one of several visits by the members of Parliament, who also visited the Afghan National Military Academy. 



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Noorul Haq Olomi, head of the Commission of Defense and Territorial Integrity Affairs, center, addresses soldiers during a tour of the Kabul Military Training Center in August. Mr. Haq Olomi, and the rest of the commission members, visited classes and observed hands-on training during their visit to the center.