



ANP opens western regional command in Herat

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HERAT, Afghanistan — Members of the government of Afghanistan, international community and the Afghan National Police gathered here Sept. 17 to activate the Western Regional Command Center, the fourth of five regional command centers for the ANP.

The western region includes Herat, Farah and Ghor provinces, and will provide a regionally centric approach to developing an environment that promotes a rule of law to protect the Afghan people.

Maj. Gen. Ekramuddin, the newly appointed commander of the ANP western regional command, said at the ceremony; “My job is to secure the provinces in western Afghanistan. We will bring down the miscreants, drug traders and robbers in this area.”

He also outlined plans to coordinate their efforts for security by using information gained from developing relationships with religious elders and local Afghans.

In attendance were all ranks of the ANP and international guests. In addition to General Ekramuddin, Said Hussain Anwari, the governor of Herat, and the Minister of the Interior Zarar Ahmad Moqbil, both spoke at the ceremony.

The regional commands of the ANP are tied into the Afghan National Army’s command and control structure, creating synergy between the army and the police, thereby strengthening the effectiveness of the Afghan



Photos by Senior Airman Ashley DiFalco

Maj. Gen. Ekramuddin is made commander of the new Afghan National Police Western Regional Command Center in Herat Sept. 17.

National Security Forces as a whole.

After the ceremony, dignitaries and distinguished guests viewed the weapons and equipment the ANP uses to fight enemies of Afghanistan. The equipment is representative of the Afghan and international community’s investment in the ANP, and the firepower and capability of the western regional command.

“Establishment of this command will strengthen security in the region,” said Minister Moqbil. With the help of the Afghan and interna-



Zarar Ahmad Moqbil, Minister of Interior, spoke during the RC West activation ceremony.

tional community, he said, the ultimate goal is to counter the enemies of Afghanistan in the region, thereby protecting the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. 