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# Afghanistan opens emergency hotline in Kabul

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**KABUL, Afghanistan** – The Afghanistan Ministry of Interior opened an Afghanistan emergency response telephone hotline during a Jan. 24 ceremony in Kabul.

The MOI held a public ribbon-cutting event to mark the opening of the national response hotline center. The Afghan Minister of Interior, Abdul Zarar Moqbal, and U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Robert W. Cone, commanding general of the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan, were among the speakers at a press conference held to announce the 1-1-9 hotline center opening.

Similar to America's 9-1-1 emergency hotline number, Afghanistan's 1-1-9 hotline number will offer Afghans a telephone number to call to report emergencies. However, the 1-1-9 number is a national hotline for all of Afghanistan.

The hotline center is comprised of a six-telephone system operated under the direction of National Police Command Center commander, Afghan National Police Maj. Gen. Azam Sarwaree. The tie to the NPCC will afford the 1-1-9 center immediate access to all of Afghanistan's police resources.

According to ANP 1st Lt. Mohmood Haroon, commander of the 1-1-9 call center, the hotline center has been in the making for about two months, and is expected to help add credibility to the MOI for the people of Afghanistan.

Haroon said he expects the hotline department will, "bring trust to the people," and that the ANP will be able to better provide police support for Afghans.

Cone echoed Haroon in explaining the significance of the 1-1-9 hotline call center.

"The Afghan National Police are the face of the Afghan government, to the Afghan people," said Cone. "Providing a safe means of reporting crime and terrorism is important.

"The Afghan Police are empowered with this line of protection," he added.



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**Army Maj. Gen. Robert W. Cone, the commanding general for Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan, remarks on the significance of the opening of a new 1-1-9 emergency hotline number by the Ministry of Interior for Afghanistan. The hotline is similar to the 9-1-1 emergency line used in the United States, but the 1-1-9 hotline service is operated out of Kabul for all of Afghanistan**



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## NCOs graduate ANP Academy

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**KABUL, Afghanistan** – More than 700 Afghan National Police braved the cold Afghan air in a ceremonial formation to graduate a class of ANP noncommissioned officers from the ANP Academy's NCO course Jan. 24. The Afghan Minister of Interior, Abdul Zazar Moqbal, and U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Robert W. Cone, commanding general of the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan, were among the speakers at the graduation ceremony. "The difference between noncommissioned officers and other officers is that noncommissioned officers lead by example. They are the leaders who 'do,'" Cone told the NCOs at the ceremony.



**Afghan National Police listen to guest speakers at a noncommissioned officers graduation ceremony from the ANP Academy in Kabul, Afghanistan. More than 700 ANP stood formation for speeches from the Minister of Interior and Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan commanding general Jan. 24**



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