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The Afghan National Army proudly serving the people of Afghanistan

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Afghan National Army major general, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Raheem Wardak, commanding general of the 201st Corps speaks to approximately 25 members of the International Security Assistance Force who visited the 201st Corps Headquarters May 4. The purpose of the visit was to gather feedback from the Afghan leaders who ISAF provides mentorship for.



1st Brigade sergeant major keeps NCOs trained; ready

By Sgt. 1st Class Atiqullah
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When it comes to making sure noncommissioned officers are properly trained, Sgt. Maj. Ghulam Farooq, command sergeant major for 2nd Kandak, 1st Brigade, 201st stands out.

According to his commander, he is always conducting professional training classes to help ensure his NCOs combat readiness. Recently, with the support of US mentors he conducted a leadership course for NCOs which was intended to increase the knowledge and skills of his NCOs. The course included a map reading class, tactical movement exercises, patrol classes and instruction on how to react to ambushes. The course lasted two-weeks and was attended by 48 NCOs. Farooq said the course was well received and the NCOs learned a lot of good material and skills. He plans to conduct more professional training for the 2nd and 4th Kandak NCOs in the future.

Commander's Comments

The Afghan National Army is required to defend the country, maintain national integrity, defeat the enemies of Afghanistan and not listen to enemy propaganda. In order to accomplish these tasks it required of each ANA Soldier to follow professional training in your area of responsibilities. You can demolish the enemy and increase your combat readiness.

The ANA gets support from coalition forces, but it is up to us to eradicate discrimination from our country. Every ANA Soldier should work together shoulder to shoulder in the defense of Afghanistan.

The ANA needs the support of the Afghan people. Serve the people honestly, and help ensure them you take their security and the future of Afghanistan seriously.

Maj. Gen. Mohammed Raheem Wardak
Commanding General, 201st Corps

Freedom of speech is an Islamic right for all people of Afghanistan to enjoy

Freedom of speech given to people by the Almighty Allah in the Holy Quran

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One of the important freedoms that Afghans enjoy is the freedom of speech.

Through freedom of speech everyone can declare their opinion without fear of retribution or retaliation. A freedom that was taken away under the Taliban regime.

But now, Afghans can once again enjoy their right to speak freely.

Freedom of speech is a human right and responsibility according to the Almighty Allah. Allah speaks in the Holy Quran for those people who believe in God that they should declare their beliefs to everyone so that Almighty Allah will forgive their sins.

The Holy Quran versus NO:70-71 of Ahzab Sura state that if you respect Mohammad and God you will bring long-lasting success to your life.

Therefore you should act honestly and say that Almighty God has forgiven your sins.

The honest person always speaks the truth. If we act as an honest person in society and speak truthfully it will bring prosperity to our society.

Many knowledgeable scholars have said that the most important part of human body is the tongue. If it is used wisely, the tongue can lead people into doing the proper action, but if it is used unwisely, it can be bad or even dangerous.

Based on the Holy Quran and Mohammad's speeches the Islamic government of Afghanistan, freedom of speech is guaranteed in article 34 of the Afghanistan Constitution.

Freedom of speech is the right of every one. Everybody is allowed to declare his ideas.

Islam gives us the right to speak about our lives and our beliefs.

Islam assigns humans to speak and



Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks with a woman in the middle of a crowd.

struggle against corrupt people and actions. Mohammad said if you speak out against corruption and wrong doing it should be called a great Jihad.

During a meeting of Prophet Mohammad and Prophet Omar, King of Saudi Arabia at the time, an audience member asked that prophet Mohammad stand and ask King Omar a question about the King's clothing.

Prophet Mohammad stood and asked without fear, "Omar, you are wearing nice clothing, but your followers are not wearing good clothing. Have you spent the governments money inappropriately?" Mohammad continued to openly criticize the King publicly exercising his freedom of speech.

Some of Omar's followers asked where Mohammad got his clothing, and Mohammad's son stood up and said, "I gave those clothes to my father."

It is the custom of Islam, and your

Islamic right to give your items to someone else.

Freedom of media and speech also helps remove people's ignorance by informing them.

Keeping people informed by speaking freely helps develop the society.

However, the media should take care in the community to respect the Islam rules. The media should operate according by their culture and the customs in Islamic society.

By informing people of the truth, it can help reduce crimes such as dealing drugs, and will prohibit people from worshipping statues.

The media can also be helpful in bringing justice to the people by telling others about the truth.

Mohammad said there should be freedom of speech in the media across the nation to tell the truth so people can live in a free and safe community.

201st Corps Soldier arrested for selling drugs

Story by Capt. Jose L. Nieves

Command Judge Advocate, 201st Corps legal mentor

FOB Airborne - An Afghan National Army Soldier from the 1st Brigade, 2nd Kandak, 201st Corps was arrested May 5, for selling illegal drugs to an American Soldier.

The arrest came after criminal investigators from the 201st Corps led by Col. Rahmattullah received information that the ANA Soldier may be involved in selling illegal drugs.

A team of four ANA CID investigators and two ANA Military Police and their legal advisor set up the drug buy/bust to catch the Soldier in the act.

After the Soldier sold hashish he was immediately detained and arrested by ANA military police.

This operation demonstrated the ANA's capability and resolve to combat illegal drugs within the ranks. It is hoped that this operation will help deter other ANA Soldiers who may be contemplating selling or using illegal drugs.



Criminal investigators photograph and treat money with a special florescent powder prior to using it to buy hashish.



An American Soldier buys hashish from an ANA Soldier using specially treated and documented money.



Col. Rahmattullah, chief of the criminal investigations dept. documents evidence after a drug arrest.



ANA Sgt. Rezwanullah is apprehended and arrested by ANA Military Police after selling hashish to an American Soldier at Forward Operating Base Airborne, 2nd Kandak Base, Wardak Province.

201st Corps Soldiers receive awards



Soldiers recognized for their outstanding hard work and dedication: presented certificates of achievement by deputy commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Div.

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Two Afghan National Army Soldiers of the 201st Corps were presented with Certificates of Appreciation May 8, at the 201st Corps Headquarters by Brig. Gen. Clarence Chinn, deputy commanding general, 82nd Airborne Division.



(Top Left) Brig. Gen. Chinn presents a certificate to Maj. Baree Dad Shewani, 201st Corps plans surgeon and medical plans officer, for exceeding expectations in medical training and operations, and for providing critical medical prevention and logistic efforts. Maj. Shewani was responsible for the planning, coordination and execution required to complete the inaugural 201st Corps Combat Medic Certification course that resulted in 26 newly certified combat medics.

(Bottom Left) Brig. Gen. Chinn presents a certificate of appreciation to Master Sgt. Babrak Sahak, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of refueling operations. The certificate was for maintaining records for over 80 vehicles with 100 percent accuracy of all fuel deliveries. His leadership to the Gavin Tactical Command-1 was of the finest quality and set an example for all to follow.

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