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Afghan IGs visit U.S. to improve their school

By Gary Sheftick

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WASHINGTON (Army News Service, March 10) Just days after the second class of Afghan National Army officers graduated an Inspectors General course in Kabul March 2, the two top IGs in Afghanistan visited the United States this week to seek further improvements for their school.

Maj. Gen. Abdullah Habibi, IG for the ANA General Staff, and Maj. Gen. Sardar Mohammed Abulfazil, IG for the Afghan Ministry of Defense, visited the U.S. Army IG School at Fort Belvoir earlier this week before coming to the Pentagon today.

"We will take all these experiences to Afghanistan and implement them in the Afghan National Army," Habibi said.

The IG Corps in Afghanistan was formed about a year and a half ago, Abulfazil said, adding that 31 officers graduated last week's IG course and 59 the first course. The first course used some MPRI contracted instructors from the United States, he said, while Afghan officers taught the course ending last week.

Changes will be made in the third Afghan IG course based on what he observed at the Fort Belvoir IG school, Abulfazil said through an interpreter.

An American IG officer who escorted the Afghan generals said the two were especially interested in the U.S. Army's automated system for tracking IG actions. The Afghan generals also took lots of notes when sitting in on classes about how to handle sensitive complaints and investigations, said Lt. Col. Chris Thrash, an IG for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command.

"We have evolved a system for dealing with sensitive complaints," Thrash said, explaining that IGs learn how to investigate a situation without besmirching reputations.

"How to balance the need of a thorough, impartial investigation without rendering someone ineffective," is one skill the IG School teaches, Thrash said.

The two Afghan IGs sat in on the Defense Council on Integrity and Efficiency today, meeting IGs from all military services, auditors general, and IGs from the Defense field agencies. Then they discussed issues with DoD IG Joseph Schmitz for about an hour.

The Afghan IGs visited with directorate heads of the U.S. Army Inspector General's Office March 9. This afternoon they met Acting U.S. Army IG Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Green. He presented the Afghanis with a set of books on the history of the U.S. Inspector General Corps.

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Acting U.S. Army Inspector General Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Green presents a set of books on the history of the IG Corps to Maj. Gen. Abdullah Habibi, IG for the Afghan National Army. Maj. Gen. Sardar Mohammed Abulfazil, IG for the Afghan Ministry of Defense (center) also visited the U.S. IG School this week. Gary Sheftick

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