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OSCE, UNDP train Afghan border police, customs officials on border management

DUSHANBE, 5 June 2012 – Twenty-four officers from the Afghan Border Police successfully completed a two-week intensive training course on border management today.

Co-organized by the OSCE Border Management Staff College and the EU-funded, UNDP-implemented BOMNAF (Border Management Northern Afghanistan) project, the course included topics such as management and control of borders, intelligence information analysis, fraudulent document and impostor detection, leadership and management techniques, and human rights issues.

“The OSCE Border Management Staff College is working with international partners such as UNDP to ensure that border and customs officials have the knowledge and skills to combat ever more sophisticated cross-border threats while applying the highest international standards,” said Julia Klaus, the Director of the OSCE Border Management Staff College.

“Afghanistan and Central Asian borders matter not only for the region but for global security. Afghanistan, as well as other countries, needs to strengthen its national security. The international community is doing its utmost to help create such an environment and this course is part of that effort,” added William Lawrence, the UNDP BOMNAF Project Manager.

Colonel Abdurrauf Karimi, representing the Afghan delegation, said: “This training was extremely useful and informative for the Afghan participants since we come from the land ports, airports, intelligence, and management departments of the Border Police. We will share the knowledge and skills gained here with our colleagues back home.”

This event is a part of a series of similar courses to be held in the framework of the BOMNAF project at the OSCE Border Management Staff College.

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