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Justice System Undergoing Reconstruction in Afghanistan

July 21, 2004 Kabul - The justice system is being rebuilt in Afghanistan in a UNDP project that includes the construction of buildings for the administration of justice throughout Afghanistan. Construction on the Kunduz Provincial Court was completed on 7 July, while groundbreaking for the expansion of the Attorney General's Office in Kabul took place this morning at a ceremony attended by senior Afghan justice officials and officials from the Embassies of Italy, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The construction works are part of the UNDP "Rebuilding the Justice Sector of Afghanistan" project, implemented in partnership with the Judicial Reform Commission and the justice institutions of Afghanistan and funded by the Governments of Italy, Canada and the United Kingdom. The project aims to rehabilitate the physical justice facilities destroyed by decades of conflict. In the initial phase, provincial justice buildings, including courts, Attorney General's offices, Ministry of Justice buildings and prisons, are being rehabilitated in the provinces of Kunduz, Badakhshan, Baghdis, Herat, Nangahar, Paktia and Kabul.

The completion of the Kunduz court will strengthen the capacity of the court system to deliver justice services to the local population, in addition to boosting the morale of the judicial actors employed. Training and necessary equipment will also be supplied to the court by the Justice project. The construction of the annex to the Attorney General's building in Kabul is also expected to facilitate better justice services to the Afghan people, and will provide much-needed additional space to enable the relocation and coordination of key staff.

The UNDP Justice project is also involved in supporting the Afghan Government to reform the public administration and financial management systems of justice institutions, strengthen legal education, support the Bonn-created Judicial Reform Commission, train judicial actors and implement constitutional provisions relating to the justice sector.

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