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Understanding Ground Truth the Afghan National Police (ANP) Logistics



Objective

To demonstrate some of the challenges faced in measuring the performance and effectiveness of ISAF Security Force Assistance in delivering an institutionalised logistic capability for the ANP

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 - Literacy
 - Culture
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Understand

- Approaches available:
 - Scope to understand?
 - Visiting the ground?
 - Available reporting?
- ISAF
- NATO Training Mission (Afghanistan)
- ANP

Worldviews

- ISAF:
 - Combat
 - Developing an enduring institutional logistics capability
- Regional Commands
- Security Forces Assistance Advisory Teams:
 - British Army
 - US Army
 - USMC
- Contractors
- ANP Logistics personnel
- ANP units on the ground

Challenges of Reporting

- Commander's Afghan Assessment – Traffic Light PowerPoint slides?
- Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF)
- Focus on the Afghan National Army (ANA)
- What is the Afghan National Police?
- Consistency across Regional Commands (RCs)
- Establishing a baseline (i.e. what was issued to ANP units)
- Separate Command structures:
- RC (warfighting)
- NATO Training Mission (Afghanistan) (equipping & training)
- Afghan reporting culture

ANP Worldviews



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Impact of Culture

- US Dept of Defense Supply System
- US sponsored contractors
- ANP future considerations
- ANP internal rivalry
- ANP local v national
- Low literacy levels
- Culture of reporting

Lessons

- Need to:
 - Consider enduring capabilities earlier in a campaign
 - Balance the outputs of ‘enduring system’ as well as ‘field units’
- Establish the:
 - Minimum set of performance metrics
 - Establish ‘baselines’
 - Viable reporting & enduring reporting systems
 - Training & skills transfer
- Appreciate the ‘time’ factor
- Consider Operational Analysis in the process early

Questions?





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