

Report of the Regional CCM: November 3, 2013



Regional CCM Meeting in Kabul

Justice & Governance in Eastern Afghanistan (JGEA)
(Logar, Khost, Paktia)

Meeting Report

Third Regional Commission on Conflict Mediation

Meeting attendees

Members of Provincial CCMs:

- Hajji Mohd. Rasool Tanai (Khost)
- Hajji Shah Khan(Khost)
- Hajji Nawab Khan(Khost)
- Hajji Haidar Gul (Khost)
- Maulavi Burjan (Khost)
- Hajji Mohd. Azeem (Khost)
- Murad Khan Mangal(Khost)
- Mohd. Laiq Mangal (Paktia)
- Maulavi Mohd. Hanif (Paktia)
- Hajji Gulam Khan (Paktia)
- Abdullah Mujahid (Paktia)
- Azimullah (Paktia)
- Abdul Malik(Paktia)
- Hajji Sangeen(Paktia)
- Pacha Zareen Khail (Logar)
- Hajji Mohd. Dawud Milma (Logar)
- Hajji Sayed Aniatullah (Logar)
- Hajji Mohd. Qaseem (Logar)
- Maulavi Ahmad Nabi (Logar)
- Dr.Mohammad Deen (Logar)
- Hajji Abdul Rahman (Logar)

Date: November 03, 2013

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Facilitator: Dawud Shah Neiazee (Kabul Liaison Officer)

Overview

The third meeting of the RCCM was held on 3rd of November, 2013 in the project support center/guest house in Kabul. 21 members from provincial CCMs took part in the meeting. The meeting began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The project's Kabul Liaison Officer then welcomed participants and shed light on the agenda of the meeting. The RCCM meeting started at 9:00am and finished at 12:30pm in the afternoon. RCCM members first made presentations on the topics their respective provincial CCMs had suggested; afterwards, the RCCM discussed these topics.

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Topics selected for RCCM

The following topics were selected for the RCCM, and were presented by the relevant provincial liaison officers.

Logar CCM:

Inter-tribal and provincial conflict

1. Conflict over Khaki *dasht* (desert) between Kuchis and locals residents.
2. Conflict over Ashak Mountain and forest between the residents of Logar and Paktia provinces.

Paktia CCM:

Inter-tribal conflicts

1. Conflict over a township known as Askari family, where about 1000 families reside. Most of the residents have received some sort of documents and most of them have been residing for about 30 years. The conflict has three parties which are as follows:
 - The Government,
 - Salo Khail tribe and
 - The residents of the township
2. A piece of land located in Patan district where Zazi and Mangal tribes have conflict over the land; the Paktia CCM is worried that this conflict (in a border district) may soon escalate to violence.

Khost CCM:

Marriage and related issues

1. *Walwar* (Dowry price)
2. *Bad* (giving of a girl in murder cases)
3. *Mahr* (dower)
4. *Meeras* (inheritance)
5. *Badal* (Exchange Marriage)

Suggestion and demands of the RCCM members

Logar CCM topics and decision of RCCM

1. *Conflict over Khaki dasht (desert) between Kuchis and local residents*

The RCCM decided that the government should make it clear/specify government and private property in order to find out whether the Khaki *dasht* is government land or private. Then locals will be asked to show the documents they have for the land/desert as well as Kuchis will be asked to show the *firman*

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(decreed) issued by president Karzai and then a detailed investigation or research will be carried out in which all aspects will be analyzed and proper solutions will be found in the light of evidences and proofs. The RCCM advice for the CCM is to discuss the RCCM decision with the Logar provincial governor to push the land clearance committee to conduct its land clearance in the aforementioned conflict zone and the CCM members will help the government in prevention of the both parties from any clash or creating problems for the government over the land.

2. Conflict over Ashak Mountain and forest between the residents of Logar and Paktia provinces

The RCCM suggested that the Logar CCM should hold meetings with tribal elders from both provinces and after a complete and detailed research/investigation a delegation from Logar and Paktia CCMs will be assigned to find a logical solution for the conflict.

Paktia CCM topics and RCCM decisions

1. Conflict over a township known as Askari famili

The RCCM decided that the Paktia CCM should send a coordination letter with provincial administration to the Gardez ANA corps to share the issue of the people with the ministry of defense and to find an alternative solution for the people who have been living in the township for 30 years. The CCM members of Paktia province should also help and follow up the issue with the provincial government. The RCCM also assigned the Kabul based Liaison Officer to coordinate the issue with the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Justice and other relevant ministries in Kabul.

2. Conflict between Zazi and Mangal tribes over a piece of land located in Dand Patan district of Paktia

The RCCM decided that three RCCM members, Hajji Sangeen Zadran, Abdullah Mujahid and Gulam Khan Ahmadzai, as well as the Kabul Liaison Officer will meet the provincial governor to obtain his input and permission to resolve the conflict. Then a joint delegation from the three provincial CCMs will be assigned, with the consent of both parties, to take further steps for a peaceful resolution of the conflict. The meeting with the Paktia provincial governor will be held as soon as the RCCM members return to their province.

Khost CCM topic and RCCM decision

The Khost CCM drew the attention of the RCCM to the issues of **Walwar** (Dowry price) **Bad** (giving of a girl in murder cases), the practice of **badal** (exchange of girls between two families), **Mahr** (dowry) and **Meeras** (inheritance), as these issues can prove quite troubling in the RCCM's region.

The RCCM members suggested that the TLO office should help in arranging workshops on such issues in all three provinces. Tribal elders, religious figures and officials from the Justice (including Attorney General), Border and Tribal Affairs and Women's Affairs ministries, as well provincial councils, AIHRC

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and civil society representatives should be included in such workshops. These issues should be discussed at provincial level in details and both positive and negatives impacts should be separated on their communities; the decisions which are made in this regard should be coordinated; and then a joint meeting from the three provinces should be arranged so that the final decision is announced through media to the communities of the targeted provinces. The progress of the assigned tasks by the RCCM will be discussed in the next RCCM meeting.