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Partners in the Global Struggle: U.S. Embassy Delivers Counternarcotics Equipment to the Anti-Narcotics Force

Vehicles and Security Equipment worth \$850,000

Islamabad, December 16, 2006: Today U.S. Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker handed over U.S. \$850,000 worth of vehicles and security equipment to the Anti-Narcotics Force. During the ceremony, Ambassador Crocker noted, “The vehicles and security equipment handed over today is just one example of the U.S. Embassy’s well-established relationship with the Government of Pakistan’s Anti-Narcotics Force. We will continue to support the ANF in the fight against narcotics and Pakistan’s effort to block the influx of opiates coming from Afghanistan.” Major General Khalid Jaffery, Director General of the Anti-Narcotics Force, accepted the equipment today in a ceremony at the ANF Headquarters in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

The U.S. Government has been a partner of the Anti-Narcotics Force since its inception in 1995 and a supporter of Pakistan’s counternarcotics goals for more than two decades. 200 ballistic helmets, 150 sets of body armor, and more than 70 vehicles were provided to the Anti-Narcotics Force in today’s ceremony. Additional vehicles, surveillance and communication equipment will also be delivered to the ANF in the next several months.

This equipment is part of the US \$30 million package of supplemental funding the U.S. Embassy’s Narcotics Affairs Section committed to the Government of Pakistan in September 2005. US \$8 million of that total is dedicated to equipping the Anti-Narcotics Force as they expand their operations to confront the ever-present global narcotics threat. This supplemental funding further joins Pakistan and the United States in common goal to interdict opiates that affect millions of lives worldwide.

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