

## **SEVEN COMMANDERS HANDED OVER WEAPONS TO DIAG IN WARDAK PROVINCE**

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Seven former commanders handed over 37 different types of light serviceable weapons and 7 serviceable weapons out of 16 were handed in from NDS, police and Mr. Janan member of Provincial Council (in total 53 weapons) to DIAG in Maidan Shahr at Governor's Compound on Tuesday 12 February.



The above mentioned weapons were collected from seven Illegal Armed Groups (IAGs) from Maidan Shahr center of Wardak Province.

Wardak governor Abdul Jabbar Naiemi said that today's event is a great event in Wardak which can bring peace, stability and development to the province.

“The commanders of Maidan Shar brought these weapons and handed over to DIAG commission because they want good security and development in their province. Handing over these weapons is clearing Maidan Shar from illegal weapons.” said the governor.

Mr. Aziz Ahmadzai Acting Director of joint secretariat said that weapons were a part of Afghan life when there were Russian troops in our country but now we have an elected government and a strong government administration.

“Now we do not need for weapons because security officials are responsible to ensure security for us. Now we have to run fight of pen and note book and build schools and universities, we should not learn to our children how to use a gun any more.” Said Ahmadzai.

Ahmadzai thanked all commanders, security officials and the governor because of their hard work in this regard and promised them a development project for the Center of Wardak province.

He also asked other districts officials to follow the way of Maidan Shar and collect illegal weapons in their districts.

At the end a former commander Bulbul Shah representing the other commanders said that they handed over their last weapons to DIAG and was asking for a major development project.

“Today we are announcing peace with handing over our last weapons to DIAG. I am asking the joint secretariat to implement a major development project. “said Bulbul Shah a former commander .

Abdul Jabbar Naeemi - Wardak Governor; Aziz Ahmadzai Acting Director of the joint Secretariat (JS), Wardak Chief of Police, Provincial Council, Security Officials, representatives from ANBP , UNAMA, Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), ISAF and many others attended the ceremony.