



**Disarmament and Reintegration Commission
Joint Secretariat**

**INAUGURATION OF DIAG FIRST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
MAHMOUD RAQI- KAPISA PROVINCE**

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On Sunday April 8, the first DIAG development project, Canal Rehabilitation & Cleaning, will be inaugurated by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and the Joint Secretariat of the Disarmament and Reintegration Commission (D&RC) in Mahmoud Raqi district of Kapisa Province.

This project will rehabilitate and clean eight canals, with a combined length of 95 km and an average width of 5m, and directly benefit over 240,000 inhabitants of the district. The project will take a month to complete.

This project is a result of the district achieving DIAG compliance. There are two other districts which have successfully implemented DIAG and are currently finalizing project technical preparations for a micro hydro power station and a veterinary clinic. The projects are determined by local development councils and are available to all districts which successfully implement the DIAG programme.

A special ceremony will be held at 10:00am at the Governor's compound to inaugurate the Mahmoud Raqi project. A high level delegation comprised of Mr. M. Masoom Stanikzai, Advisor to the President and Vice-Chairman of the D&RC, Mr. Asef Rahimi, Deputy Minister for MRRD, Mr. Katsuhide Ariyoshi, Japan Deputy Ambassador, Mr. David Wilson, ANBP Programme Director, Mr. Abdul Satar, Provincial Governor and representatives from the district development assembly, PRT, UNAMA and inter/national media are expected to participate and few will also speak at this ceremony.

The DIAG process was launched on 11 June, 2005 when officially announced by Vice President Khalili. So far, 29,666 of weapons as well as 27,247 pieces of boxed and 266,930 pieces of unboxed ammunition have been handed over to and verified by ANBP collection teams in Afghanistan.

All media interested to cover this important event are encourage to contact ANBP press office and register for the transportation

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