



Afghanistan Justice Sector Support Program Update *October 2007*

U.S. DOS/INL's JSSP program seeks to increase the capacity of the Afghan Government and Afghan legal practitioners to deliver fair and transparent criminal justice and rule of law services to the people of Afghanistan. To that end, JSSP advisors work with the Attorney General's Office and the Ministry of Justice on a wide range of initiatives. In addition, JSSP conducts police/prosecutor training in four provinces and works to promote Afghans' access to justice services by implementing provincial justice conferences, training and mentoring of defense lawyers, and working on a range of other projects.

JSSP supports the Inauguration of the MOI-AGO Commission



Minister of the Interior H.E. Moqbel (left) speaks with Italian Ambassador Ettore Francesco Sequi (right) and Embassy of Italy Legal Advisor Anna Lazzari (center).

JSSP successfully organized the Inauguration Ceremony for the Ministry of Interior (MOI)-Attorney General's Office (AGO) Commission held in Kabul, Afghanistan, on October 17, 2007. The event publicly celebrated the start of work by representatives of MOI and AGO, working as an authorized Commission, to develop guidelines and protocols for the coordination of police and prosecution efforts in the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of crime in Afghanistan.

JSSP Reports on Regional Defense Capacity and Training and Improving Efficiency in the Attorney General's Office

JSSP recently completed three major reports. The *Provincial Defense Assessment* offers detailed analysis of JSSP's research into criminal defense capacity in Balkh, Herat, Kunduz and Nangarhar provinces and the *Defense Training and Capacity Building Report* outlines specific

programs to strengthen defense capacity in these provinces. The *Plan to Implement Restructuring of the Attorney General's Front Office* proposes ways to improve the AGO's front office operations consistent with the AGO Strategy, existing law, and the suggestions of current AGO front office staff members.

JSSP Assists in Organization of first International Islamic Police Women's Conference

From Oct. 21-25, JSSP assisted in the organization of the first conference for International Islamic police women. The conference—the first to be held gathering Islamic police women from around the world—sought to heighten awareness of the value of Islamic police women including their role as models for young Muslim women considering a career with the police force; enhance the participants' professional knowledge and encourage the development of a shared professional identity; and further coordination among Muslim police women through the establishment of an international association of Islamic police women. Muslim police women from around the world exchanged their ideas and experiences with their Afghan colleagues and counterparts.



General Aziza Nazeri of the Afghanistan National Police at the International Islamic Police Women's Conference