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## INAUGURATION OF THE TRAINING CENTRE FOR BORDER GUARDS IN KHOROG 04 October 2006

Within its “Border Management” Programme in Tajikistan, in 2006, IOM has completed a new project titled “Training Centre for Border Guards in Khorogh”. This centre will function as the extension of the already existing Border Guard Training Centre in Dushanbe which was established by IOM in 2003 and has successfully trained over 120 border officials from all over the country in practical subjects related to efficient border management and control.



The new training centre is established within the premises of the Border Guard HQ in Khorogh. Although this centre is meant to mainly train border guards from the distant region of Badakhshan, but it will also include others from the rest of the country. Additionally, it is also planned that this new centre will host border guards from Afghanistan who work on the

Afghanistan-Tajikistan border and lack such training facilities.

The two-story building of the new centre was fully renovated and all necessary equipment was provided. Boarding facilities for 16 persons exists.

The training courses started immediately after the opening ceremony which took place on 4 October, with the participation of the representatives from the State Border Guards, local authorities, the US State Department INL (the donor), IOM and all the center’s staff.

The IOM expects the following outputs through establishment of the new Training Centre for Border Guards in Khorog:

- One established and equipped Training Center functioning on its own under the supervision of the State Border Guards Committee;
- Professional advanced training;
- 60 trained border guards per year (each study course lasts for 3 months and includes 15 trainees);
- 6 independent professional trainers capable of advanced training of national border guards;
- Possibility to include in the training courses border guards from Afghanistan;
- 5 prepared and ready-to-use curriculum and teaching modules, a syllabus from the appropriate course subjects such as Border Control, Inspection, Migration Legislation, Human Rights, and Computer & English studies.
- Conditions to expand the curriculum with new subjects, such as Farsi Dari, behavioral science, risk management, geography and interview techniques.