

HEAD OF ANTI NARCOTICS POLICE, IRAN VISITED ANF HEADQUARTERS, RAWALPINDI

On 26th February 2018, four member of Iranian Delegation visited ANF Headquarters. The main purpose of visit was to discuss issues of bilateral interest in connection to drug situation in the region about counter narcotics measures / initiatives of Pakistan and Iran. Iranian delegation was headed by Brig Gen Mohammad Masoud Zabetian head of Anti Narcotics Police, Iran, On Pakistan's behalf, DG ANF Major General Musarrat Nawaz Malik HI(M) headed the dialogue.

Other members of Iranian delegation included Mr. Seyed Ali Mir Ghaderi Consultant of Head of Anti Narcotics Police, Mr. Mohammad Nasiri Chief of Anti Narcotics Police of Sistan and Baluchistan Province, Iran, Mr. Mehdi Honardoost Ambassador of Embassy of Iran, Islamabad and DLO Iran in Pakistan Mr. Omid Sarvari. ANF participants included Officers from fields of International Cooperation, Law, Intelligence and Enforcement.

Both delegates emphasized need to further enhance the brotherly relations of both countries, implementation in true manners of MoU signed in Aug 1999, effective utilization of Bilateral / Regional CN Mechanisms, Timely intelligence sharing and elimination of impediments in coordinated and international controlled delivery operations. Furthermore they also updated on establishment of Taftan / Mirjaveh Border Liaison Office (BLO). Moreover, the delegation discussed the strengthening of Joint Planning Cell (JPC) established under the triangular initiative. Need for regular interaction, communication and sharing of best practices were also discussed. It is pertinent to mention that in near-past cooperation of Narcotics Control Agencies of both the countries has resulted into many successful seizures of drugs and precursor chemicals. Also apprised the Iranian delegation about the appreciation given by relevant Pakistani stakeholders for signing the Letter of Cooperation between the two sides during the visit of DG ANF to Iran last year.

Visit of present Iranian Delegation is regarded as a milestone for bilateral cooperation on drug issues between the two countries. In the past, Narcotics Control Agencies of both the countries have remained in cooperation with each other in the fields of capacity building, including Canine, Technical Up-gradation and Drug Law Enforcement Training.

