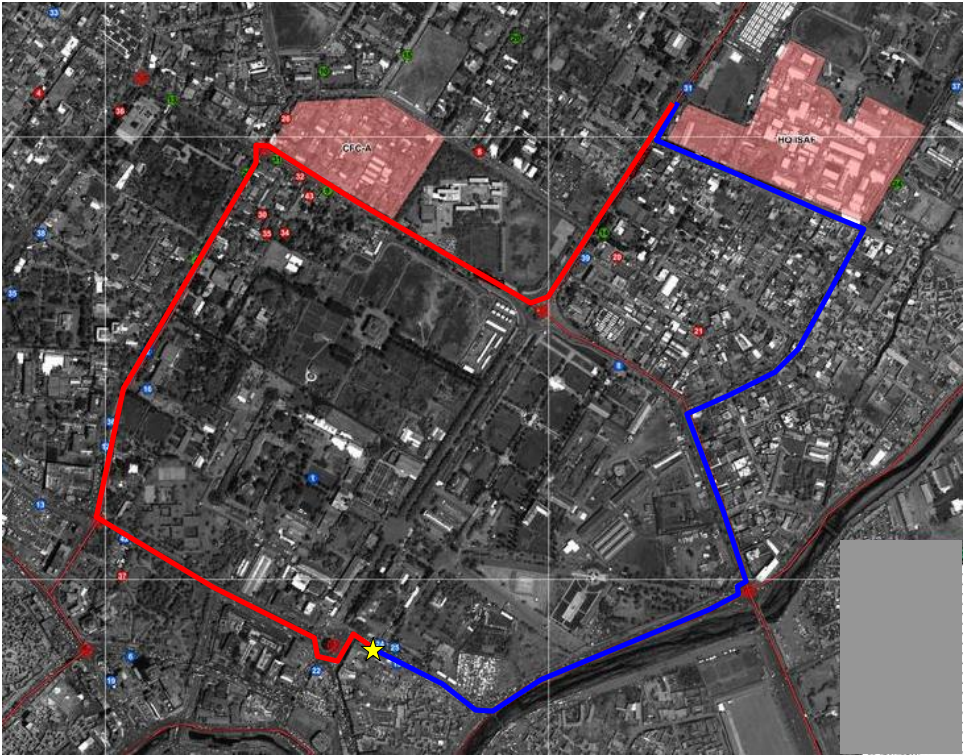


Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) – Profile
ISAF – NATO Headquarters, Kabul Afghanistan
 August 2009

Grid reference	MGRS: 42S WD 16658 19810 UTM: 42S 0516658 3819810
Address	Charahi Pashtunistan , District 2, Pashtunistan Watt, Kabul Web: www.centralbank.gov.af
Route	<p>Primary Route: Turn left from the main gate. Turn left on to the road parallel to the ISAF Southern Wall. Turn right on the intersection with the road that runs parallel with the ISAF’s East wall with the rear gate on it. Move South following the road until you get on to “Indigo” to the roundabout with route “Violet”. At this roundabout turn right (90°). Follow Violet to the west. After 600 meters follow the road to the right (you now left route “Violet”). After 200 meters MoF is to be found on your left hand site. The entrance is in the middle of the building. If this entrance is not available the car park and alternate entrance is on the left of the building as you look at it. Look for guarded second barrier arm.</p> <p>Alternative Route: Turn left from the main gate. At the Aryana circle (three-way-crossing) turn right and pass Eggers. Turn left at the checkpoint/roundabout after Eggers, go straight ahead over route “Green” to the town centre then move around the park past the Serena turnoff. Follow road until you get to the large round about. The second right on that roundabout is the edge of the Ministry of Finance Compound. The entrance is in the middle of the building. If this entrance is not available the car park and alternate entrance is on the left of the building as you look at it. Look for guarded second barrier arm..</p>
	
Parking / Security	Parking: There is a parking lot inside the compound where the cars can be parked. Security has noticeably increased in early 2009, with the offset of the entry control point (ECP) and improvement of its defenses. Bomb searching is also now implemented at the ECP. Since the improved security procedures became effective, ISAF vehicles are asked to remain in the outer courtyard;

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LNOs must dismount and disarm before moving on foot through the security station. This is a prudent risk for routine visits to the ministry; however, during periods of higher security threats the LNO should be able to cajole the ANP security guards into opening the gate to the inner courtyard.

N.b.: During high-level meetings; i.e., with ambassadorial attendance, no firearms will be permitted in the ground floor conference room. Additionally, the inner courtyard will be jammed with VIP vehicles and bodyguards, so the ISAF officer is better off staging his vehicle and driver in the outer courtyard, which will allow quicker egress in case of emergency.

Weapons and body armour to be left attended in the car.

Nearest Refuge: MoD (10 min), HQ ISAF (12 min)



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Short biographies of principles:

Governor:

Abdul Qadeer Fitrat ,DAB Governor and Chairman of Supreme Council (Supervisory Board or Board of Directors): confirmed by the Parliament on November 17, 2007. Governor Fitrat had previously served as First Deputy Governor and Governor of DAB in 1995 and 1996 respectively. Governor Fitrat also worked as Assistant Research Coordinator for a USAID-supported project, called ESSP in Peshawar, Pakistan, Chairman of Bank-e-Millie Afghan (BMA) in Kabul, Afghanistan in early 1990s and a Consultant for Economist to the International Monetary Fund in Washington in late 1990s. He also served as a consumer banker to the First Union National Bank in Northern Virginia during 2000-2001. Most recently, Governor Fitrat served as an Advisor to the Executive Director at the World Bank for the last nearly three and a half years. Governor Fitrat attended primary school in Badakhshan and secondary school in Kabul. He holds a Bachelors degree in Economics from the International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan and a Masters degree in Social & Applied Economics with an emphasis on monetary economics from the Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio in the United States.



First Deputy Governor

Mohibullah Safi was born in the year 1975 at Kunar province. He migrated to Pakistan during Russian invasion. He did his undergraduate and master degrees in Computer Sciences from the reputed institution, University of the Punjab in 1997. Currently he is studying MA economics from Peshawar University on DL basis. He worked as system analyst at a US-based firm NeuroDyne for almost a year. He was a lecturer at Tameer-e-Seerat Model Degree College, for almost two years, then he joined the Islamic University for Science and Technology as assistant professor for 2 years. He worked for the USAID-Afghanistan Economic Governance Project at the central bank for two years and then joined the Da Afghanistan Bank as Deputy Director General Monetary Policy Department, in this capacity he worked on:



GDDS (General Data Dissemination System), Five year strategic plan, Monetary Policy Formulation, Establishment of statistical base for monetary and external sector. He has closely worked with the IMF on SMP and PRGF program

Second Deputy Governor:

Alhaj M. Issa Turab was appointed to his current position in 2001 and graduated from the economics faculty of Kabul University in 1974. He joined DAB in 1994 in that capacity. In 1996, Mr. Turab served as First Deputy Governor. Since 2001 Mr. Turab has served as Second Deputy Governor. He served as Deputy Commercial Manager for Bank Mili in 1993. Mr. Turab was Administrative President for the Ministry of Water and Power in 1992 and has also significant experience in accounting with that ministry.

Primary donors and international partners working with the ministry:

International Monetary Fund
World Bank
Asia Development Bank
Islamic Development Bank
USAID (contracted Bearing Point, a private consultancy firm)

Ministry provincial staff :

According to their website there are 75 Branches throughout the country
See external document (LINK)

Center of gravity and priority activities engaging the Kabul office of this ministry:

Basic Tasks of DAB:

- Formulate, adopt and execute the monetary policy of Afghanistan.
- Hold and manage the official foreign exchange reserves of Afghanistan.
- Print and issue Afghani banknotes and coins.
- Act as banker and adviser to, and as fiscal agent of the State.
- License, regulate and supervise banks, foreign exchange dealers, money service providers, payment system operators, securities service providers, securities transfer system operators.
- Establish, maintain and promote sound and efficient systems for payments, for transfers of securities issued by the State or DAB, and for the clearing and settlement of payment transactions and transactions in such

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securities.

Programs being implemented:

- Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (IMF program): Ensure monetary policy was in line with the PRGF program, and the Afghani remains stable, reserve accumulation, central bank financing to the government and other quantitative performance targets and criteria are met.
- Financial supervision strengthening: increase numbers of supervisors and examinations, implement action plan to improve the legal banking framework.
- Produce a monetary survey for the entire banking system

Informal observations on capacity of ministry staff, vulnerabilities, number of expatriot consultants embedded in the ministry, mentors, functionality, atmospherics and ministerial culture:

Assets in Kabul and the provinces that are controlled/owned by this ministry (land, buildings, centers of excellence, etc.

The central bank offices, including the national treasury vaults, are located on Pashtunistan circle. Several bank branches exist throughout the Kabul area (see above).

Ministry strategy:

Strategic Objectives

1. Develop and implement rational monetary policies to achieve price and exchange rate stability.
2. Ensure the thorough and timely supervision of all financial institutions, as defined by the DAB Law.
3. Provide for the quality and the profitability of the management of the foreign exchange reserves for the country.
4. Issue and maintain the Afghani currency (bank notes and coins) to ensure availability of currency and its utilization across the country.
5. Develop a nation-wide electronic payments system that serves all provinces of Afghanistan.
6. Provide efficient, modern banking services to the Government of Afghanistan that enables the effective implementation of government fiscal policies and plans; including revenue collection, funds disbursement and timely financial account information.
7. Provide accurate, timely and relevant information to the public.
8. Hire, develop and compensate qualified, honest and innovative staff at every level.

Organization:

Departments

General Counsel
Chief Financial Office (CFO)
Bank Operations
Chief Information Office
Financial Supervision
General Services
Human Resources
Market Operations
Monetary Policy
Information Technology (IT)
Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)

Communications within GIRoA:

DAB has a close relationship with MoF and the Palace regarding public finance management policy.