



UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)



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Vision

UNAMA is a political mission, directed and supported by the UN's Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Its headquarters is in Kabul. Within Afghanistan, it has 8 regional and 23 provincial offices. In addition, UNAMA has liaison offices in Islamabad (Pakistan), Ashgabat (Turkmenistan) and here in Tehran.

UNAMA's mandate was established on 28 March 2002 through UN Security Council Resolution 1401. On this day, the Tehran UNSMA (UN Special Mission to Afghanistan) liaison office, which had been established in May 2000, was renamed as the UNAMA liaison office in Iran. UNAMA is directed from Kabul by a Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Afghanistan who also acts as the Head of UNAMA. UNAMA's key role is to promote peace and stability in Afghanistan by leading the efforts of the

international community. Together with the Government of Afghanistan the mission supports the rebuilding of the country, the strengthening of the foundations of peace and a constitutional democracy.

Our current focus is the implementation of the Afghanistan Compact (2006), the Paris Declaration (2008), and the Afghanistan Conferences in London and Kabul (2010), in particular the subject of regional cooperation.

Activities of UNAMA in Afghanistan include:

- Strengthening the cooperation with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).
- Providing good offices in support of Afghan-led reconciliation programmes.
- Supporting efforts to improve governance and the rule of law and to combat corruption.
- Playing a central coordinating role to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid.
- Monitoring the human rights situation of civilians and coordinating human rights protection.



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UN Special Representative of Secretary-General Ján Kubiš meeting Mr. Aleadin Boroujerdi, Chairman of the Iranian parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission in 2013

- Supporting the electoral process in Afghanistan by providing technical assistance and funds and coordinating other international donors.
- Supporting regional cooperation in working for a more stable and prosperous Afghanistan.

Work in Iran

- The UNAMA office in Tehran was actively involved in preparations for the Bonn Agreement (2001), the Emergency Loya Jirga (2002), the Constitutional Loya Jirga (2004), and the Presidential elections (2004).



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Activities of UNAMA in Iran include:

- Ensuring regular dialogue with the Islamic Republic of Iran (especially the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) concerning the ongoing peace process in Afghanistan and regional cooperation.
- Acting as a conduit for information between UNAMA HQ and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Serving in an advisory and liaison capacity to the diplomatic community and to those UN Agencies in Tehran with Afghan-related programmes.

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