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### **Dragoons deliver Supplies to improve Zabul Prison**

**ZABUL, Afghanistan-** Troopers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Cavalry Regiment Legal Office delivered needed supplies to the Qalat Prison in Zabul Province Sunday, Mar. 6. The items delivered were for the guards and the prisoners to improve their capabilities and quality of life. The supplies included handcuffs, radios, batons, blankets, jackets, shoes and portable heaters.

“This is the partial completion of our first Rule of Law Project,” said Regimental contracting officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ryan Porte. “We have four ongoing projects in support of Zabul Province.”

“We delivered things like coats and blankets for the prisoners as well as items to assist the guards in their duties,” Porte continued. “We delivered about 50 percent of the supplies; all that is left now is some of the big stuff.”

Among the big items is an armored car to help make transport of prisoners more secure. The prison project also includes structural improvements like improving the electrical system throughout the complex and adding a new septic system.

The prison upgrades and enhancements are but one aspect of the Rule of Law program. It is a vast reaching project that touches every aspect of law and order. The primary goal is to help the Afghan Government integrate the courts, police and prison systems into a well oiled machine. By working together, these agencies will have a better understanding of each other's roles within the due process of law. Coalition forces are working with the Afghan government to give the people a more consistent and impartial system to help solve civil disputes and punish people convicted in criminal cases.

“The Rule of Law project is central to a safe and secure Zabul,” said 2SCR trial prosecutor, Capt. Harrison Kennedy. “We have been working in two areas; the courts dealing with the judges and prosecutors and with corrections.”

“Our goal was number one, make sure the prison guards are properly equipped with the tools they need to do their job,” he said. “The second was to improve living conditions for the prisoners.”

Whether it is providing blankets for inmates or forensic training for judicial prosecutors, the Rule of Law program is making great strides in helping the Afghan Government establish a justice system that ensures the rights for the people of Afghanistan.

Photo: **Helping hand** : Capt. Harrison Kennedy discusses future plans for the prison with the warden. (Photo by Sgt. Jerry Wilson)



### Caption

Photo: **Gifts:**

Workers unload warm blankets for the inmates at the Zabul Provincial Prison courtesy of the Rule of Law Program. (Photo by Sgt. Jerry Wilson)

