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Combined Forces Air Component Command Airpower Statistics

Highlighted Prepare article: Afghan Air Force conducts multi-aircraft, multi-capability exercise

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4/1/2013 - KABUL, Afghanistan -- On March 27, Afghan Air Force Airmen, along with air advisors from NATO Air Training Command-Afghanistan, achieved a major milestone in their Combined Strategic FlightPlan with the first combined training exercise of both multiple aircraft and capabilities.

Members of the AAF and coalition forces conducted Operation Shadie Barfie, which translates as "Snow Ape," employing Mi-35 gunships and Mi-17 helicopters in an air assault capacity and Cessna 208s for casualty evacuation response, showcasing the combined operations capability that the AAF has begun to effectively demonstrate on the battlefield.

"All the elements of the AAF have been working very well individually," said Tech. Sgt. Will Stimpson, 438th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron Mi-17 advisor. "The exercise was designed to take those independent elements and fuse them together in order to continue to increase the AAF's operational capabilities and stand alone processes. By integrating the air capabilities with ground capabilities it gives the AAF an organic aerial attack capability."

NATC-A advisors worked for more than two months to develop and implement an AAF air assault training syllabus. AAF members with the 377th Rotary Wing Squadron and security forces at the Kabul Air Wing have been working with coalition advisors to complete the training in order to be prepared for this exercise. These students were only the second class to go through this air assault training course.

"This was truly a defining moment for the AAF," Capt. Micah DiGrezio, NATC-A advisor, said. "They showcased what they were capable of and successfully briefed, planned and executed an air assault and CASEVAC mission."



Afghan Air Force Security Forces Quick Reaction Force members from Kabul Air Wing, Afghanistan load on to an Mi-17 helicopter in preparation for an exercise March 27, 2013. Members of the AAF and NATO Air Training Command-Afghanistan conducted Operation Shadie Barfie, employing Mi-35 gunships and Mi-17 helicopters in an air assault capacity and Cessna 208s for casualty evacuation response, showcasing the combined operations capability that the AAF has begun to effectively demonstrate on the battlefield. (courtesy photo)

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Combined Forces Air Component Commander 2008-2013 Airpower Statistics

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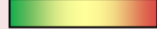
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OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM/International Security Assistance Force

Close Air Support

Sorties		Sorties with at least one weapon release	
2009	27,815	2009	2,050
2010	33,707	2010	2,517
2011	34,514	2011	2,678
2012	28,768	2012	1,975
2013	5,296	2013	336

Number of Weapon Releases

Less Activity  More Activity

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009	163	203	362	461	454	438	381	445	254	541	238	207	4,147
2010	156	154	175	197	300	457	325	416	739	1,043	866	272	5,100
2011	405	341	337	339	426	610	695	516	597	663	308	174	5,411
2012	170	116	229	252	406	521	504	588	385	414	297	202	4,084
2013	193	297	248										738

- Some figures may have changed due to data re-calculation and re-verification

Combined Data

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	16,193	18,898	28,747	38,198	34,937	7,699
Airlift Sorties	51,945	52,905	63,324	58,914	37,611	5,990
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)	251,738	264,839	298,079	230,230	240,656	57,500
Airlift Passengers	1,269,710	1,301,740	1,369,002	1,114,376	730,358	136,200
OEF Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	16,576,297	32,267,606	60,400,000	75,956,235	36,365,283	5,200,000
Tanker Sorties	18,361	17,465	17,296	19,469	16,007	2,738
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	1,106	1,076	1,050	1,095	980	165
Aircraft Refuelings	86,288	82,095	82,603	90,476	67,020	11,959
Casualty Evacuation Sorties	-	-	3,712	2,959	2,171	131
Saves	-	-	1,888	1,611	1,187	56
Assists	-	-	2,964	2,121	1,646	100

- Data not available

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