

## Press Release

### ANF ORGANIZED PICTORIAL PRESENTATION ON NEW BLOCK CONSTRUCTED AT ANF POLICE STATION, GWADAR WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 ANF organized pictorial presentation in connection with inauguration of prefabricated block of ANF Police Station, Gwadar constructed with financial assistance of UNODC and Canadian High Commission in Pakistan, here at Islamabad today. The event was attended by Secretary MNC Mr. Iqbal Mehmood, High Commissioner of Canada in Pakistan Mr. Perry Calderwood, UNODC Country Head Mr. Cesar Guedes, Drug Liaison Officers of various countries, Foreign Dignitaries, Senior ANF Officials and Media Persons.

While speaking on the occasion, DG ANF Major General Musarrat Nawaz Malik HI (M) thanked the Government of Canada and UNODC for enhancing capacity building of ANF. He apprised that recent contributions of Government of Canada, through UNODC Country Programmes for Pakistan, in supplementing Pakistan's counter narcotics pursuits are highly appreciable and would facilitate in infrastructure and technical uplift of Pakistan's anti drug set-ups. He added that Pakistan gives exceptional importance to cooperation with international community and sincerely acknowledges the support provided by the international partners, especially the UNODC. He said that Canadian support to augment ANF capacity at strategically important places like Gwadar will go a long way in making the world a safer place from drugs and related transnational organized crimes.

While addressing the event, he highlighted that trafficking of illicit drugs and precursor chemicals is a transnational organized crime and a growing challenge to the rule of law, good governance and development in many countries. He said, despite being the flag bearer of the fight against drugs, Pakistan has become a transit as well as victim country of trafficking in illicit drugs and their precursor chemicals. He reaffirmed his commitment to continue this war against illicit drugs with the same resilience to protect our own society as well as shield the rest of the world from the devastating effects of illicit drugs.

While speaking on the occasion, UNODC Country Head Mr. Cesar Guedes and High Commissioner of Canada in Pakistan Mr. Perry Calderwood appreciated ANF's achievements and its role as a specialized force in combating trafficking of illicit drugs at national, regional and global level. They assured their all-out support to ANF to tackle the menace more vigorously. They re-affirmed their support in capacity building of ANF and their key role for improving international cooperation across the globe.

While concluding the event, Secretary MNC Mr. Iqbal Mehmood reaffirmed the Pakistan's resolve to stem out the menace of drugs from the country, region as well as the world. He added that Pakistan would continue to pursue the same resolve to strive for a world free of illicit drugs to save the future generations.

