

Report from Minister of Defense for free military and military-technical aid to  
Afghanistan, 3 February 1983

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TO THE SECRETARIAT  
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF BCP

REPORT

from Colonel General Atanas Semerdzhiev – Acting Minister of people's defense

COMRADES,

In 1982, the Minister of defense of DR Afghanistan sent a request to the Ministry of defense of Bulgaria to provide assistance in the following aspects:

- training of personnel in the higher military institutions of the Bulgarian army;
- military medical service;
- logistics in the Bulgarian army.

The Minister of defense Army General Dobri Dzhurov has put forward these issues in his report to the Secretariat of the Central Committee of BCP for decision. The request related to training of Afghan military personnel was declined with resolution No. B-26/19.07.1982, while no decision was made on the other issues.

Regarding the above mentioned, the Ministry of people's defense is capable of providing the following assistance on account of its budget:

1. During the period 1983-1985, to accept annually 5 people for hospital treatment and 10 people for sanatorium treatment, a total number of 45.
2. To deliver medications at the amount of 20 000 leva and equipment for 30 000 leva.

Normally, Afghan military personnel need operation for putting artificial limbs, which is performed in medical institutions of the Ministry of people's health. The expenses, related to putting artificial limbs on 15 men will amount to 87 000 currency leva.

Travel expenses for return tickets for 45 men from Kabul to Sofia will amount to 90 000 leva, transportation of equipment will amount to 3 500 leva in socialist currency.

Regarding the request of the Minister of defense of DR Afghanistan, I propose the following decision to be made:

The Secretariat of the Central Committee of BCP agrees to:

1. The Ministry of defense to provide free aid to the Ministry of defense of Afghanistan on the account of its budget, as follows:
  - a) During the period 1983-1985, to accept annually 5 patients for hospital treatment and 10 patients for sanatorium treatment, total number 15 men for hospital treatment and 30 for sanatorium treatment;
  - b) To deliver medications for 20 000 leva and logistic and medical equipment for 30 000 leva.

2. The Ministry of people's health to provide artificial limbs to 15 Afghan militaries.
3. The State planning committee and the Ministry of finance shall provide the Ministry of defense, the Ministry of people's health and the Ministry of foreign trade with necessary funds in foreign currency and in leva for artificial limbs, for return tickets from Kabul to Sofia, as well as for transportation of equipment.
4. All issues, related to the above-mentioned assistance, have been coordinated with the State planning commission, the Ministry of finance and the Ministry of people's health.

Acting Minister of people's defense

Colonel-General [Semerdjiev]

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