Tajikistan Destroys Remaining Anti-personnel Landmines

The Ministry of Defense of Tajikistan on March 31 destroyed its remaining stockpile of 1,261 anti-personnel landmines, according to a NATO press release.

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The project was made possible by NATO’s first Partnership for Peace (PfP) Trust Fund project in Central Asia and was carried out in cooperation with the U.N. Development Program.

Following is the text of the release:

NATO Press Release

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PFP TRUST FUND HELPING TAJIKISTAN TO DESTROY ITS ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINES

Today the Ministry of Defence of Tajikistan destroyed its remaining stockpile of anti-personnel landmines. The destruction of 1,261 mines was carried out in cooperation with NATO and the United Nations Development Programme UNDP.

This successful project was made possible by the first Partnership for Peace (PfP) Trust Fund project in Central Asia. Financial support is being provided by Canada and the Netherlands. The destruction of this stockpile helps Tajikistan to meet its obligations under the Ottawa Convention.

Other PfP Trust Fund projects to destroy landmines have been completed in Albania, Moldova and Ukraine.

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