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### Building security & justice institutions in conflict-affected environments: Learning from Afghanistan

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 8 July 2009 between 17:30 – 19:00 pm
<b>Presenter:</b>	Piet Biesheuvel, Libra Director Former Head of the UK's Rule of Law Section in Helmand, Afghanistan
<b>Discussant:</b>	Brigadier David Hook Currently Deputy Commander (Operations and SSR) Regional Command South, Afghanistan
<b>Chair:</b>	Dr John Gearson Director, Centre for Defence Studies, Department of War Studies, King's College London
<b>Venue:</b>	Department of War Studies King's College London Strand London WC2R 2LS
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Building effective and legitimate security and justice institutions is crucial for the stabilisation of conflict-affected environments and the development of fragile states. The UK has been heavily involved in providing such support in some of the most challenging environments, notably in the Greater Middle East and Africa.

Libra, which has led innovative programmes of security and justice sector support, and King's College, which has led academic research and teaching in this area, have teamed up to convene a series of seminars on this topic. The aim of the seminars is to bring together practitioners, scholars and policy makers to learn lessons from these experiences. This seminar - which will focus on Afghanistan - is the third in the series this spring with the two previous seminars convened in April and May 2009 analysing and discussing Iraq and Palestine experiences respectively.

#### **Police and Rule of Law Reform: A Stabilisation Tool or Development Activity?**

A discussion examining the different ways in which police and rule of law reform programmes are conducted in non-permissive environments, post-conflict countries and fragile states with particular focus on recent experiences in Afghanistan.



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### **About the Presenters**

Libra Director Piet Biesheuvel recently returned after leading the UK's Rule of Law Section in Helmand, Afghanistan, with the task of creating a more co-ordinated and cohesive approach to supporting the security and justice sectors.

Brigadier David Hook is currently serving in HQ RC(S) based at Kandahar Airfield Southern Afghanistan. As the Deputy Commander (operations and SSR) he is responsible for all operational matters within the region and also carries the responsibility for SSR with a primary focus on building Afghan Security Forces capacity and capability.

### **About Libra Advisory Group**

Libra is a specialist security and justice consultancy with extensive experience in key Security and Justice Sector Reform (SJSR) and stabilisation environments including Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Pakistan and countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

### **About Centre for Defence Studies, King's College London**

The Centre for Defence Studies (CDS) at the Department of War Studies, King's College London, engages in research, training and consultancy at the highest level on British, European and international defence and security issues. CDS was established at King's College in 1990, with a grant from the UK Ministry of Defence but is now fully independent. CDS has an international staff of academic policy researchers, practitioners, associates and visiting fellows providing a range of policy-orientated research to a number of UK Government departments. The Centre has conducted studies on behalf of the FCO, MOD, the Department of Trade and Industry and DFID. CDS provides expertise to a number of UK Parliamentary committees, and has established ties with Britain's leading political parties and a network of contacts across Whitehall and the British military. Outside the UK, CDS advises both international organisations and various NGOs, including the United Nations, the OECD, NATO, and the European Commission.