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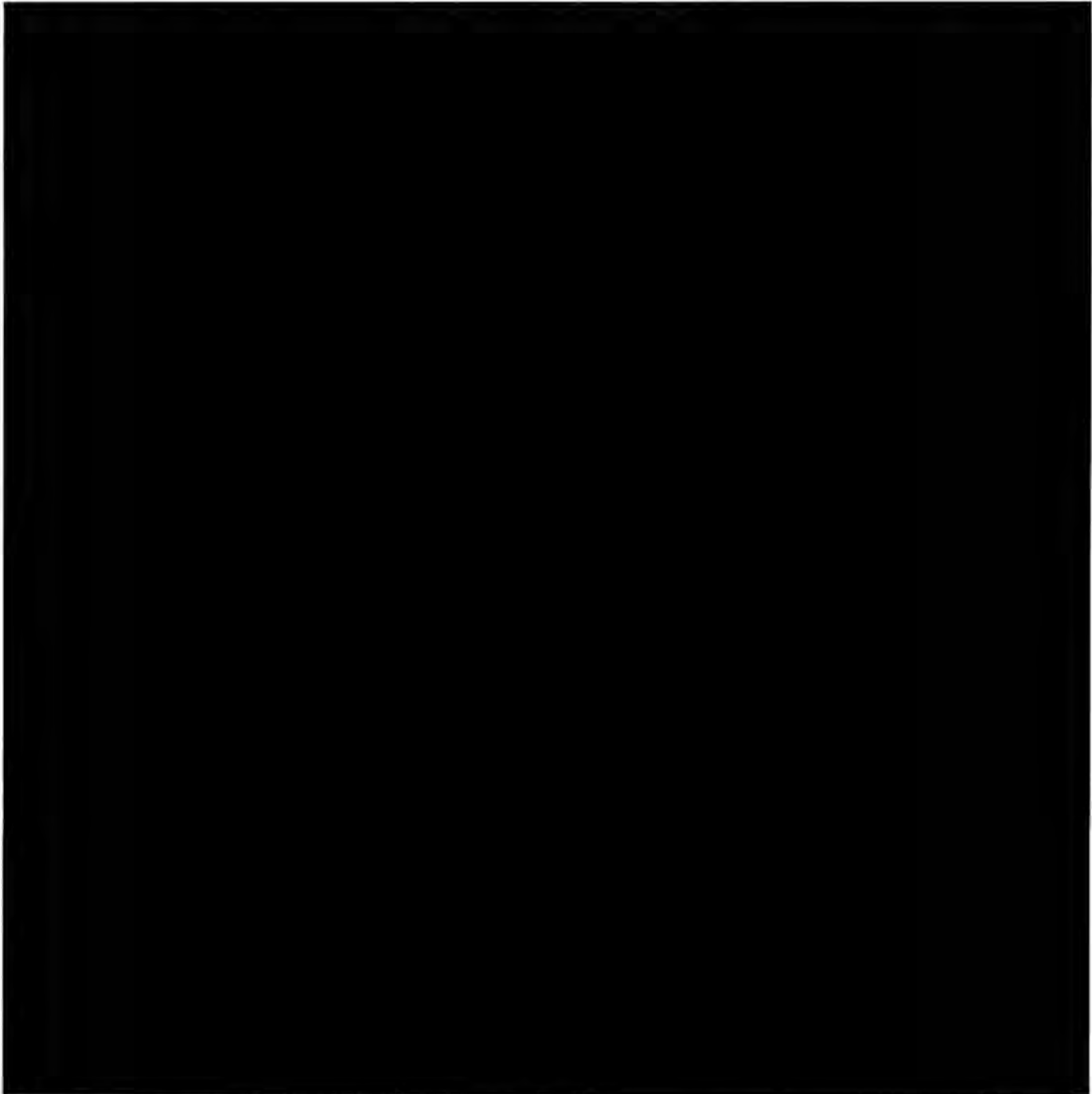
Summary: MND visited Kabul on August 31 for discussions with President Karzai, Defence Minister Wardak and NATO partners. [REDACTED]

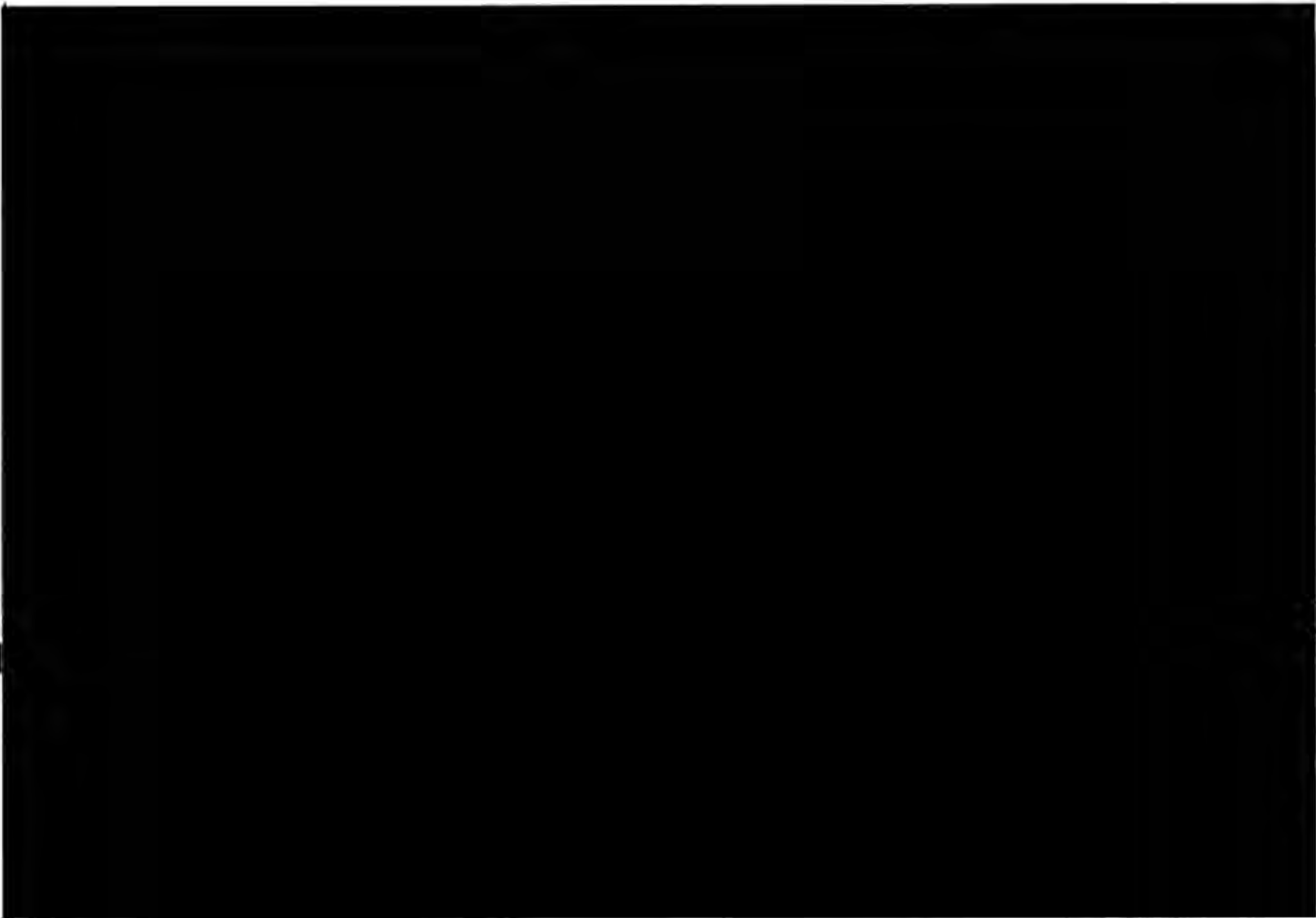
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[REDACTED] Both thanked Canada for its military sacrifices, which the president called "a matter of immense gratitude."

Report. After a two-day program in Kandahar, Defence Minister O'Connor flew to Kabul on 31 August for a one day program. He was accompanied by LGen Michel Gauthier, commander of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command, and RAdm Dan Murphy, Director of Staff at the Strategic Joint Staff. The delegation was briefed by DND's Strategic Advisory Team, which provides strategic planning for selected GoA partners; took part in a roundtable hosted by HOM Sproule with Canada's diplomatic and military partners in the south; and met with Defence Minister Abdul Rahim Wardak (who also hosted a lunch), ISAF commander LGen David Richards, and President Hamid Karzai.

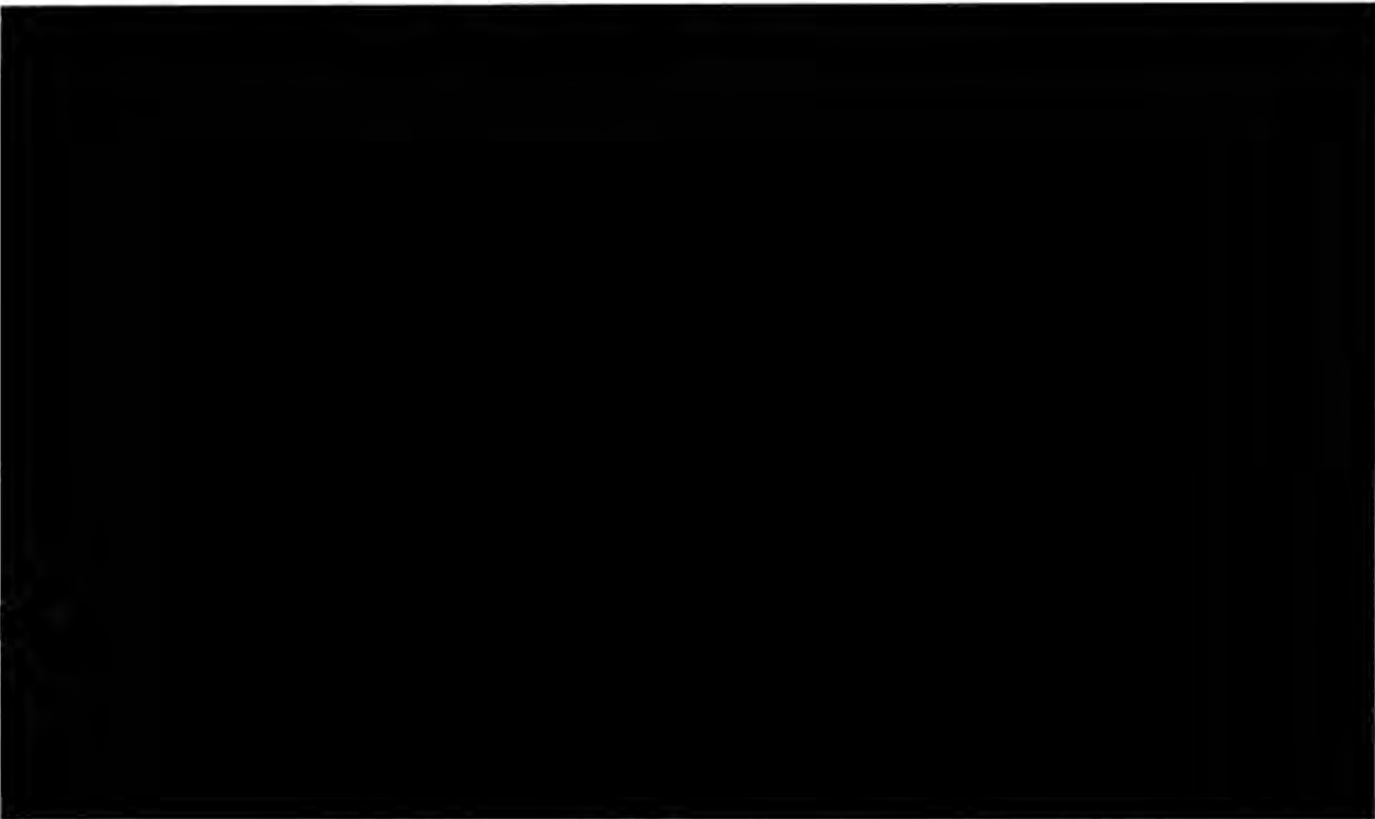
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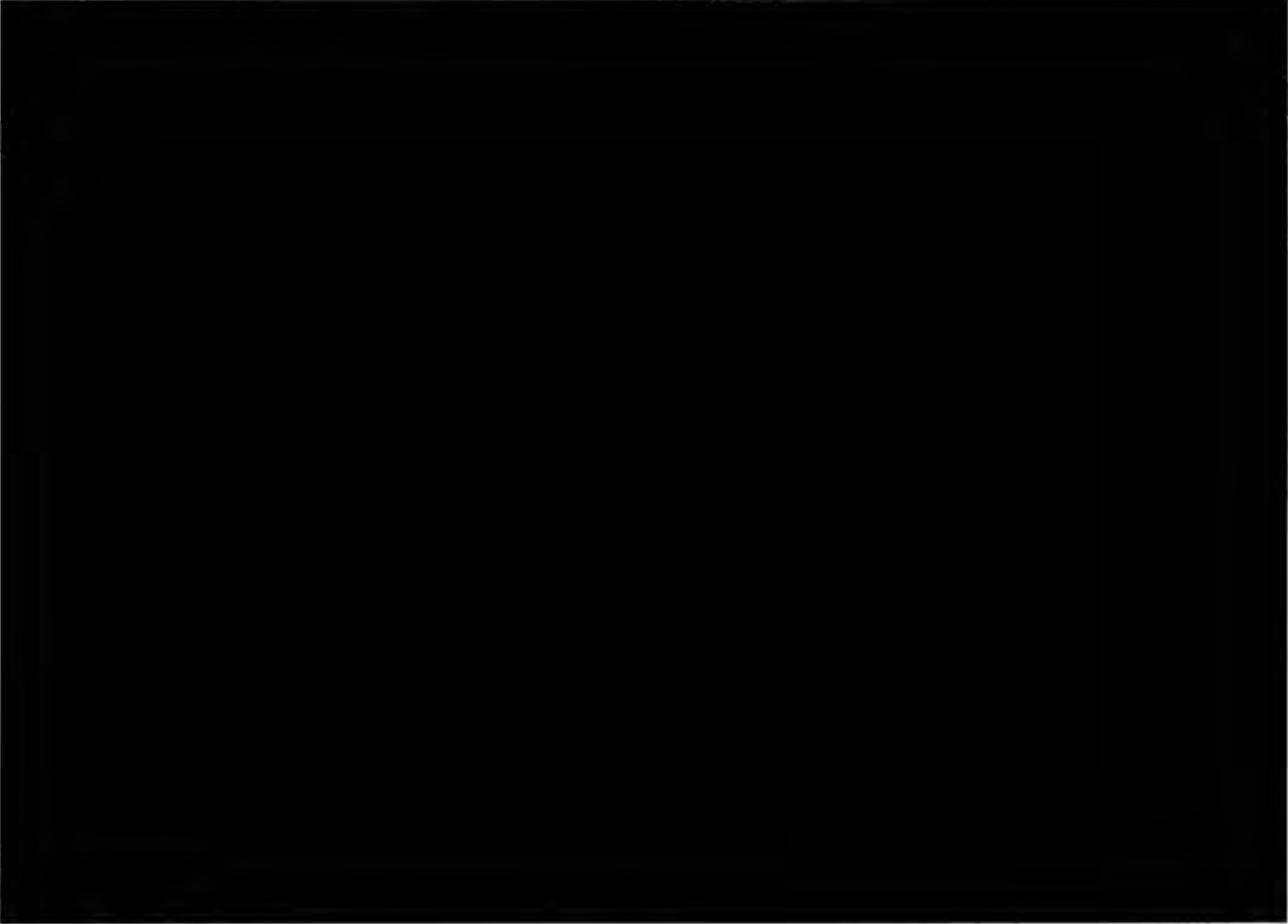
Minister of Defence Abdul Rahim Wardak

11. Gen. Wardak began by expressing his great appreciation for the sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers. Canadian soldiers, he said, are doing an excellent job.







ISAF commander LGen Richards



President Karzai

22. In a 45-minute meeting, the President showed himself in strong form. Also present were Foreign Minister Spanta, Defence Minister Wardak, Chief of Staff Ludin and National Security Advisor Rassoul, though on the Afghan side only Karzai spoke. His two main subjects were 



24. MND told the president that, in his view, Kandahar must be the focus of Canadian effort. Canada is trying both to deal with the Taliban and deliver improvements on the ground. To that end, MND intended to strengthen our PRT.



26. The president eloquently thanked Canada for the sacrifices of Canadian soldiers, which he called “a matter of immense gratitude.” During his upcoming visit to Canada, pledged Karzai, he would find a way to express his appreciation. For Canadian soldiers “from that comfortable life to find themselves in the deserts and mountains of Kandahar in order to fight for us, is immensely kind.”



30. The call concluded with MND reiterating how much our government looks forward to President Karzai's upcoming visit. President Karzai said he was anxious to thank Canada for his contribution to Afghanistan and asked MND to pass along his regards to PM Harper.

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