

Leaders discuss Afghan justice in Rome

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ROME - International talks on bolstering Afghanistan's troubled justice system Tuesday entered their second and final day in Rome.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, NATO chief Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and representatives of 23 other countries or organizations launched the talks Monday on reforming the judiciary in the war-torn country, Italy's ANSA news agency reported.

The conference began with Italian Foreign Undersecretary Gianni Vernetti announcing Italy would donate \$13.5 million to Afghanistan for legal infrastructure and training.

The issue of tackling widespread corruption was on the agenda along with relations between the courts and police and human rights, the report said.

Italy has 1,900 peacekeeping troops in Afghanistan serving in the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force.

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