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Preparations underway to start training of Afghan Black Hawk pilots

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Preparations are underway to start the training of the Afghan Air Force UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. (Photo NATO Resolute Support Mission ^[2])

The NATO-led Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan in a Twitter post said the Assistant Minister of Defense Tamim Asey, a top General of 205th Corps of the Afghan Army Gen. Behbood, and Combined Security Transition Commands Gen. Neil Thurgood visited the future training center of the Black Hawk helicopters in Kandahar province.

The top security and defense officials arrived in Kandahar province recently to take delivery of the first batch of the Black Hawks which arrived in Kandahar last week.

The training of the Afghan pilots for the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters is expected to kick off in coming October.

A spokesman for the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission Capt. William Salvin told The Military Times in July that the Black Hawk training aircraft are expected to arrive in Afghanistan sometime shortly after October 1, and training will start soon after that.

The Afghan Air Force is expecting to receive around 159 Black Hawk helicopters in coming years as part of the ongoing efforts by the international allies of the country for the modernization of the Afghan Air Force in a bid to boost the capabilities of the national defense and security forces.