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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Government Supports the Jalalabad Municipal Government to Improve Street Light Services

On December 6, 2011 U.S. Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic Pamela L. Spratlen, the Jalalabad Oblast Governor, and the Jalalabad City Mayor commemorated the completion of a joint rehabilitation project to install new lights along Jalalabad city streets. Ambassador Spratlen participated in the ceremony by turning on new street lights with local government officials.

The Jalalabad city administration initiated the refurbishment of damaged city street lights early this year as another step towards the recovery of communities in southern Kyrgyzstan. The U.S. Government allocated funds to procure materials and equipment, and the municipal government provided labor to complete the installation of new street lights. This joint effort re-established street light service for 79,000 residents by rehabilitating 524 street light lamps along 27.7 km of roads in the Kurmanbek, Sputnik, Dostuk, and Chyngyz Aitmatov micro-districts of Jalalabad. This activity has helped to restore citizen trust in public services and will enable Jalalabad city residents to engage in economic and social activities in a safer environment.

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