KABUL - Afghanistan's first and only women's orchestra, Zebra, has been awarded the Freemuse Award 2017.

The orchestra is comprised of a group of students from the National Institute of Music (ANIM) in Kabul.

The Afghanistan music industry is currently facing tremendous challenges following years of oppression under the Taliban and decades of war, which has led to the destruction of the country's music industry.

But, following the establishment of the new democratic system in 2001, the Afghan government initiated music and entertainment policies.

This comes as the Afghan officials have long been critiquing the Afghan militant groups' policies.

The source further added that the specifically the Taliban and Haqqani terrorist network leadership use its soil for planning and coordinating attacks in Afghanistan.

The US Department of State earlier said problem regarding the safe havens of the terrorist, "(More on P4)"

Before their deployment to Afghanistan, the soldiers were scheduled to conduct training centers during the 9-month mission in mid-February.

The brigade and its battalion also did extensive negotiations with local authorities before arriving in Afghanistan.

The Afghan army has been training and being trained, and it gets to the point where you need to go and do what you've been training for so hard to do," said strong. (KP)