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Newly-Built 350-Bed Hospital Opens in Kandahar

KANDAHAR CITY – Public Health Minister Dr. Ferozuddin Firoz on Thursday inaugurated a 350-bed hospital in southern Kandahar province.

Besides Dr. Firoz, some other ministers and presidential advisors were also present at the hospital’s inauguration ceremony. Sprawling over 67.5 acres of land, the four-storey hospital’s construction was completed at a cost of 410 million afghanis in three years and eight months, Dr. Firoz told media persons.

He said the hospital had been constructed on advanced and modern pattern and would treat patients of different diseases.

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