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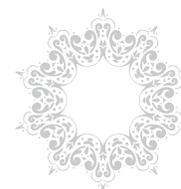
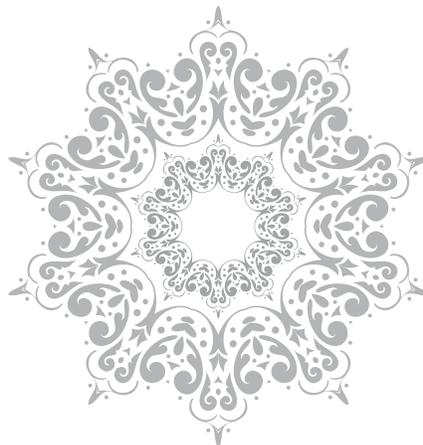
# The Activities of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs Office and People's Comments

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## Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund's Speech at the Opening Ceremony of the 27th Fall Agricultural Products Exhibition



### Introduction:

Agriculture is of particular economic value because of Afghanistan's geographical structure. More than half of the population in Afghanistan is engaged in agriculture and livestock. Therefore, it plays an integral role in Afghanistan's national economy. Agriculture is one of the primary sources of income and funding that people living in rural areas and villages of Afghanistan live on.

With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, in addition to other economic areas, agriculture has been in the limelight. Last year, the total gross domestic product of the country was 33.48%, a significant development. Several agricultural product exhibitions aimed at introducing Afghanistan's agricultural products to the world through domestic and foreign exhibitions have been held. The 27th Fall Exhibition of Agricultural Products was one of them and was organized in Kabul this year.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, said at the opening ceremony of the 27th Fall Agricultural Products Exhibition that more than 50% of Afghanistan's people are engaged in agriculture, and most of them are focused on the agricultural economy. As a government, the Islamic Emirate should concentrate on taking the agriculture of Afghanistan to a standard level, thereby creating facilities for farmers.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has encouraged traders to cooperate with them in providing the farmers with these facilities. "The Ministry of Agriculture needs to distribute improved seeds to farmers," Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund said in his speech at the 27th Fall Agricultural Products Exhibition. "I ask the private sector to focus on producing high-quality agricultural medicines to protect farmers and gardeners from natural disasters and to import appropriate agricultural medicines to Afghanistan."

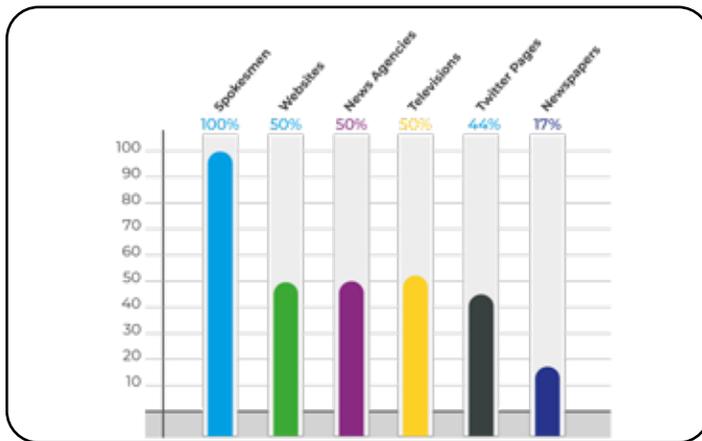
Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund added that they are supposed to elevate Afghanistan to being self-sufficient in every aspect. He called on the authorities to fulfill their responsibilities and work tirelessly for the development of Afghanistan.

## The Purpose of the Exhibition

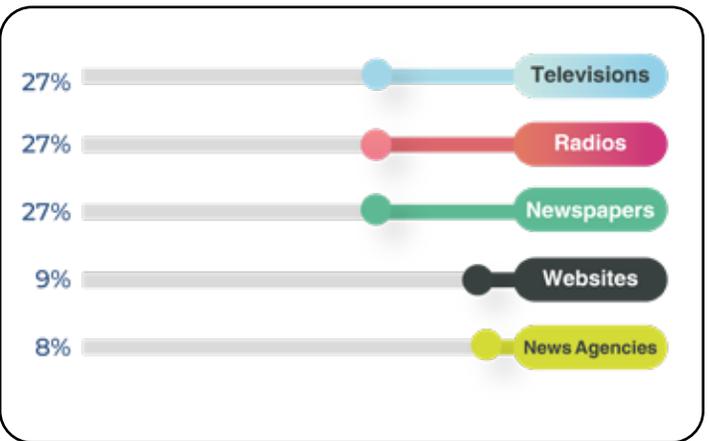
The purpose of the exhibition is to showcase Afghanistan's agricultural products; this way, people inside the country can learn about Afghan agricultural products. Besides, it is an opportunity to exhibit new and modern agricultural machines, and other materials used in the agricultural sector. Most of the problems in the agriculture sector are caused due to the need for more standard agricultural equipment and medicine, which most Afghan farmers are unaccustomed to. The farmers learn about such equipment and treatment through such exhibitions.

### An assessment of people's comments on the report "Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund's Speech at the Opening Ceremony of the 27th Fall Agricultural Products Exhibition" published on the media

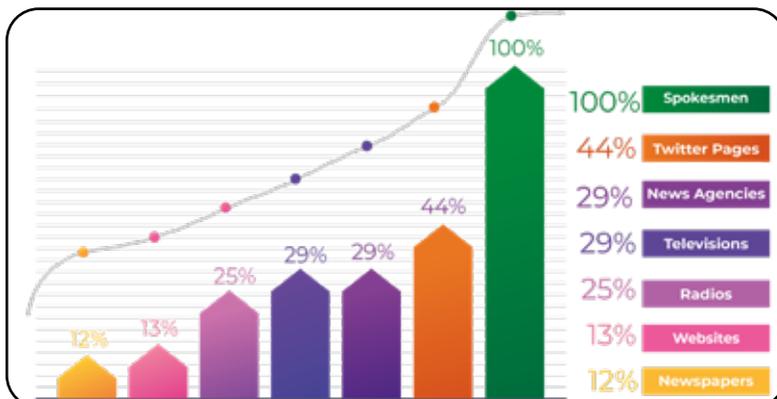
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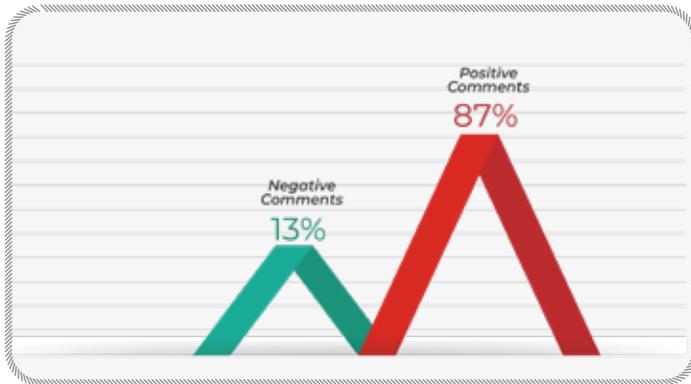


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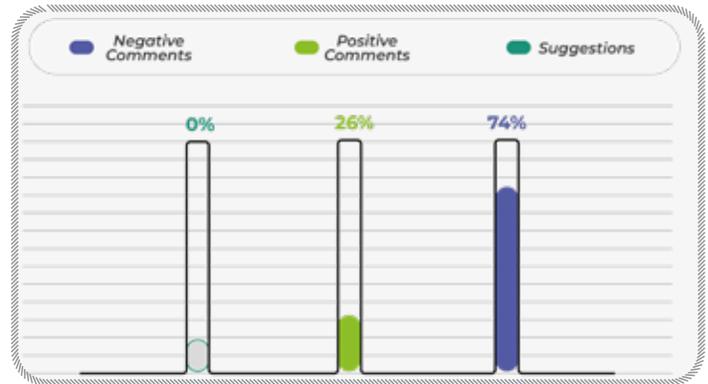
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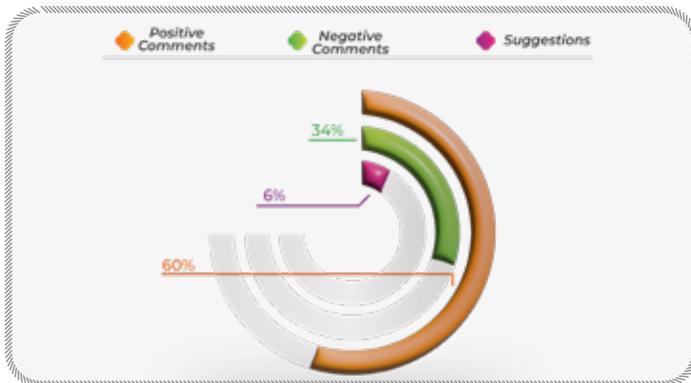
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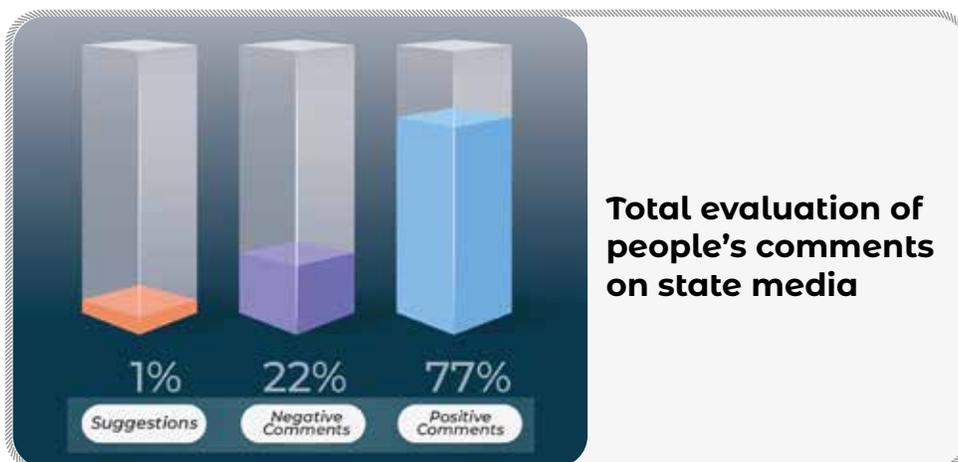
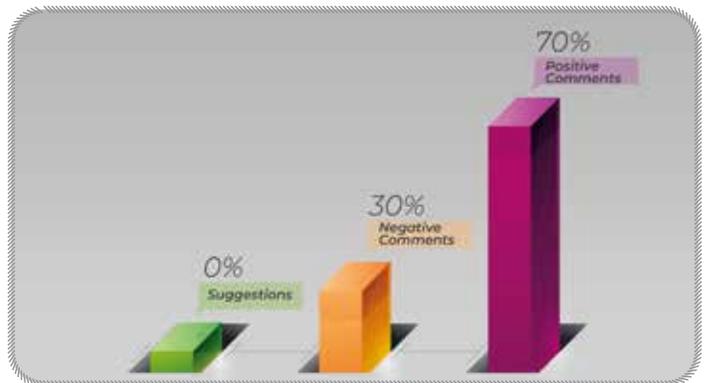
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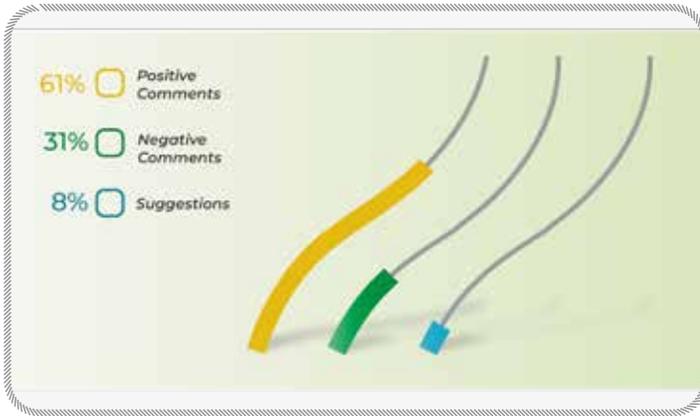


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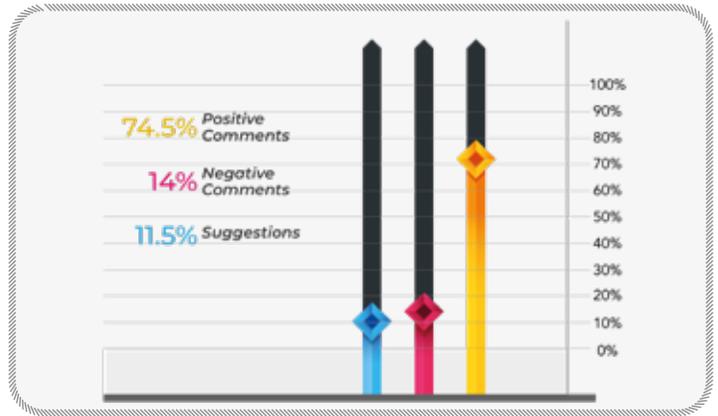


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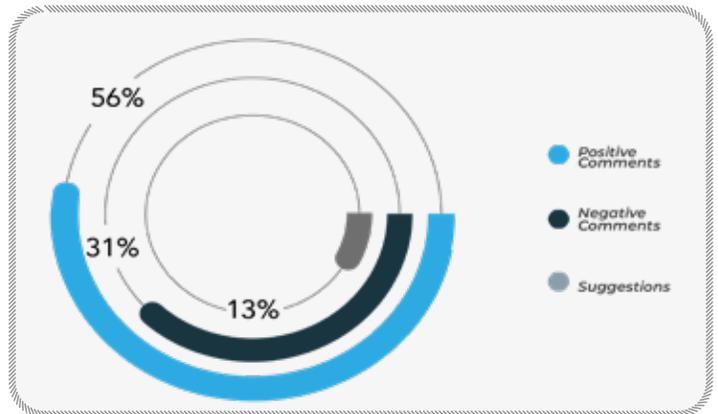
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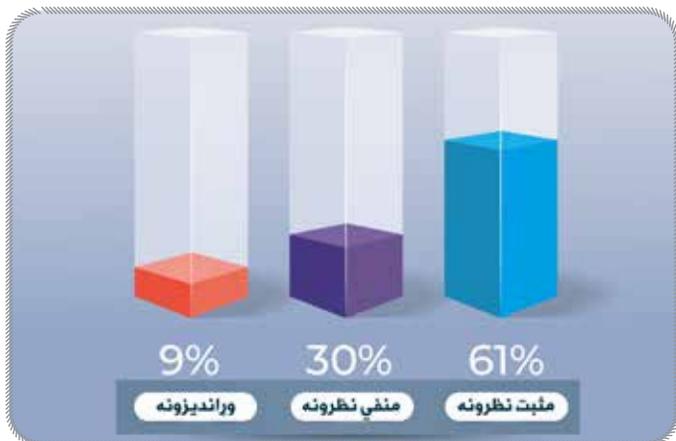
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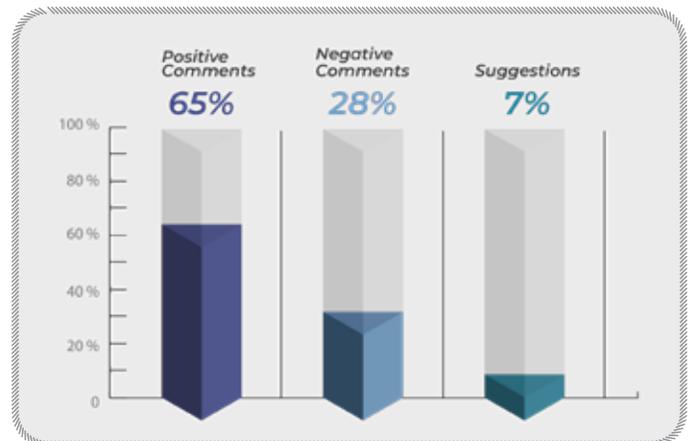
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### Total evaluation of people's comments on state media



### Total evaluation of people's comments on private and state media



## **The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund's speech at the opening ceremony of the 27th fall agricultural products exhibition**

### **The purpose of evaluating people's comments:**

Evaluating people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the media and social networks means clarifying people's comments and paying attention to them. Evaluating and publishing this issue allows people and society to share their views, requests, criticisms, and suggestions regarding the government's economic decisions, actions and projects.

### **People's involvement with social media in Afghanistan.**

Most of the people in Afghanistan use Facebook. But government officials, institutions, and political, economic, social, and cultural activists tend to use Twitter.

However, governmental and non-governmental institutions and political, economic, social, and cultural activists are actively present on Facebook and Twitter to cover the public and official individuals and institutions besides publishing official and non-official news and reports daily.

### **The evaluation and analysis of the number of people's comments regarding the news on the media**

*Media are divided into two groups: private and government media.*

1. Regarding the 27th Fall Agricultural Products Exhibitions, people's comments on the state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokespeople, are being evaluated here. The number of people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the state media is 494 in total. Among these comments, 380 are positive, 111 are negative, and the remaining 3 are sound suggestions. In percentage as shown on the table, these figures are 77% positive, 22% negative and 1% sound suggestions.

2. Besides, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the speech of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund is carried out here. A total of 1444 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments, there are 878 positive, 431 negative, and 135 sound suggestions. In percentage, the statistics shown as 61% positive, 30% negative, and 9% sound suggestions.

Considering the above numbers, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private ones. The percentage of positive comments on state media is 77 and on private media, this percentage is 61. However, the percentage of sound suggestions on private media is 9, while this percentage is only 2 on state media. The number of sound suggestions on private media is higher than on state ones. In addition, if we pay attention to the part about negative comments, this percentage is higher on private media than on state media. The percentage of negative comments on state media is 22, and 30 on private media.

If we find the total of positive, negative comments, and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 1258 positive comments, 542 negative comments, and 138 sound suggestions. The percentage is 65% positive, 28% negative, and 7% sound suggestions.

### **The summary of people's comments**

One of the reasons is that actions taken on the government level are covered mainly by the state media. This exhibition was organized by the government and widely publicized by the state media and social networks related to these media. The more a piece of news or report is shared, the more comments it gets. It shows that people closely monitor every single step taken by the government and share their opinions.

### **Why is the number of positive comments higher on state media than on private?**

- ✎ Provided that the exports don't exceed the imports, and the agriculture and industry are not developed, the economy cannot be strengthened.
- ✎ The efforts of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan are outstanding compared to those of the last 20 years. The works of the previous government were all superficial. For example, they would give people one kilogram of wheat as aid and call it Meli Distarkhwan (a government scheme to help the poor).
- ✎ Honorable Mulla Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund's speech doesn't mean what it looks like. Their contribution to the country's development during the last 16 months is thousands of times more than the ex-republican government could do. Indeed, they have not done as much as the people deserve.
- ✎ The leaders should work day and night to develop Afghanistan so that we can have a self-sufficient and economically developed country.
- ✎ May God bless you. You have done so much that was not been done in the last 20 years. Stay alive. In the hope of further developments.

## After evaluating and reading people's comments, several important issues are generally worth noting:

- ✍ **First**, people's comments mainly concentrate on the work done and other fundamental projects. Many citizens view that the Islamic Emirate has made significant progress in a short period, which the previous administration of Kabul had yet to do in 20 years. There is no doubt that the people believe in the work done by the Islamic Emirate and hope that Afghanistan will witness progress over time.
- ✍ **Second**, the sound suggestions of the people expressed after the publication of this news are also worthy of attention. They say that exhibitions of agricultural products are beneficial. The Islamic Emirate has organized such exhibitions and is committed to doing more at national and international levels. Moreover, the government should market these products at the international level. If Afghanistan's agricultural products reach the global markets, without a doubt, Afghanistan's economy will boost and trade will increase, and accordingly, numerous investors will be encouraged to invest in agricultural products.
- ✍ **Third**, several other topics have also been mentioned in people's comments, such as assigning work to those capable of doing it, hiring professionals and specialists, and providing a suitable environment for investors. In addition, they ask the government to provide facilities for producing goods, whether agricultural or other. Since its re-establishment, the Islamic Emirate has gained significant achievements in all these areas, the most important of which is security. Currently, security has been ensured in Afghanistan and it has turned out to be safe and secure. In addition, the Islamic Emirate has provided facilities for those who plan to invest in Afghanistan or have already done so and have solved their problems. Similarly, it has tried to find markets for farmers' products outside the country, an excellent example of which is the re-opening of the air corridor to China and the beginning of the export of pine nuts.

The leadership of the Islamic Emirate has always emphasized its commitment to the development of Afghanistan, more specifically, the economic sector, encouragement of investment, business, or activities in the field of agriculture. The Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, said at the 27th Fall Agricultural Products Exhibition that supporting the agricultural sector, construction of canals, building greenhouses and stores, standardizing agriculture, distributing improved seeds, finding markets for agricultural products and controlling natural disasters are the priorities of the Islamic Emirate.

## Conclusion

Since every government is responsible to its nation and is expected to progress and provide welfare and prosperity, the government needs to expedite its efforts to assure the people that it is the government they want and takes extraordinary steps to find solutions to the economic, social, and other problems in the country.

Since more than 50 percent of Afghanistan's people are engaged in agriculture and livestock, people's comments were mainly about the development of this sector and marketing for agricultural products. They requested that markets be found for the agricultural products so that the farmers could sell them at a relatively high price, which would benefit both the farmers and the national economy.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has always said that putting an end to people's problems is a top priority and has taken concrete steps over the past year. Good examples can include building dams and canals for irrigation.

In addition, it has tried to introduce Afghan products to people at home and abroad by organizing exhibitions, including several exhibitions held in China, India, Qatar, and other countries. Beside other products, agricultural products are exhibited.

The Islamic Emirate has done enough in such a short period of time and is trying to do more. If they continue like this, Afghanistan will soon reach economic stability.

## Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund's speech at the 6th China-South Asia Exhibition



### Introduction

Exhibitions are organized to introduce a country's industrial and agricultural products to the people of the world. Governments are trying to organize exhibitions for their products to find markets at home and abroad. Exhibitions are the best way to promote business, as we can display the products to the people and encourage the business people to invest in this sector. When investment is made in products and industrial production, the country's economy grows, and it takes steps toward development.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has started a series of exhibitions at home and overseas for the introduction of Afghanistan's industrial and agricultural products and has achieved good results so far. In the series of exhibitions, Honorable Mulla Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, gave a video speech at the 6th China-South Asia Exhibition on November 20, 2022, where Afghan products were exhibited.

In his speech at the 6th China and South Asia Exhibition, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs said: "We must devise our regional policies in such a way that the security, economic and humanitarian concerns and needs of the countries in our region are met. Afghanistan has become a safe and suitable country for transit, trade, investment, regional connectivity, and economic cooperation."

Mullah Baradar Akhund added that Afghanistan has excellent potential for investment and trade in natural resources, agricultural products, and the carpet industry. Its products have a special place in international markets. He encouraged international investors to invest in Afghanistan and achieve their legitimate economic and commercial goals together with the people of Afghanistan.

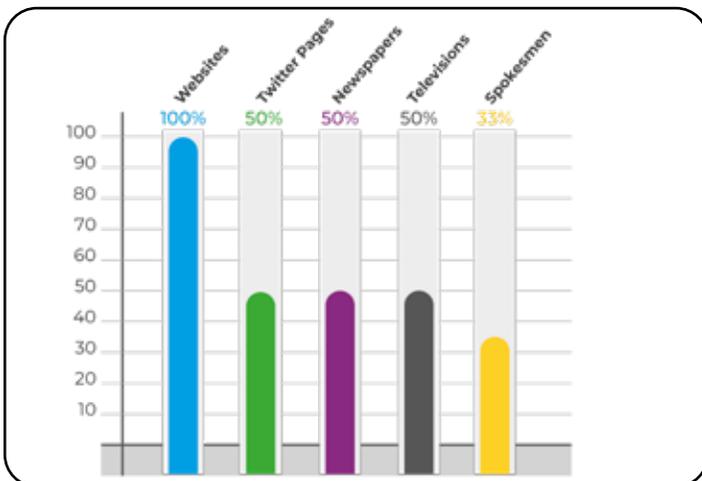
It is worth mentioning that representatives of around 80 countries and international organizations, 9 of which were from Afghanistan, participated in the said exhibition, which lasted for four days. Afghan products such as saffron, carpets, and precious stones were displayed at 15 separate stalls.

### The Purpose of the Exhibition

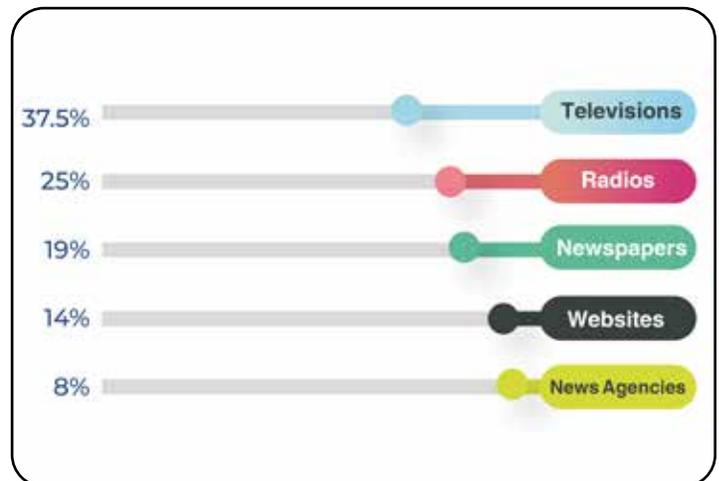
The purpose of the exhibition was to introduce the industrial and agricultural products of different countries. By taking advantage of this opportunity, the Islamic Emirate was able to encourage foreign investors to invest in Afghanistan and assure them that Afghanistan is now, more than ever, a transit, trade, investment, and regional connectivity point

### The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on the media that have published the report regarding the video speech of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the DPMEA, at the 6th China-South Asia Exhibition

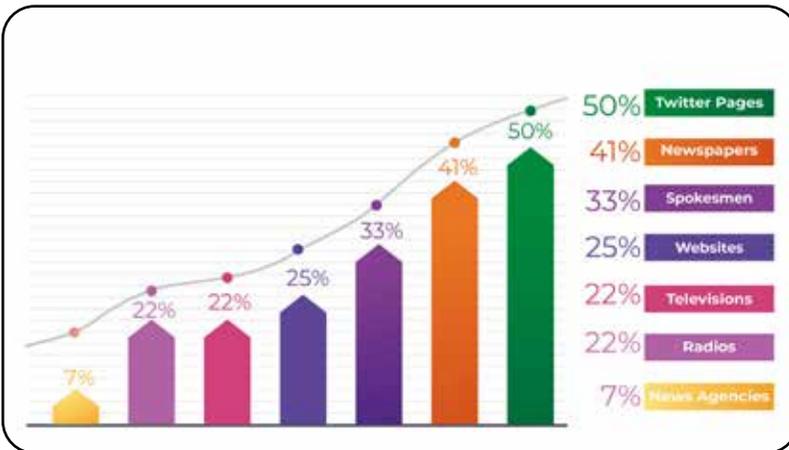
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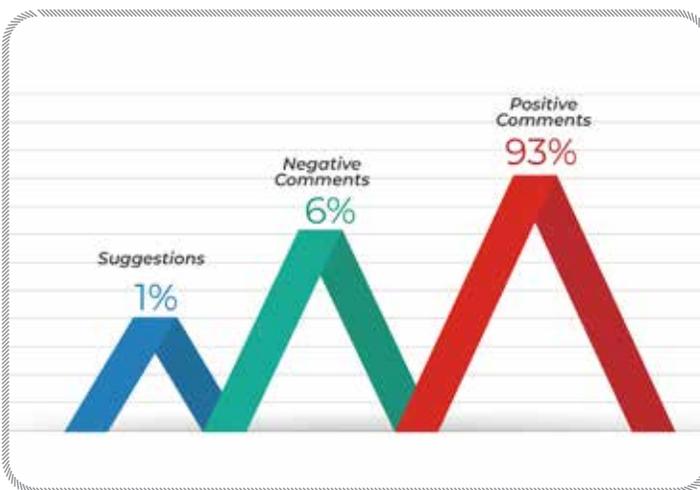


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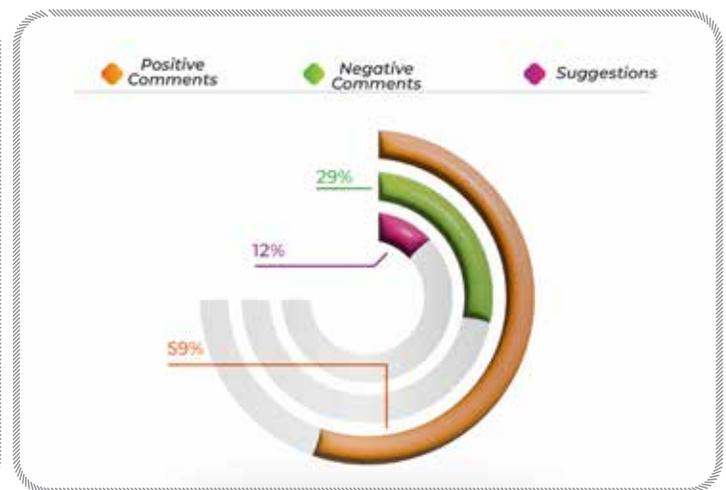
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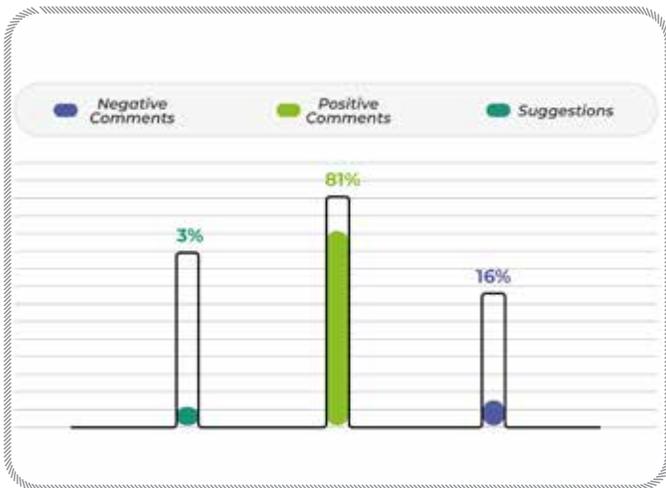
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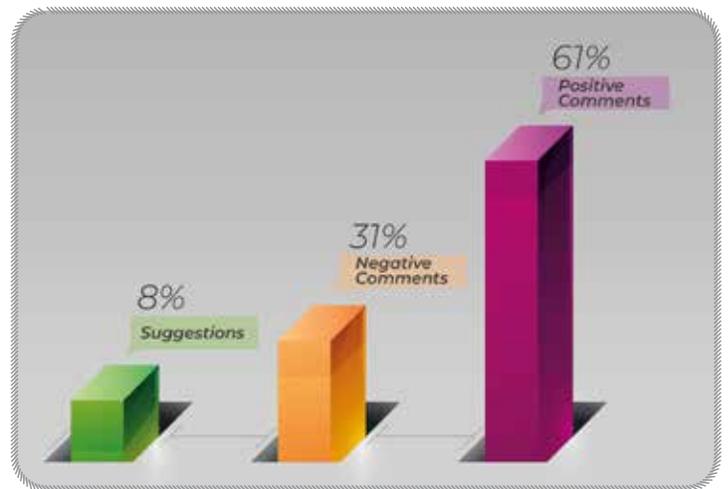
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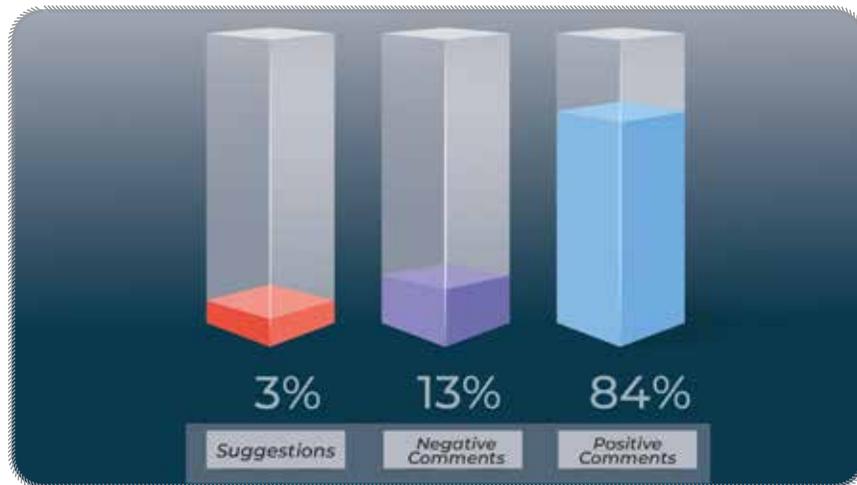
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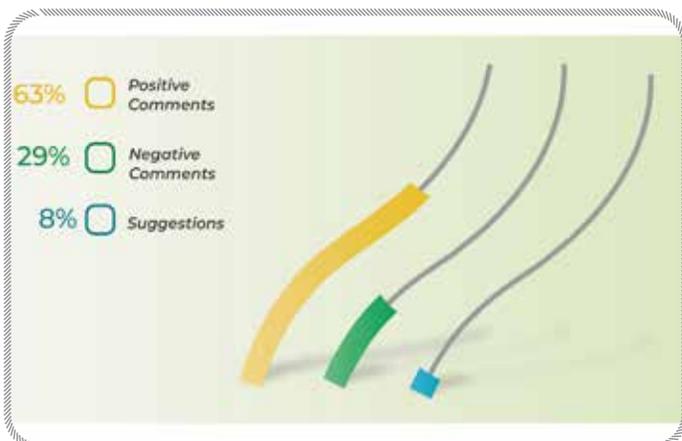


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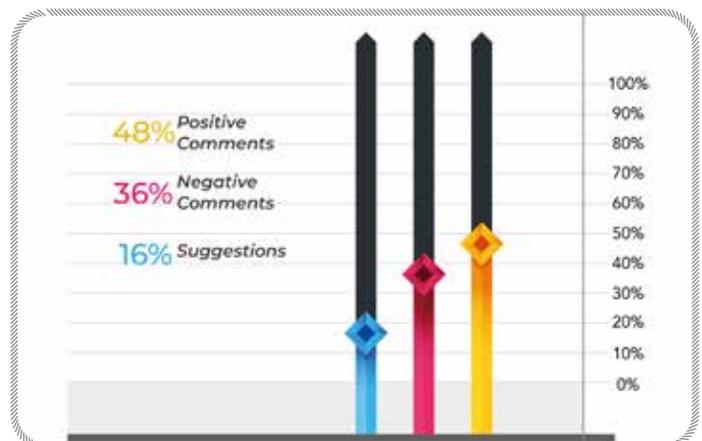


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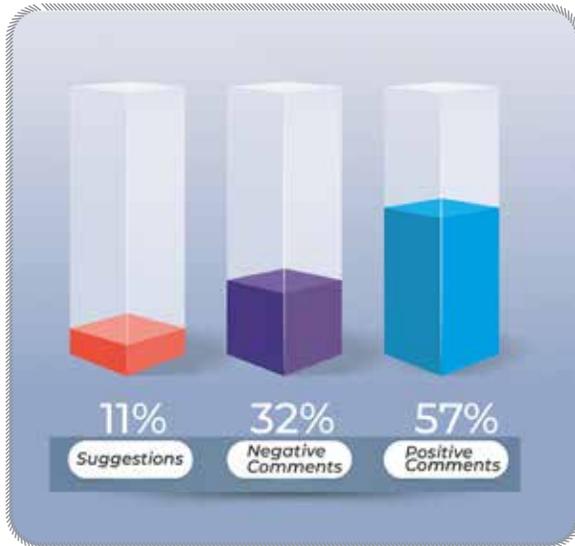
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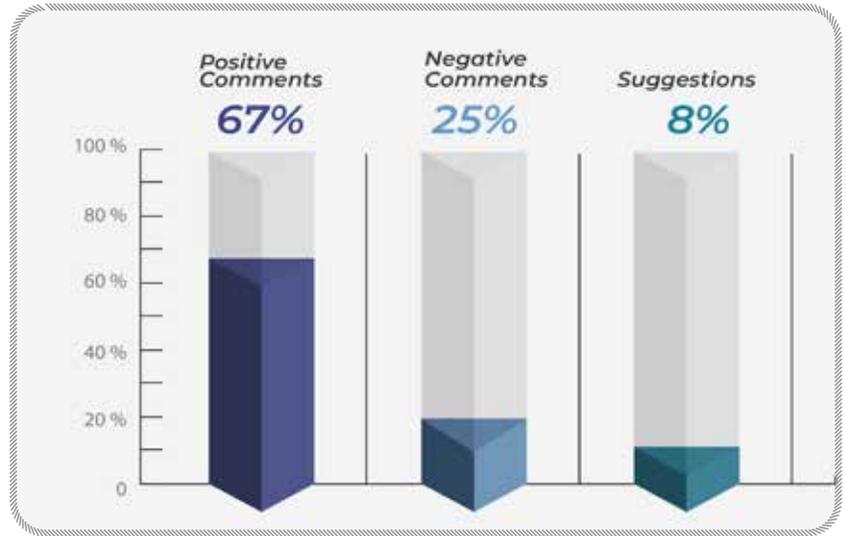
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### Total Evaluation of People's Comments on Private Media



### Total Evaluation of People's Comments on Private and State Media



## The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund's speech at the 6th China-South Asia Exhibition

### The Purpose of Evaluating People's Comments

Evaluating people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on social media means clarifying their words and paying attention to them. Evaluating and publishing this issue allows people and society to share their views, requests, criticisms, and suggestions regarding the government's economic decisions, actions, and projects.

### People's involvement with social media in Afghanistan

If we examine the presence and activity of people on social media, we find that the majority of people in Afghanistan are active on Facebook and most of those who are actively present on Twitter are government officials, institutions, and activists in the political, economic, social, and cultural areas. The official and unofficial members of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan use Twitter more than Facebook. In fact, in Afghanistan, the presence of ordinary people on Twitter is less than on Facebook.

However, governmental and non-governmental institutions and political, economic, social and cultural activists are actively present on Facebook and Twitter to cover the public and official individuals and institutions besides publishing official and non-official news and reports daily.

## **Analyzing the statistics of people's comments regarding the news on the media**

*Media can be divided into two categories: private media and state media.*

1. At the 6th China-South Asia Exhibition, the number of people's comments about the video speech of the Honorable Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund is being evaluated here on the government media, including televisions, spokespersons, Twitter pages and websites. The number of people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the state media is 535 in total. Among these comments, 450 are positive, 70 are negative, and 15 are sound suggestions. As listed in the table, there are 84% positive comments, 13% negative, and 3% sound suggestions.

2. The evaluation of people's comments on the video speech of the Deputy Prime Minister of Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, at the 6th China-South Asia Exhibition on private media, including televisions and radios, is carried out here. As listed in the table, there are 57% positive comments, 32% negative, and 11% sound suggestions. The total number of positive and negative comments and sound suggestions of people on private media is 1025. Among these comments, 589 are positive, 327 are negative, and 109 are sound suggestions.

Paying attention to the figures above, the percentage of positive comments from the public is higher on the state media than on the private ones. The percentage of positive comments on the government media is 84%, and on private media, this percentage is 57%. However, the number of negative comments on private media is more than that of the government media. The percentage of negative comments on private media is 32% and on government media, this percentage is 13%. The private media is ahead of the government media in terms of sound suggestions. The percentage of sound suggestions on government media is only 3% and on private media, this percentage is 11%.

If we sum up the positive and negative comments and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 1039 positive comments, 397 negative comments, and 124 sound suggestions, which in percentage are shown as 67% positive, 25% negative, and 8% sound suggestions.

### **Why is the percentage of positive comments higher on the government media than on the private media?**

One of the reasons is that actions taken at the government level are covered mainly by the state media. The news regarding the speech of Mullah Baradar Akhund at the 6th China and South-Asia Exhibition has been widely publicized by the state media and social networks related to these media. The more a piece of news or report is shared, the more comments it gets.

However, the number of negative comments is higher on the private media than on the state media, and it has been found that most people see the positive actions negatively taken by the government. In addition it shows that people observe the speeches and every step taken by government officials.

## The summary of people's comments on media and social media networks:

- ✎ The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan should establish economic corridors with China, which will lead to economic growth and development of the country.
- ✎ It is nice. If Allah wills, Afghanistan will be reconstructed soon. Whatever investment is made in Afghanistan, is for the benefit of the poor people of Afghanistan.
- ✎ With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, most of the traders have left the country because the taxes have increased.
- ✎ After 40 years of troubles, complete security and peace have been ensured in the country. The interesting point is that foreigners are coming and investing here.
- ✎ These kinds of exhibitions are beneficial for Afghanistan as we let the people of the world know about the quality of our products. As a result, our products will find international markets.

## After evaluating and reading people's comments, several important issues are generally worth noting:

- ✎ **First**, the people's comments indicate optimism that if economic corridors are established with China and trade is improved, the economy of Afghanistan will grow. Also, they take this work as auspicious and say that with the presentation of Afghan products at the international level, especially in developed countries, good markets will be found for them outside the country. This can lead to the development of business and economic growth as a result. The Islamic Emirate is also trying to introduce all its products to foreigners through exhibitions to encourage foreigners to invest in Afghanistan.
- ✎ **Second**, in addition to positive comments, people give negative comments and should not be ignored. A number of people have said in their comments that with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, investors and industrialists have left the country because of the high taxes imposed on them by the Islamic Emirate. Some people have surprisingly said that local investors have left, and now foreign investors are coming to invest in the country. Their comments are valuable; however, it is essential to highlight that those local investors were obliged to leave the country by the previous administration. They withdrew their money from the government and left.

There were two reasons why the investors and industrialists did so. Country the themselves and their weath world. For example, Abdul Rauf's case is known to Afghanistan and the whole world. We saw many national businesses people kidnapped and released in exchange for millions of Afghanis. Besides, during the previous administration, corruption had reached its peak, money was taken from business people and investors in return for their investment, and nothing was

carried out without paying money as bribes. These were the problems the business people were facing. With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, both of these problems have been completely eliminated and investment opportunities have been provided for investors. It is not surprising that foreign investors like to invest in Afghanistan. as They invest in countries that are suitable for them.

Besides, the Islamic Emirate has paid attention to local investors. A good example is the Afghan Invest Company's establishment, Afghan Invest is a recently-established company, whose share-holdere are all Afghans.

 **Third**, along with the positive and negative comments, people have made some suggestions. They suggested that attracting foreign investors have their principles and rules; each side should consider its benefits. Some countries are crafty at investments. They get the maximum benefit and make the other side take responsibility. It is a reasonable suggestion and the Islamic Emirate is focused on it. Every investor who signs a contract with Afghanistan should prepare the contract in accordance with international laws and in such a way that the benefits of Afghanistan are protected. The Islamic Emirate is not interested in any agreement in which Afghanistan's benefits are not covered. So far, all the contracts signed with foreign investors are in favor of Afghanistan and Afghans have been provided with job opportunities.

The Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, has always emphasized the creation of markets for Afghan products. At the 6th China-South Asia Exhibition, he requested international investors invest in Afghanistan. He also thanked the countries that exhibit Afghan products in their exhibitions. So, it is indicative enough that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is looking for markets for Afghan products and wants to introduce them to the people through such exhibitions.

## Conclusion

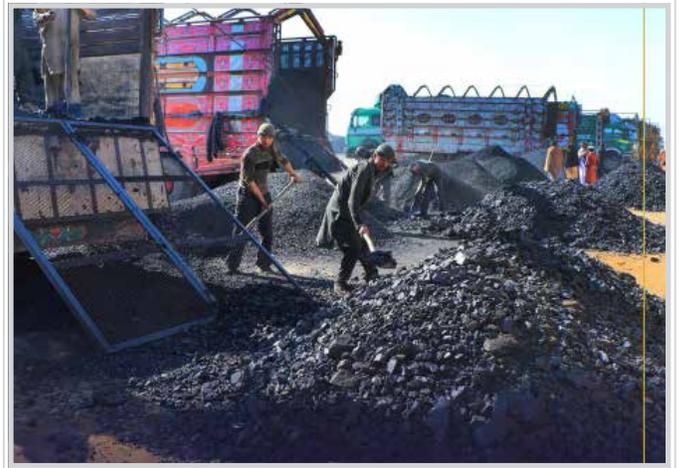
A responsible government always tries to get the country out of problems and lead it toward welfare, development and prosperity. To achieve such goals, all the activities that are necessary for the development of the country are rendered by the governments. As a responsible government, The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is trying to help boost the country's economy and put an end to the problems in this area.

Therefore, it has taken steps for economic revitalization, an excellent example of which is the exhibition of Afghan products inside and outside the country. Exhibitions are an important factor in strengthening the economy because they can attract investors to invest in different sectors of the country.

At the 6th China-South Asia Exhibition, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, said during his speech that complete security has been ensured throughout the country. Afghanistan has been a lucrative region being used as transit better than ever before. It has become a safe and suitable country for trade, investment, regional connectivity and cooperation.

The security in Afghanistan has allowed it to hold exhibitions inside and outside the country and introduce Afghan products to the people of the world. It indicates that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is committed to the country's development, especially economic growth, and has put every effort into this purpose.

## The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Supplies Coal to the people at a Lower Price.



### Introduction

The development of the industrial revolution and the invention of steam engines boosted coal's use and value around the world, allowing for the operation of several big factories and the production of steel, iron, and electricity. In comparison to all other sources, coal contributes to the generation of power by around a third, or 35%, of the world's electricity, according to statistics from the year 2020.

In countries like China, India, South Africa, and Australia, coal is the main energy source. For instance, India generates 44% of its electricity from coal and China 56%. Afghanistan possesses substantial mineral sources, including coal, according to preliminary assessments.

The extraction of coal mines has resumed on regular and standard bases with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate. These natural riches benefit the economy and the government's budget by millions of Afghans a day. Coal is used by Afghans to heat their homes throughout the winter, in addition to being significant for the industry, energy, and other applications.

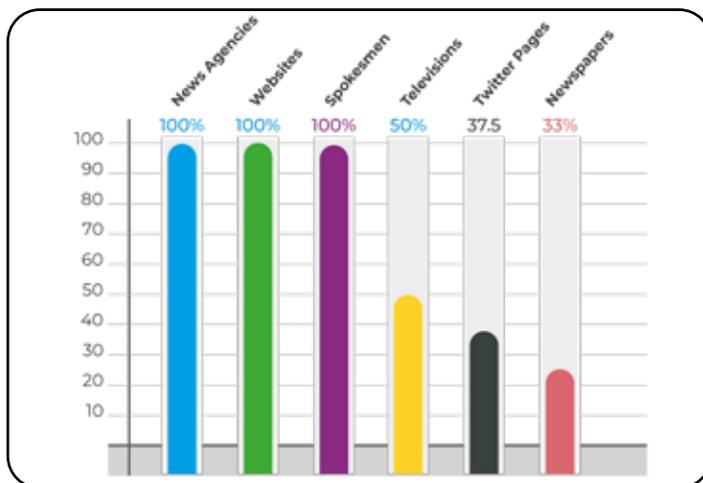
Due to the extreme poverty of the Afghan people, many of whom cannot afford fuel in the winter, the Islamic Emirate has decided to offer coal to the populace at a relatively cheaper price. For this purpose, the appointed committee made the decision to transport 400,000 tons of coal to Kabul and offer it for a significantly lower price.

## The Purpose of Supplying Coal at a Lower Price

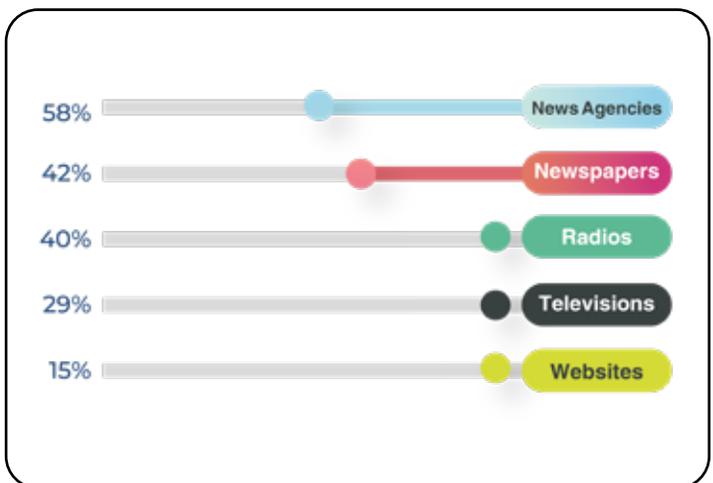
Since the incomes of the people of Afghanistan are low and most of them are poor and cannot afford all the facilities to live, the Islamic Emirate considering their economic situation has decided to provide them with the facilities by offering the coal at a lower price in order to contribute the people.

### An assessment of people's comments on the media networks, reporting the news" The Supply of Coal at a Lower Price by the Islamic Emirate"

#### State Media

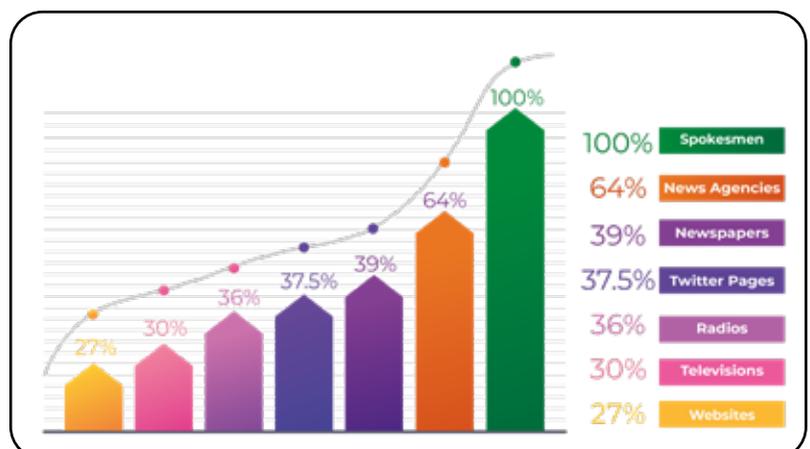


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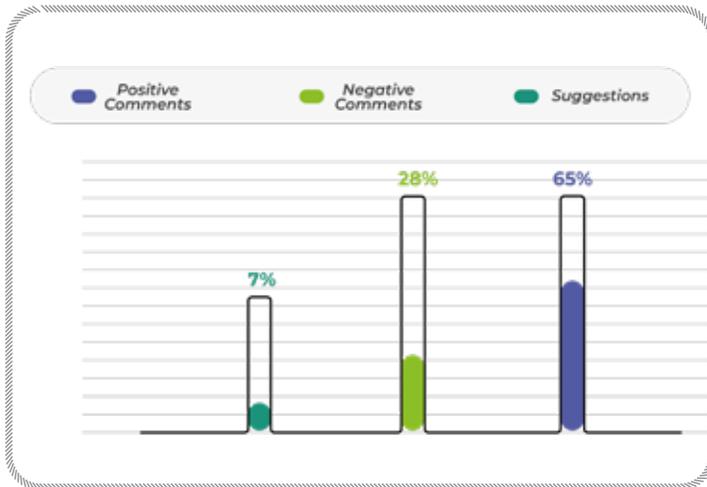
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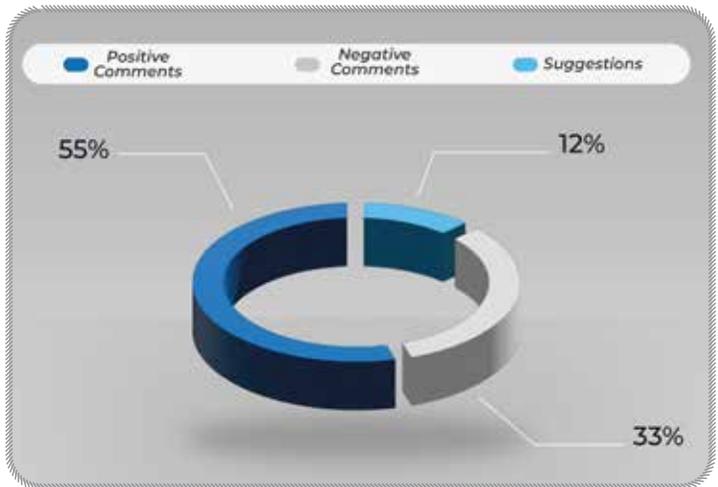
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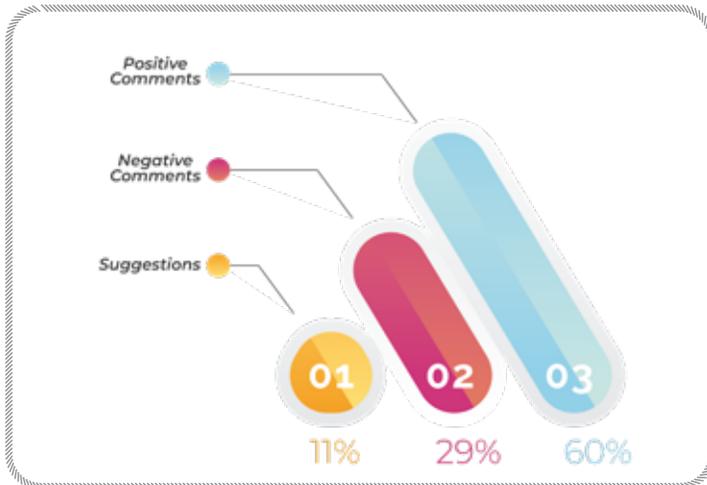
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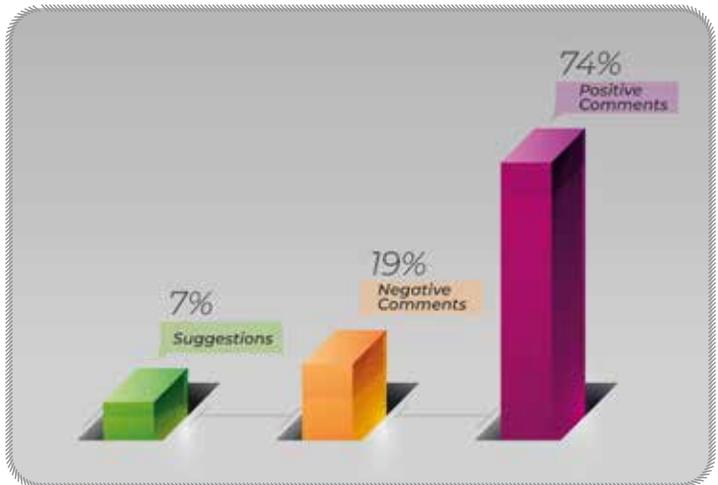
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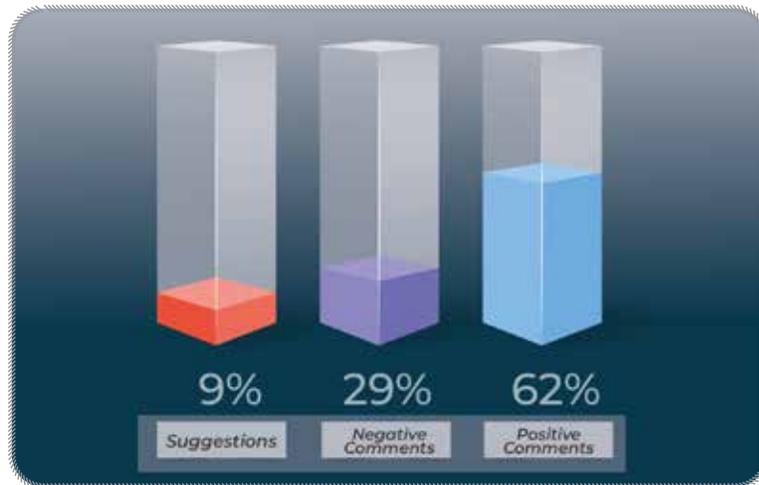
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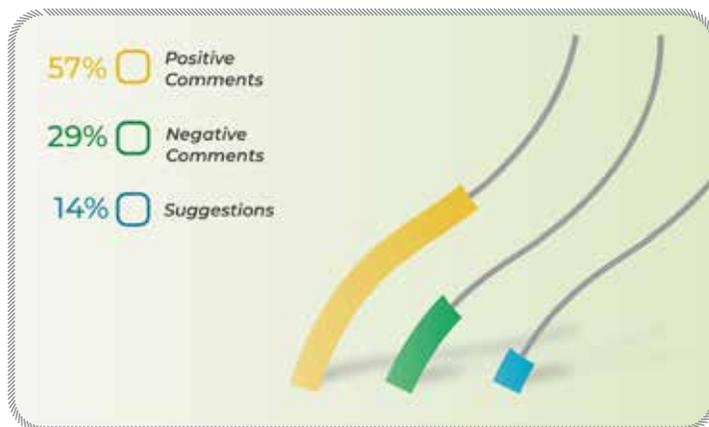


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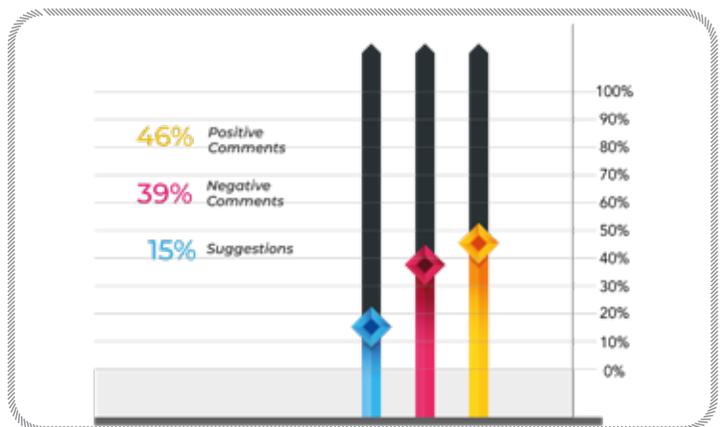


## 2. Evaluating and analyzing people's comments on private media networks

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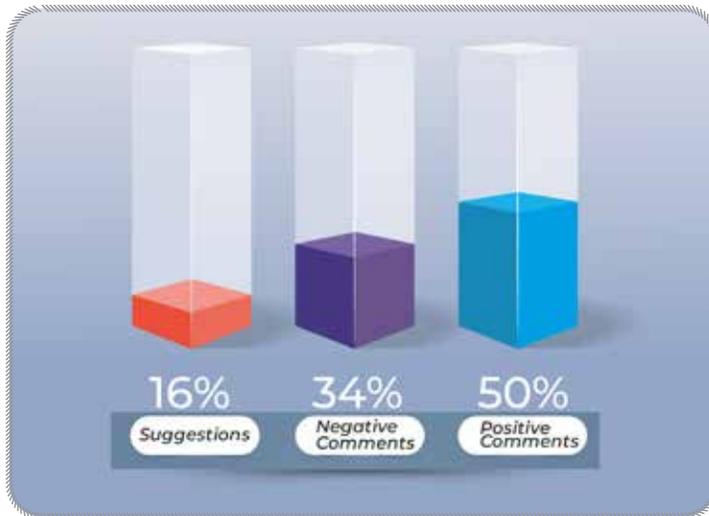
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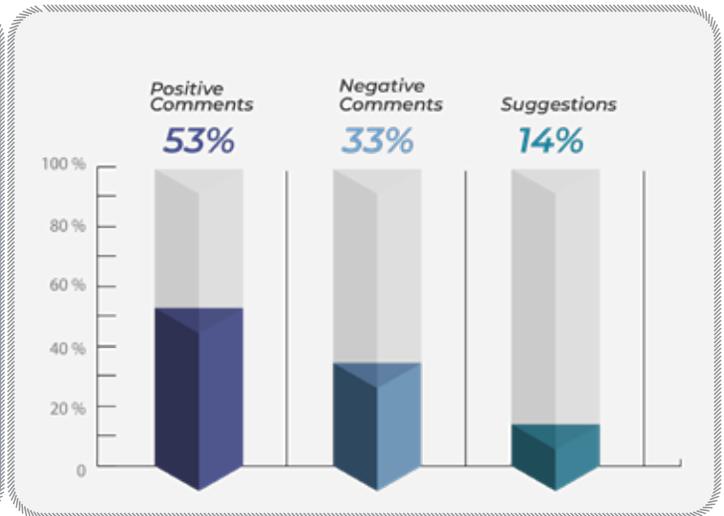
### News agencies



### Total evaluation of people's comments on private media



### Total evaluation of people's comments on private and state media



### The Purpose of Assessing People's Comments

Evaluating people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the media and social media networks means clarifying people's comments and paying attention to them. Evaluating and publishing this issue gives people and society the opportunity to share their views, requests, criticisms, and suggestions regarding the government's economic decisions, actions and projects.

### People's involvement with social media in Afghanistan

Facebook is widely used in Afghanistan. However, political, economic, social, and cultural activists as well as representatives of the government and institutions all use Twitter.

However, governmental and non-governmental institutions and political, economic, social, and cultural activists are actively present on Facebook and Twitter in order to cover the public as well as official individuals and institutions besides publishing official and non-official news and reports on a daily basis.

## **Analyzing and evaluating the number of people's comments on media regarding the said report:**

*We divide the media into two groups: state media and private.*

1. The number of people's comments (positive, negative, and suggestions) to (Supplying the Coal at a Lower Price) on the state media, including television networks, spokesmen, websites and Twitter pages is 947 in total. Of these comments, 592 are positive, 273 are negative and 82 are sound suggestions. In the percentage, these figures are as follows: positive comments 62%, negative 29%, and sound suggestions 9%.

2. The number of people's comments (positive, negative, and suggestions) to (Supplying the Coal at a Lower Price) on private media, including television networks, spokesmen, websites and Twitter pages is 2388 in total. Of these comments, 1192 are positive, 822 are negative and 374 are sound suggestions. Shown in the table with percentages, these figures are as follows: positive comments 50%, negative 34% and suggestions 16%.

The aforementioned statistics show that people are more likely to leave positive comments on state media than on private media. Positive comments make up 62% of the total on state media, compared to 50% on private media.

If we find the total of positive and negative comments and sound suggestions on state and private media, there are a total of 1784 positive comments, 1095 negative comments, and 456 sound suggestions, which is equivalent to 53% positive, 33% negative, and 14% sound suggestions.

## **What is the reason for the high number of positive comments on the state media compared to the private media?**

One of the reasons is that government-level actions are largely covered by the state media. So, this step was taken by the government and widely published by the state media and social networks related to the state media. Besides, the more a piece of news is published the more comments it gets. It indicates that people are watching every step of the government and presenting their views regarding it.

## **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

- ✦ Governance means providing the people with great services. Lowering the prices of goods increases people's trust in the government.
- ✦ This is a great initiative. Our country, God willing, is moving forward and with such plans, we will provide our people with a peaceful and serene environment for living.
- ✦ It is a very reasonable price for coal, coming down from 15,000 to 9,000 Afghanis. However, it

should be noted that if the Islamic Emirate now announces setting the price of 2000 Afs per ton, the people would doubt that it had been done purposefully. It is called ungrateful creatures.

- ✎ This is so kind of the Islamic Emirate, and if the same plan is applied to the prices of other basic goods, the Afghan market will be free from hoarding and high-priced sales. It is really beneficial for the poor.
- ✎ Such things are promising. I hope this process is carried out in all provinces.

### **After evaluating and analyzing people's comments on the media and social media networks, a number of important issues are generally noteworthy:**

- ✎ **First,** Here, people's comments are largely focused on such activities by the Islamic Emirate. Many people are pleased that the Islamic Emirate is sympathizing with the nation and does not refrain from any efforts to provide services to them. They have expressed optimism for the continuation of the Islamic Emirate's activities in their comments. In a short period of time, the Islamic Emirate has focused on all the things that could lead Afghanistan's economy to self-reliance, without foreign aid: move the country towards development solely with its internal resources, and they have been doing well in this regard. We are witness to the fact that the Islamic Emirate has started a number of projects that predicts the prosperity and development of Afghanistan for example, the extraction of different mines.
- ✎ **Second,** The sound suggestions made by the people after the news are also noteworthy. Two important points have been mentioned in people's suggestions. First, the Islamic Emirate was asked to pay attention to the prices of other basic food items as the price of coal. This is a reasonable suggestion and the Islamic Emirate is also trying to find a solution to this problem. However, it is important to highlight that the prices of basic food and fuel have risen not only in Afghanistan but also in the region and even internationally. The Islamic Emirate has taken concrete steps in this regard. A good example of this is food and oil contracts with Central Asian countries, resulting in a half-reduction in the price of cooking oil. The second point mentioned in the suggestions is the issue of environmental protection. People say that the use of coal pollutes the air and that the Islamic Emirate should pay attention to it. The alternative to this is liquid gas, which has risen internationally and the Islamic Emirate has not yet found the possibility to supply it to people cheaply or subsidively.
- ✎ **Third,** Several other issues have been brought up in the comments. Since individuals in the provinces experience more financial hardship than those in the capital. They argue that the process of coal supply at a lower price should be extended to the provinces as well. The Islamic Emirate has consistently made an effort to offer some sort of service to all of its countrymen without making any distinctions and has expanded this process to the provinces, such as the provinces of Ghazni and Bamiyan.

The leadership of the Islamic Emirate has consistently emphasized their assistance to the oppressed people of Afghanistan. The Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, has also emphasized in his speeches the necessity to make Afghanistan completely self-sufficient. He has repeatedly urged all the authorities to carry out their duties and contribute to the development of Afghanistan. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund appointed a team to take the necessary steps to lower gasoline prices before the approach of winter. Under the supervision of the related authorities, the committee contracted 400,000 tons of coal and began supplying it to the people.

## **Conclusion**

Governments are responsible for providing their nations with what they are comfortable with. The comfort of the nation is that problems in all aspects of their lives, including their economic problems, are solved and replaced with development, prosperity, and peace. That is why people always expect governments to do so. Governments that consider themselves responsible do not refrain from efforts in addressing the problems of the people.

The priorities of the government are to improve the country's politics, economy, security, and social environment moving a country towards development. As a responsible government, the Islamic Emirate has consistently sought to sympathize with the people and address their issues. The 40-year-long war has come to an end and full security has been ensured throughout the country with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate.

Furthermore, rapid steps are taken to improve the standard of people's lives, solve their problems and develop the country. The Islamic Emirate has always said that solving people's problems is their top priority.

Our claim is well supported by the released news, which highlights the availability of coal and other fuels to the public at a cheaper cost. Similarly, the Islamic Emirate has assisted thousands of poor individuals via the Red Crescent Society.

## Visit to Logar by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs



### Introduction:

Minerals are part of underground natural resources with high economic value. Due to its untapped natural resources, Afghanistan is regarded as one of the wealthiest countries in the world and has a variety of mines. Natural resources in Afghanistan are a particular sign of promise for its economy. Afghanistan's mining-based economy is viewed as a constrained choice for economic revival.

According to studies done on Afghanistan's mines, the country possesses abundant supplies of metals, industrial and construction materials, gold, silver, molybdenum, sulfur, marble, gypsum, chromite, and other minerals.

With the re-establishment the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the officials have turned to a mining-based economy. They want to use this method to extract Afghanistan's natural resources under the law and technical and professional standards and to use the profits to strengthen and recover Afghanistan's economy.

Among the mines being extracted and those on the verge of being extracted, one is Mess Aynak mine, the contract of which has been signed with MCC company of China. The extraction of this mine has yet to be started, but the said company has promised that the practical work will begin after transferring the existing artifacts.

To visit the Mess Aynak Mine and the ancient artifacts there, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, leading a high-ranking delegation, went to Logar province. Honorable Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund described the Mess Aynak mine as a crucial economic resource for the nation and asked the contractor to begin the mine's actual work as soon as possible.

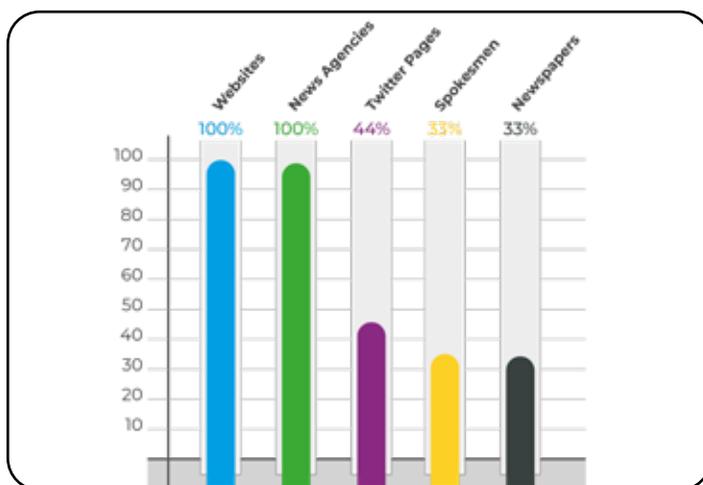
The delegation, headed by the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, also had meetings with local MCC representatives. Finally, the group inspected the mine's historical regions and made necessary recommendations to the officials regarding transferring the artifacts in these areas.

### Purpose of visiting Mess Aynak Mine:

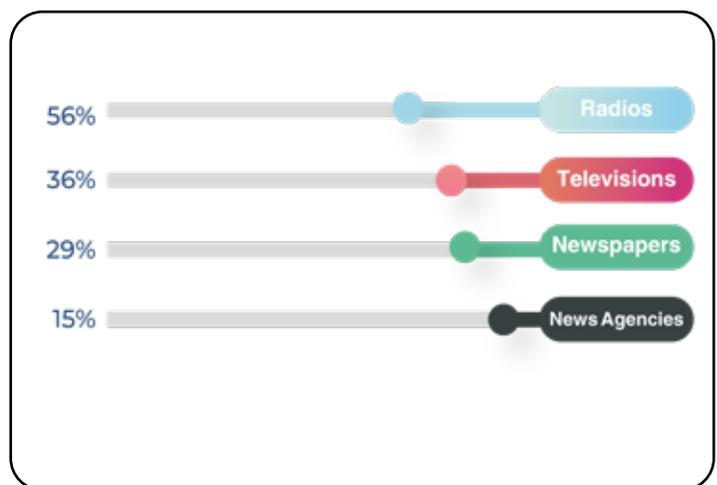
The purpose of this visit was to meet with the officials of the project contractor and to give them the necessary recommendations regarding the immediate start of the practical work of the mine and the transfer of the ancient artifacts in the area.

### The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on the media that published the report of " Visit to Logar by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs"

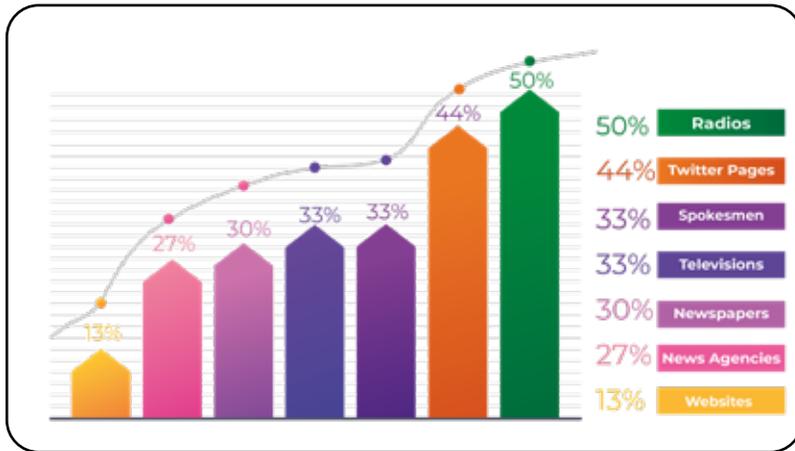
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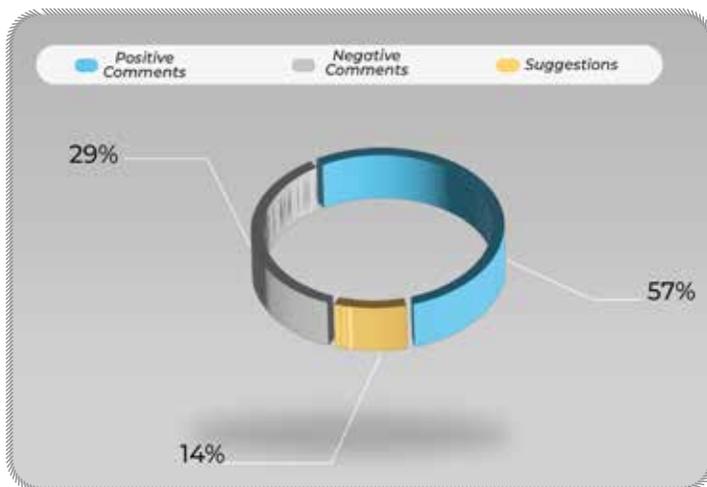


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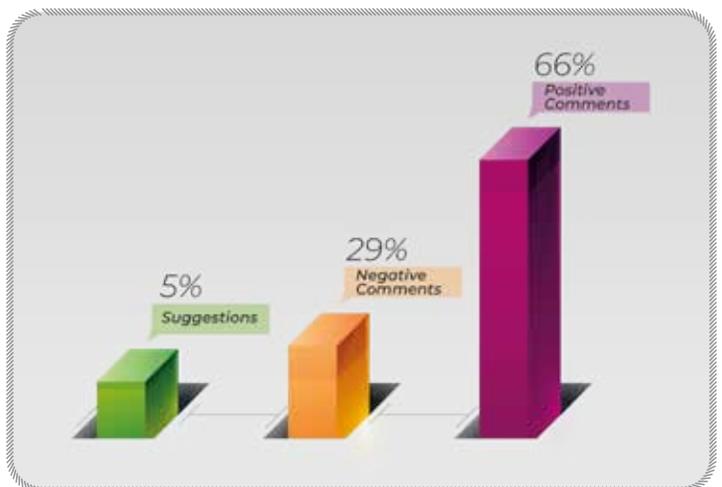
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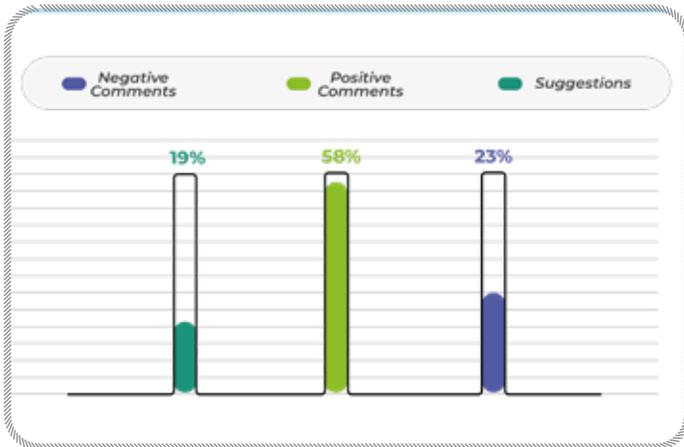
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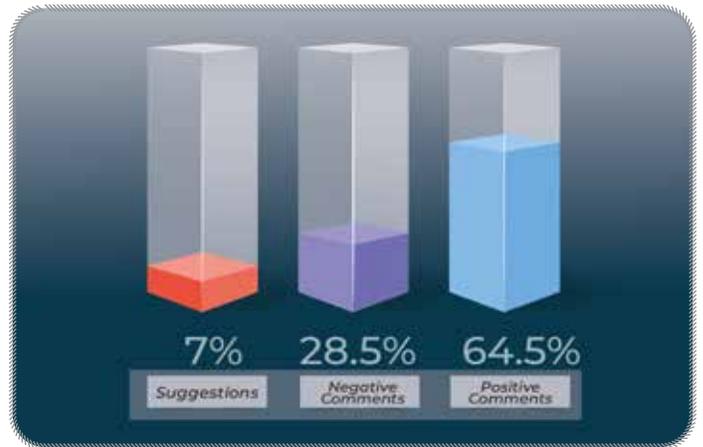
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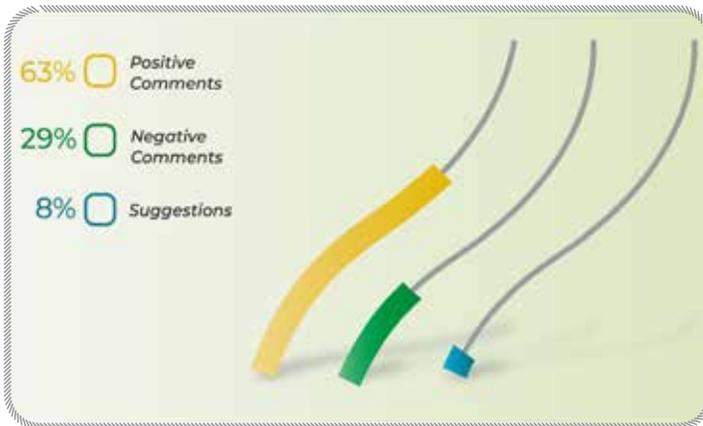


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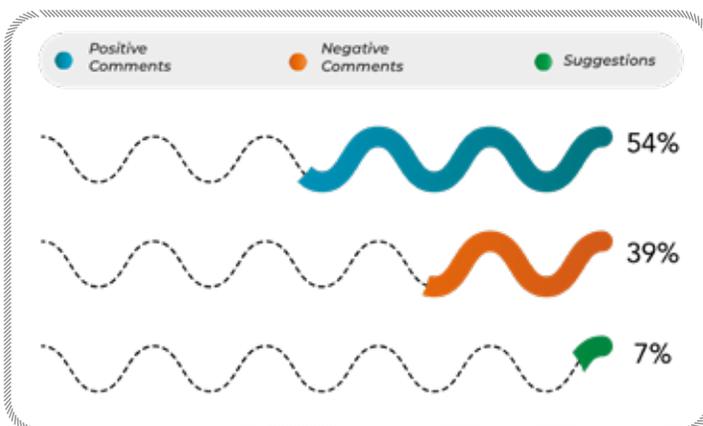
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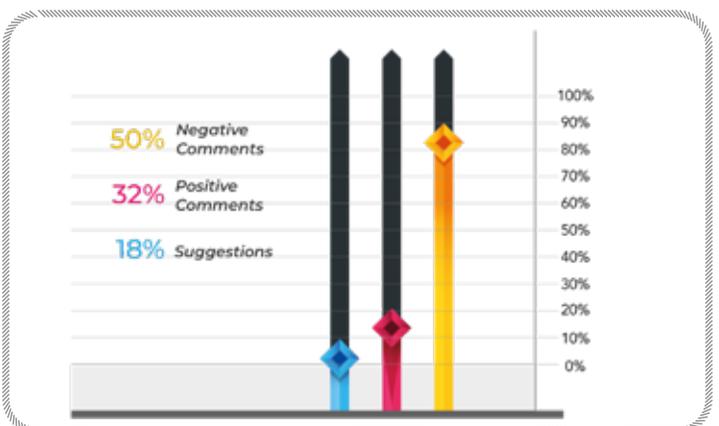
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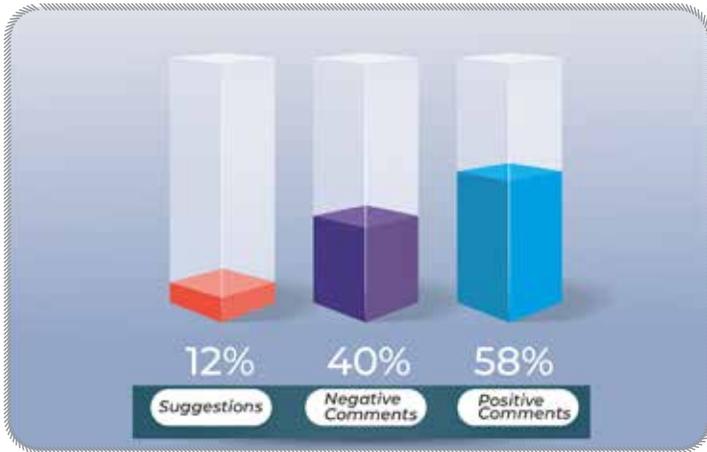
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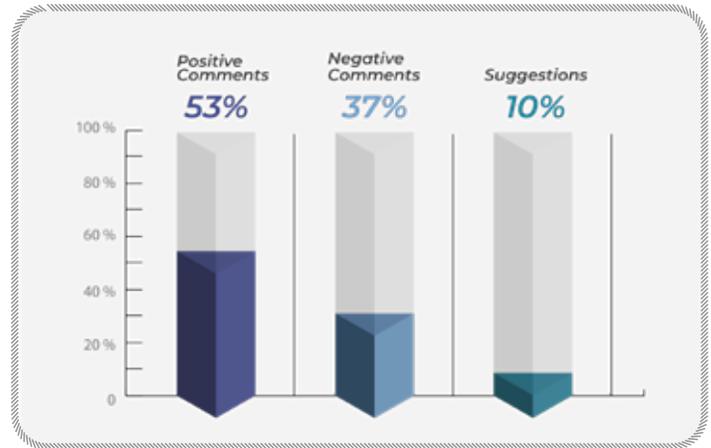
#### Radios



### Total evaluation of people's comments on private media



### Total evaluation of people's comments on private and state media



## Evaluating people's comments on media regarding the visit of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, to Miss Aynak mine in Logar province.

### The purpose of evaluating people's comments:

Evaluating people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the media and social networks means clarifying people's words and paying attention to them. Assessing and disseminating this issue allows people and society to share their comments, requests, criticisms, and suggestions regarding the government's economic decisions, actions, and projects.

### People's involvement with social media in Afghanistan

Let's examine the presence and activity of people on social media. Most people in Afghanistan are active on Facebook, and most of those involved on Twitter are government officials, institutions, and activists in the political, economic, social, and cultural fields. The official and unofficial members of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan use Twitter more than Facebook. In fact, in Afghanistan, the presence of ordinary people on Twitter is less than on Facebook.

However, governmental and non-governmental institutions and political, economic, social, and cultural activists are actively present on Facebook and Twitter to cover the public and official individuals and institutions besides publishing official and non-official news and reports daily.

## Evaluating People's Comments on Media

*We can divide the media into two categories: government and private media.*

1. Regarding the visit of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, from Mess Aynak mine in Logar province, the comments of people on the state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokesmen are being evaluated here. The number of people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the state media is 305. Among these comments, 197 are positive, 87 are negative, and the remaining 21 are sound suggestions. (Positive comments: 64.5%, negative comments: 28.5% and sound suggestions: 7%)

2. Also, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the visit of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, from Miss Aynak mine in Logar province is carried out here. A total of 906 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. These comments are 439 positive, 362 negative, and 105 sound suggestions. (Positive comments: 48%, negative comments: 40%, and sound suggestions: 12%)

Keeping the above figure in view, the percentage of positive comments of the people is higher on the state media than on the private ones. The percentage of positive comments is 64.5% on state media and 48% on private media. However, the rate of negative comments is higher on private media. The percentage of negative comments on these media is 40%, but on the state media, this is 28.5%. In addition, the rate of sound suggestions is higher on private media than state media. It is 12% on the private press and 7% on the state media.

If we collect positive and negative comments and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 636 positive comments, 449 negative comments, and 126 sound suggestions. (Positive comments: 53%, negative comments: 37%, and sound suggestions: 10%)

### **What is the reason behind the higher number of positive comments on the state media than on the private?**

There may be several causes, but the state media's coverage of significant government-related themes is one of the most essential. Because mining and extraction activities are carried out legally following contracts that the government has signed, news about them has been published by the state media and social media networks connected to these media, which is why there are more positive comments and sensible suggestions. The more comments and suggestions there are, the more people are interested in everything, observe every step of the government, and share their opinions.

## Here is a summary of people's comments on media and social media networks:

- ✎ Professional extraction of minerals leads to economic growth and development of a country. According to research, most of Afghanistan's mines remain unexplored. Illegal and unprofessional extraction of these mines will destroy the wealth of future generations and cause environmental pollution.
- ✎ When the extraction starts, the contractor will pay 400 million dollars in taxes to the Afghan government in one year and will initially employ 8000 workers, increasing to 15000 over time.
- ✎ This is a very lucrative step, in case Mess Aynak mine is extracted in a standard and professional manner. The contract for this mine has been signed with the MCC, a Chinese company, but the practical work has not yet started. The amount of copper in this mine is estimated at 11.3 million tons, and the company will invest hundreds of millions of dollars in the first phase.
- ✎ The work should be started soon so that the people can have work opportunities.
- ✎ Professional workers should be hired for the extraction of the mine.
- ✎ First, the Mess Aynak road, which is in terrible condition, should be built.
- ✎ This is an excellent timing for the countrymen; such faithful and sincere leaders will develop the country.

## By evaluating and analyzing the comments of people on the media and social media networks, several important topics are revealed:

- ✎ **First:** In their comments, people refer to mining professionally and say that the economic growth and development of the country are contributed to by extracting minerals. If the mines are exploited in an unprofessional manner, it will hinder the development of the country and will cause loss for future generations. In addition, it will pollute the environment. It is true that if the mines are extracted unprofessionally, the losses exceed the benefits. But the Islamic Emirate, as a responsible government, considers it its duty to manage the mines legally and professionally. Every mining contract is signed with skilled companies with tools to legally and professionally extract mines. Before this, most of the mines in Afghanistan were dug by individuals in an arbitrary, unprofessional manner, and the profits went into the pockets of the same individuals. Not a single penny was put in the national treasury. With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the mining done illegally by individuals was stopped, and now all the mines are being extracted professionally and under the supervision of the Islamic Emirate. The revenues are deposited into the government treasury. This is because, with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, all the domestic expenses of the government are financed with the domestic revenue.

- ✎ **Second:** Another noteworthy point in the people's comments is that they are delighted because with the start of the Mess Aynak mine extraction, thousands of people will be given employment opportunities in the mine. With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, it is trying to provide employment opportunities for the people so that the citizens can solve their economic problems and serve the country. The leaders of the Islamic Emirate always emphasize their commitment to the country's development and do not hesitate to make any efforts to provide facilities for the nationals.
- ✎ **Third:** The negative comments of the people have been addressed here. Some people say that China does not start mining operations; they are just cutting corners. One of the reasons why China does not begin the practical work is the artifacts in Mess Aynak. The Islamic Emirate wants to transfer these valuable assets safely from the area, as they have great value. It has started and is going to be completed before the stipulated date. The Islamic Emirate has asked Mess Aynak's contractor to start the practical work as soon as possible. It is hoped that the project will begin immediately after the transfer of the artifacts.
- ✎ **Fourth:** In addition, some suggestions have been made by the citizens. In their suggestions, it is stated that the project of Mess Aynak should start soon, professional people should be employed to extract the mine, and the road extending to the mine should be built. These people's suggestions are reasonable, and the Islamic Emirate is interested in them. The country will carry out part of the project related to them, and that related to the Islamic Emirate will be done following the time framework. The Islamic Emirate has established the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, led by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, to reform and develop economic affairs. Among the other objectives of this office, the use of natural resources under the ground for economic growth and development is the most important one. Afghanistan's extensive mines, which can quickly help Afghanistan out of its economic problems, are one of these resources. Everyone knows that foreign aid did not build any country in the world, and it cannot raise a country to the pinnacle of progress. These are the kinds of natural resources that help nations develop. In a meeting with the Deputy Director of MCC, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, strongly requested that the practical work of the mine should be started as soon as possible. This shows that the Islamic Emirate is committed to accomplishing the tasks that take the country towards progress.

## Conclusion

With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the world stopped aid to Afghanistan, and the United States froze about nine billion of its dollars.

America is trying to use this money as a pressure tool to get its demands accepted by the Islamic Emirate. However, the Islamic Emirate has shown its position against the United States by taking advantage of its domestic revenues, especially the natural resources under the ground, to keep the country's economy going and solve the problems of its citizens.

So far, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has given contracts for dozens of medium and large mines. Shortly, several large mines, such as the Herat Iron and Ghor Tulk Ore Mines, will also be given under contract. Consequently, the revenue will increase, resulting in the economy's growth.

As a responsible government, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has worked in the mining field and used all the sources that increase revenue. Everything is collected and deposited in the government's treasury, from customs revenue to taxes.

Besides, the Islamic Emirate has increased the level of exports of the country through air corridors, land routes and railways, which has significantly contributed to the recovery and growth of the economy. In the first nine months of this solar year, goods worth 1424 million dollars have been exported, an unprecedented amount in the trade history of the country. In short, without waiting for foreign aid and Afghanistan's frozen wealth in the United States of America, the Islamic Emirate has started and carried out activities that will strengthen Afghanistan's economy and solve the of the people economic problems.

The contract has been signed with a Chinese company to extract the Mes Aynak mine. During his visit to the mentioned mine, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, asked the contractor to start the mining operations as soon as possible. Honorable Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund called Mess Aynak mine an essential economic resource for the country and requested China to start the extraction as quickly as possible.

Mess Aynak Mine, the largest copper mine in Afghanistan and the second largest mine worldwide, has 11.3 million tons of copper. With the start of the practical work of this mine, millions of dollars will be added to the government treasury, besides giving thousands of people employment opportunities. Therefore, it is clear that the Islamic Emirate is serious about extracting natural resources and minerals, as necessary, and wants to strengthen the country's economy and make it self-reliant economically.

## The National Procurement Commission is established and headed by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs



### Introduction:

The National Procurement Commission was established on the basis of Directive No. 202 of His Excellency Amir al-Mu'minin Sheikh Al-Hadith Mawlavi Hibatullah Akhundzada. The purpose of the establishment of this commission is to create transparency in affairs, especially procurement affairs, provide effective services, find solutions for procurement problems, and improve procurement activities. Corrupt governments such as the previous administration of Kabul could not serve the nation even if they make efforts. Corruption deteriorates the relationship between the government and the people. Consequently, government becomes unable to solve the problems.

In the previous administration of Kabul, there was a department called the National Procurement Agency, but as corruption in the country was out of control, it was not able to organize its activities in the area of procurement as necessary. With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, administrative corruption has ended, and for transparency purposes, they have established a national procurement commission to run the procurement affairs in a smooth manner. This commission, which is chaired by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, held its first meeting on the 13th of December 2022.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs and the Chairman of the National Procurement Commission, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, requested the participants of the meeting to cooperate in this important process. In the first meeting, 13 contracts

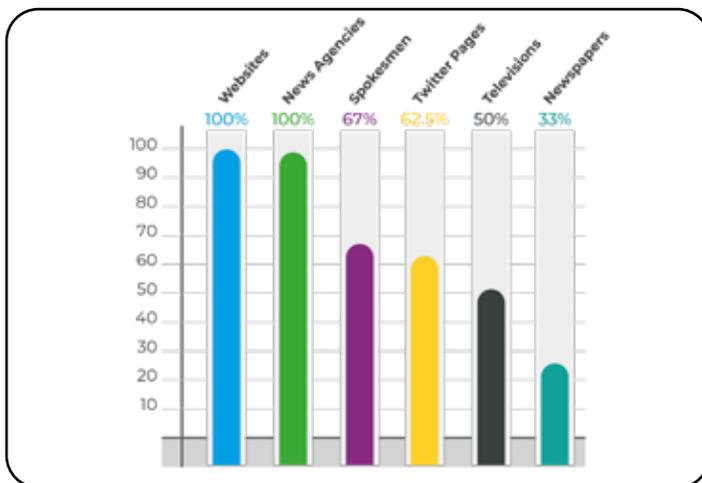
and procurement topics were discussed. The contracts for 7 projects were approved by the National Procurement Commission. These contracts were for the procurement of goods, including services and rehabilitation projects.

### The purpose of establishing the National Procurement Commission:

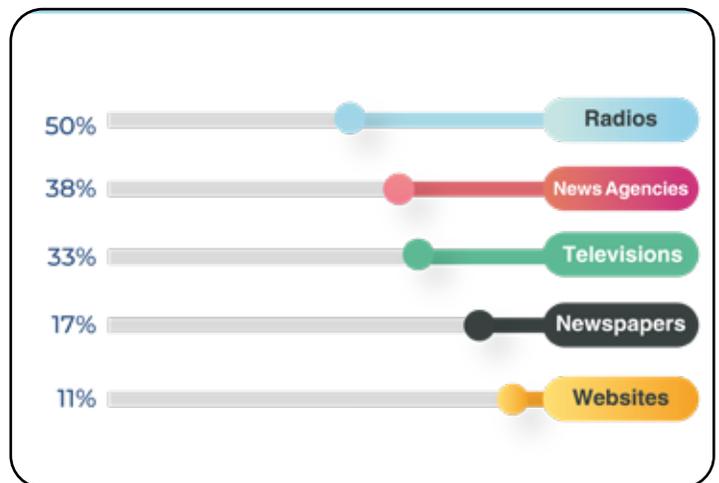
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### Evaluation and analysis of people's comments on the media that published the report on the "Establishment of the National Procurement Commission".

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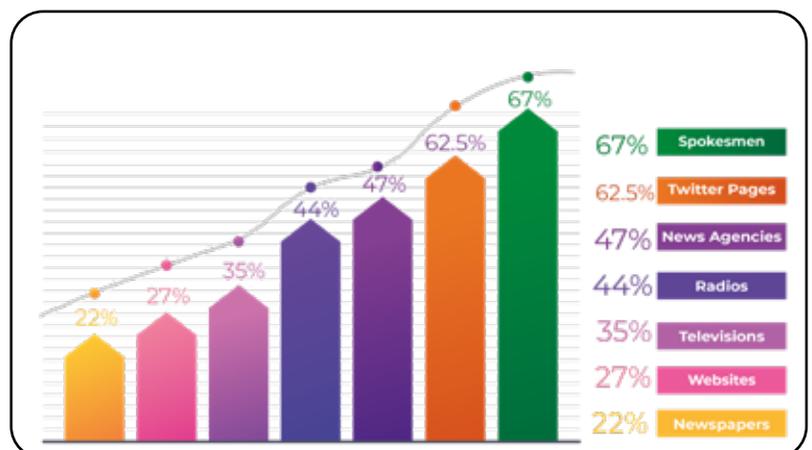


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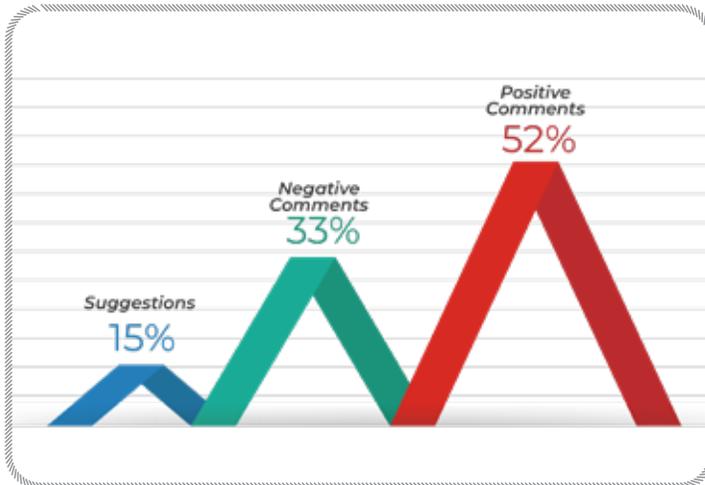
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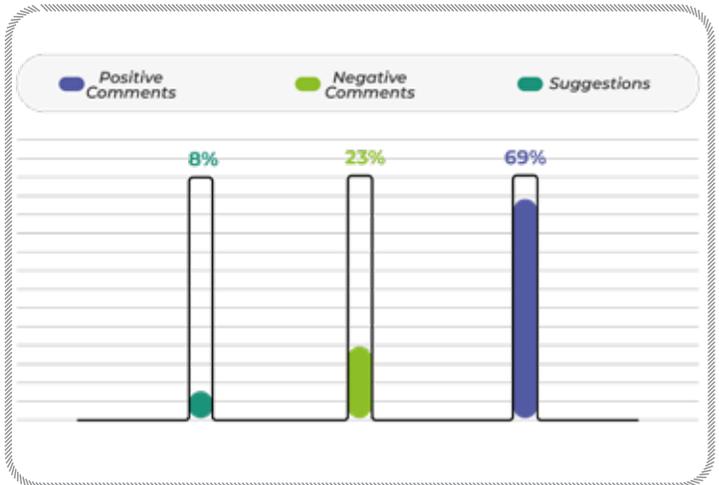
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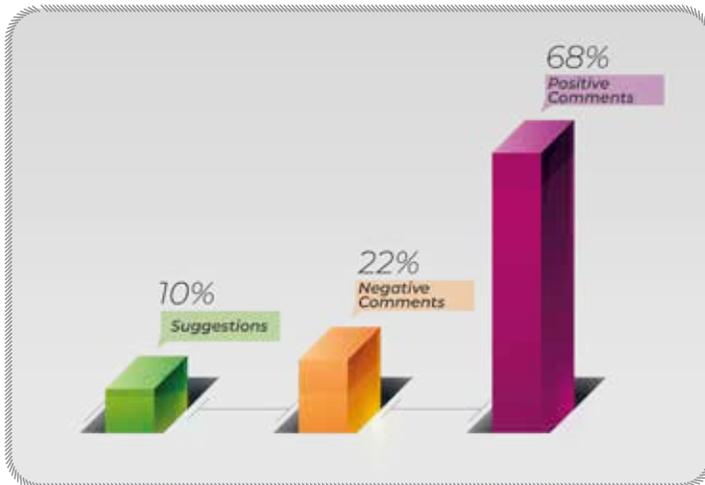
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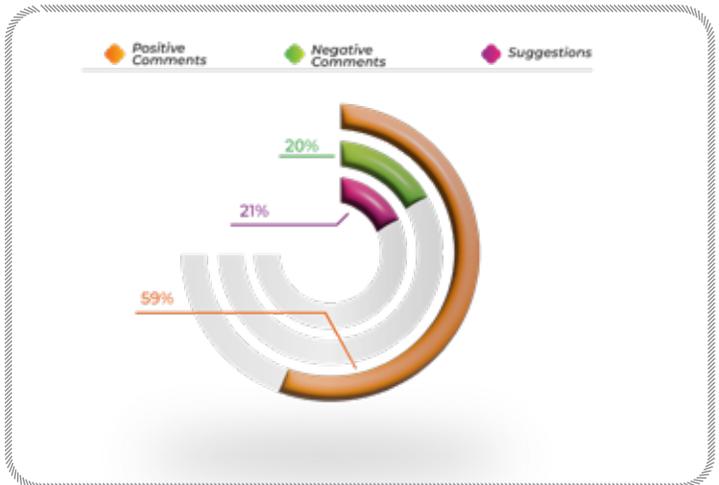
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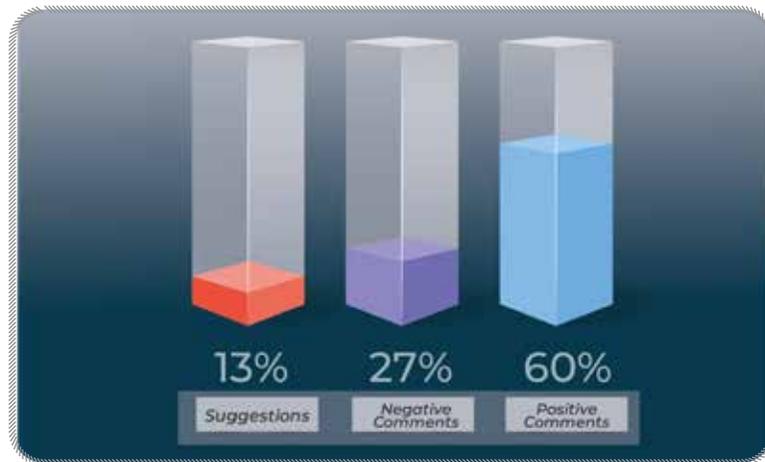
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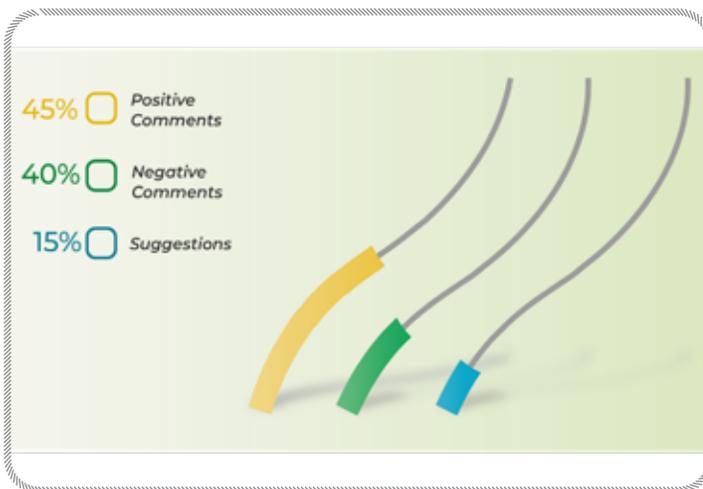


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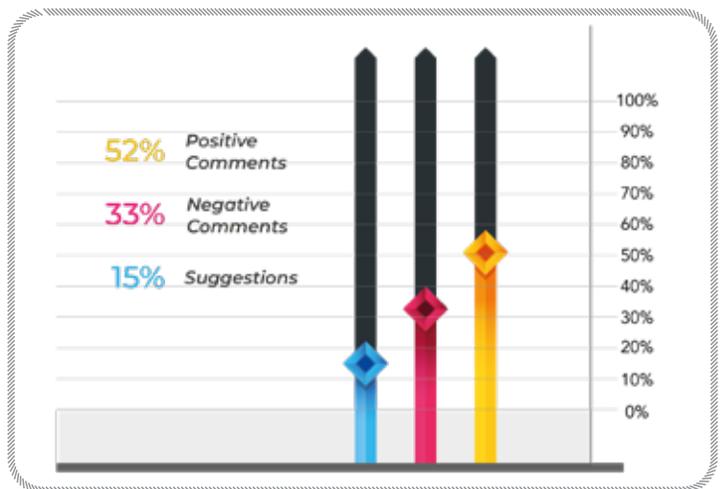


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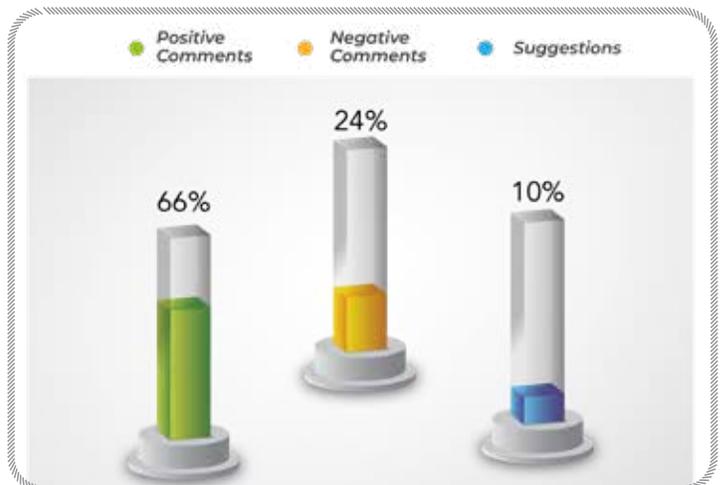
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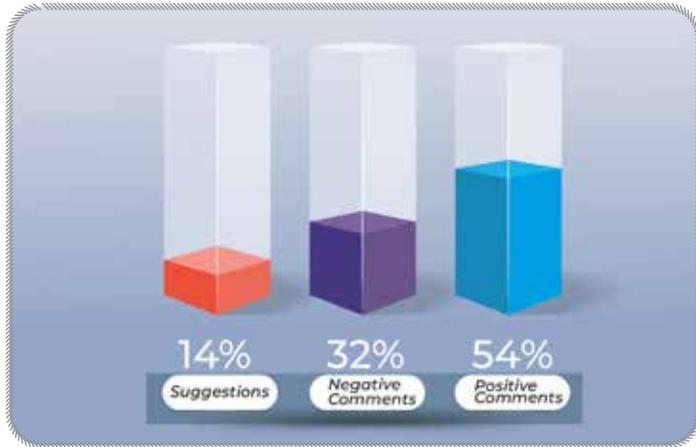
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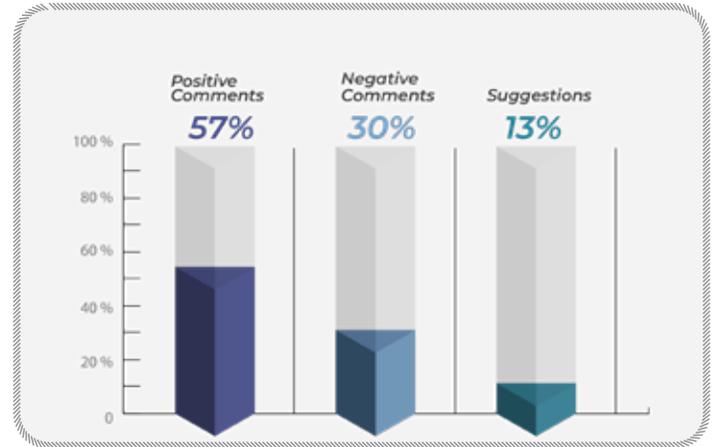
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## People's comments regarding the establishment of the National Procurement Commission

### The Purpose of Evaluating and Analyzing People's Comments

Analyzing and evaluating people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the media and social networks means clarifying people's comments and paying attention to them. The evaluation and dissemination of this issue provide the people with the opportunity to share their views, requests, criticisms, and suggestions regarding the economic decisions, activities, and projects of the government.

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## The Evaluation and Analysis of People's Comments on Media

*We can divide the media into two categories: government and private media.*

1. Regarding the establishment of the National Procurement Commission, the comments of people on the state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokesmen are being evaluated here. The number of people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the state media is 909 in total. Among these comments, 545 are positive, 247 are negative, and the remaining 117 are sound suggestions. As shown in the table, in percentage, 60% are positive, 27% are negative and the remaining 13% are sound suggestions.

2. Also, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the establishment of the National Procurement Commission is done here. A total of 1032 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given. Among these comments, there are 553 positive, 334 negative, and 145 sound suggestions which are listed in the table with percentages as 54% positive, 32% negative, and 14% sound suggestions.

Considering the figures above, the percentage of positive comments from the public is higher on the state media than on the private ones. (State media: 60% and private media: 54%) However, the percentage of negative comments is higher on private media. (Private media: 32% and state media: 27%) The percentage of sound suggestions is also higher on government media than on private media. (State media: 14% and private media: 13%)

If we find the aggregate of positive, negative comments, and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 1098 positive comments, 581 negative comments, and 262 sound suggestions. (Positive comments: 57%, negative comments 30%, and 13% sound suggestions)

### **Why is the percentage of positive comments higher on the government media than on the private?**

There are several reasons, one of which is that the state media mostly publishes news that is related to the government. The National Procurement Commission was established within the framework of the government which is why the government media and the social networks related to these media published the news. The more a piece of news is published, the more comments and suggestions it gets. Considering people's reactions, we can say that people are closely observing every step taken by the government and sharing their opinions about it.

## The summary of the people's comments on the media and social media networks

- ✎ This is a good move. The republic system established the National Procurement Commission to fill their pockets. At that time, this commission was a very corrupt company of people. Every member of the commission had their own portion in the bribe. As a result, every project would take a lot of time and many of the projects would not finish. The government should work efficiently for the development of the country.
- ✎ The establishment of the National Procurement Commission is a good initiative. Most of the important projects were suspended due to this commission.
- ✎ You ought to inform the elders of our concerns regarding the Badghis and Faryab Road, which is used by many people yet is in terrible condition. It would be a fantastic accomplishment.
- ✎ The issues facing the people's economies should receive 90% of the attention.
- ✎ Major projects should be started in order to provide employment opportunities to the people.

### Several important issues are raised by evaluating and analyzing people's comments on the media and social media networks:

- ✎ **First**, it is clear from the comments made by the people that they see the establishment of the National Procurement Commission as a wise and necessary move. They claim that the National Procurement Commission was established by the previous administration of Kabul, too in order to line their own pockets. The majority of the projects remained unfinished since each accountable person wanted their portion in the outcome. It can be a sign that there was corruption under the previous administration in every sphere. The government officials had no interest in the well-being of the populace or the development of the country. To address the aforementioned issues, the Islamic Emirate established the National Procurement Commission. Although corruption has currently been totally eradicated, the Islamic Emirate is still working to expedite its efforts to promote cohesion, bring transparency in procurement affairs, and win the trust of the populace.
- ✎ **Second**, It's also important to note the wise suggestions provided by the public following the release of this news. According to them, major projects should be launched as soon as possible so that people can get employment. It is true that the government must create jobs for the people because it is part of its duty. The Islamic Emirate has taken steps to launch significant and large-scale projects to create employment opportunities for the people. It is vital to emphasize the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan's opening of the Qosh Tepa Canal, the Kajaki Power Dam, coal mining, the development of an industrial park in Perozi Town, the extraction of oil in the Amo region, and other significant and fundamental initiatives. They have also worked for launching a number of other significant projects, including TAPI,

TUTAP, Casa Zar, and the Afghan Trans railway project, in order to employ thousands of people and improve the local economy while resolving issues.

 **Third,** In this case, it is impossible to ignore the people's critical remarks. The National Procurement Commission, according to some, was originally set up by the administration and has since been revived by the Islamic Emirate. The government does have a number of departments, however, some of them are eliminated and some are resurrected depending on the needs of the government officials. Knowing the organization's nature and operating procedures is crucial. The National Procurement Commission was established by the previous administration of Kabul not to solve the issues in this sector but rather to make money and take over projects. However, the Islamic Emirate has decided to take this action due to the timely implementation of economic development projects and the establishment of coordination between the agencies in this field.

 **Fourth,** The comments make a further important point. According to them, economic issues should receive considerable consideration. As a responsible system, the Islamic Emirate ought to consider people's desires and work to address their economic issues. As far as is known, the Islamic Emirate has been working to improve Afghanistan's economy and help people out of financial difficulties ever since it took power.

The country is implementing numerous major, medium, and small projects, which have provided many people with work opportunities. All of this demonstrates the Islamic Emirate's dedication to resolving the economic problems of the people.

The activities and projects that the people anticipate and wish for will be carried out one after the other by the Islamic Emirate, enabling Afghanistan to achieve economic independence. The National Procurement Commission was a part of the plan. By establishing these institutions and commissions, the Islamic Emirate is ensuring the proper organization of the procurement processes and economic development.

## Conclusion

Governments should carry out all the tasks necessary for the development, welfare, wealth, and independence of the people. To improve people's lives and address their current issues is the most crucial of these tasks and endeavors. Making the country's economy independent is crucial since people lose their comforts of life when there are economic challenges.

The Islamic Emirate has engaged in all activities that contribute to economic development and expansion in order to fulfill this objective. The establishment of the National Procurement Commission is an important step in this regard. The National Procurement Commission of the Islamic Emirate, following the directive of His Excellency Amir al-Mu'minin Sheikh Hibatullah Akhundzada, is responsible for transparency and coordination in procurement activities and project contracts.

The commission's main objective, however, is to promptly put into action all projects that are required for the growth of the country's social, cultural, and economic sectors as well as any ongoing projects in these areas. As was previously said, upon the establishment of this commission, and particularly during its first meeting, projects totaling 700 million Afghanis were approved. These projects can address any issue, from transportation to employment and economic development.

Additionally, the public's perception of project corruption will change with the creation of this commission, and procurement procedures will go more quickly. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and Chairman of the National Procurement Commission requested that the concerned departments cooperate fully in the development of the affairs and not cut corners in doing so during the Procurement Commission's inaugural meeting.

Therefore, it can be said that the Islamic Emirate is prepared to engage in all of the activities that will foster economic stability.

## Honorable Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund's speech at the conference held on "Waiver of Tax Penalties, Supporting Industry and Trade"



### Introduction

Afghanistan is one of the countries that gain its income mostly from domestic sources. One of these sources of income is tax collection. Taxes set the economic wheel of a country in motion. Some countries and societies have many goods that can play an essential and influential role in increasing revenue. Still, sometimes the type of revenue is temporary, so governments should look for stable and sustainable sources of revenue.

One fixed and sustainable income source that can be effective in budgeting and general spending is taxes. The Islamic Emirate collects taxes from different areas to achieve the same goal and uses them to increase national revenues. By transparently collecting taxes, the government can take the country towards economic development.

However, in addition to the fact that the Islamic Emirate collects taxes from institutions that have not paid the taxes and have been fined according to the law, they have exempted them from fines to encourage them. For this purpose, a meeting was organized under "Waiver of Tax Penalties, Supporting Industry and Trade." In this meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, said that taxes play a vital role in securing the national revenue of a country.

Taxes form the national budget of the countries and ensure people's security, public services and welfare. In addition, he added that in the current situation, federal funding is provided from domestic revenue, so they must create transparency in tax collection. However, the Deputy Prime

Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, also said that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is responsible for the entire country's people, including business people and industrialists, so it is necessary to create facilities for them in every field.

At the end of his speech, he asked the business people and industrialists to pay their taxes transparently to the concerned departments so that the Islamic Emirate can meet its expenses with the help of domestic revenues in the future. In the meeting, the purpose of exempting the businesspeople and industrialists from the tax penalties was done following the decree of His Excellency the Amir al-Mu'minin, Sheikh Hibatullah Akhundzada, aiming at encouraging business people and investors to expand their businesses.

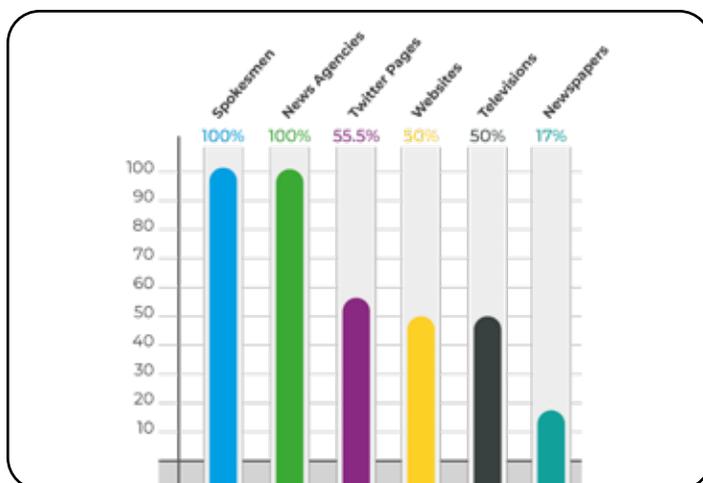
Business people and investors widely appreciated this step of the Islamic Emirate, which means that the Islamic Emirate is ready for any kind of cooperation in developing financial and economic affairs. A good example can be the waiver of tax penalties.

### The Purpose of Exemption from Tax Penalties

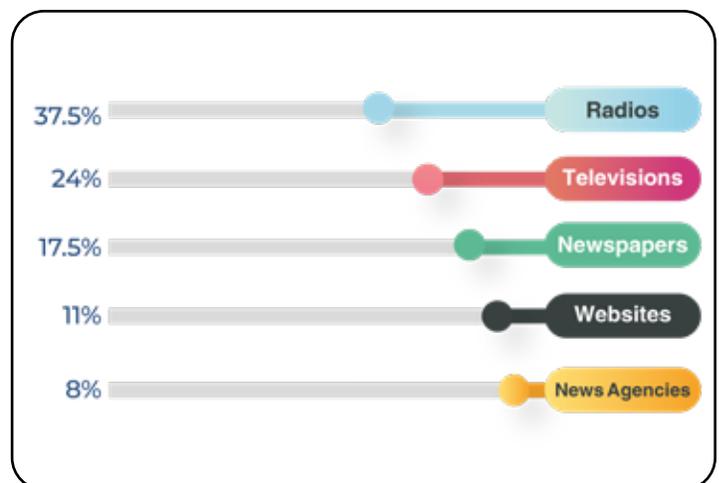
As can be seen from the title of this news report, the exemption of tax penalties supports industry and trade; it is also intended that the Islamic Emirate wants to encourage business people and industrialists by waiving fines so that their businesses grow.

## Evaluation and analysis of public comments on the media that published the report of the meeting held under the title of "Waiver of Tax Penalties, Supporting Trade and Industry"

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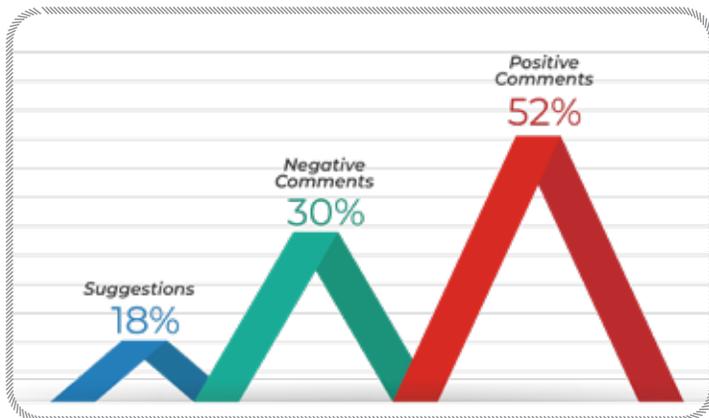


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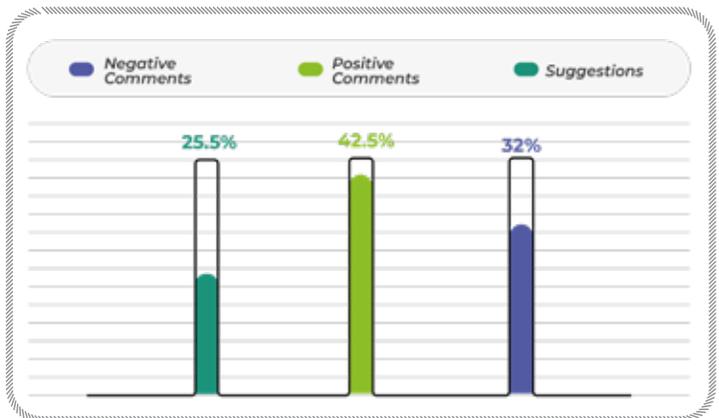
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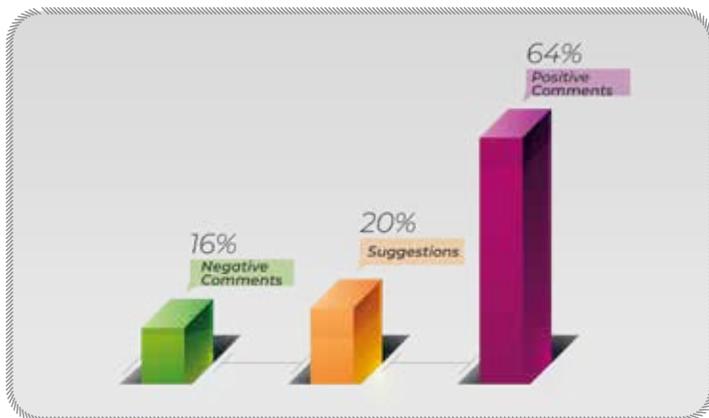
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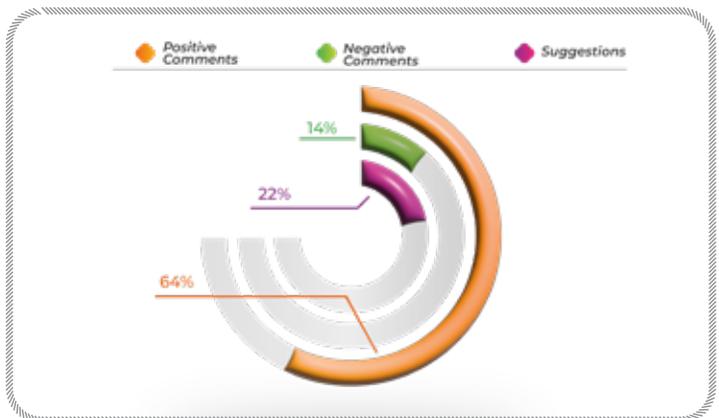
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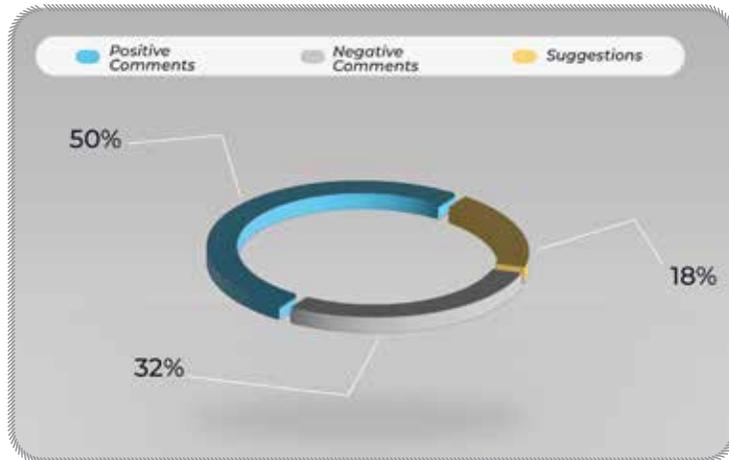
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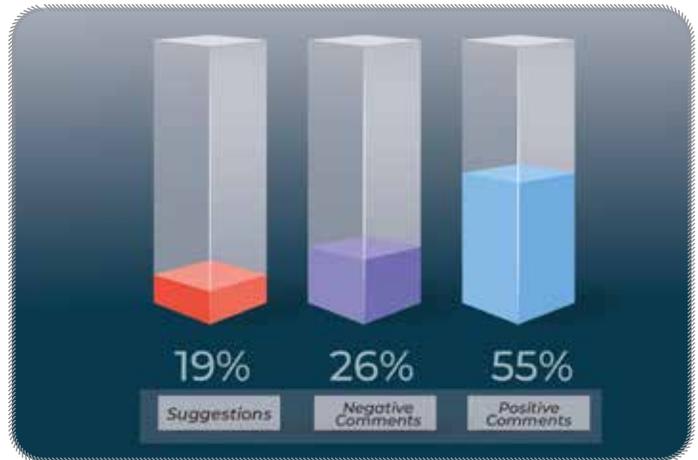
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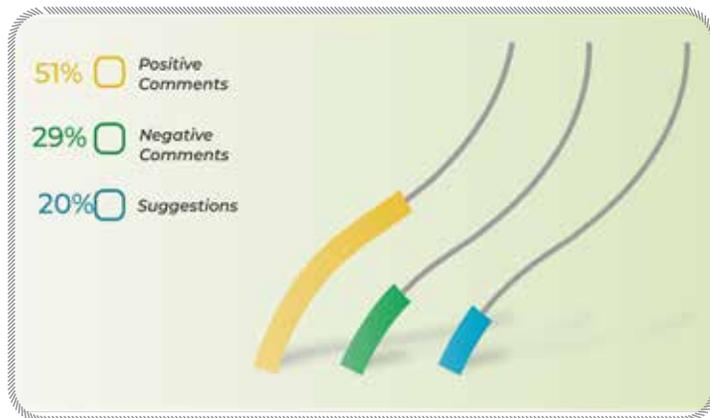


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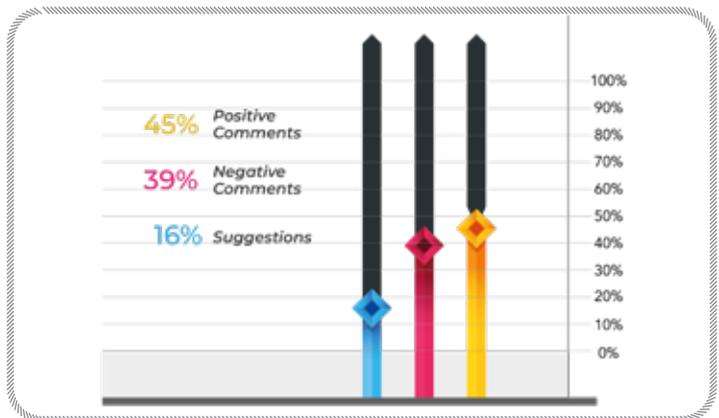


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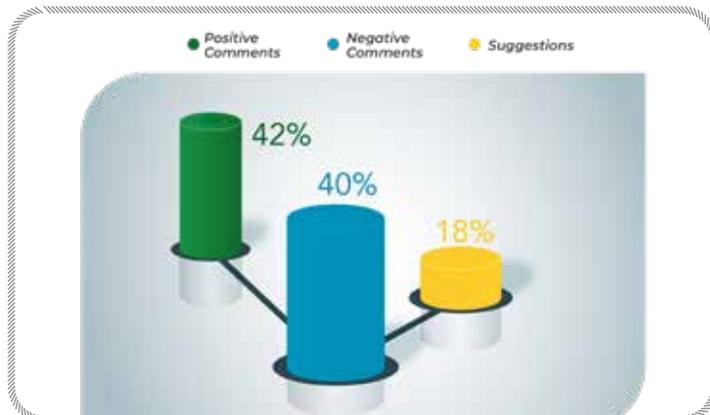
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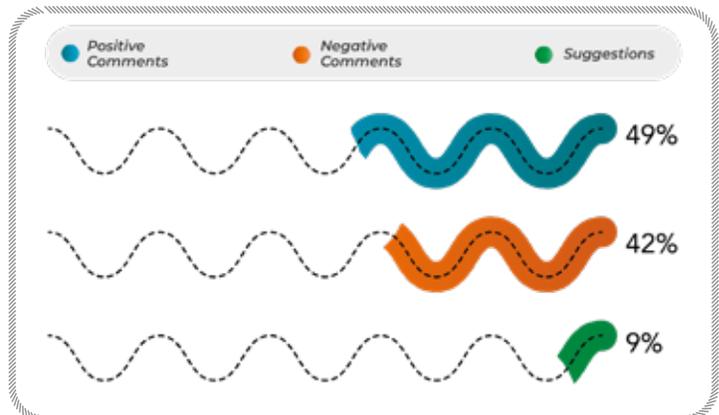
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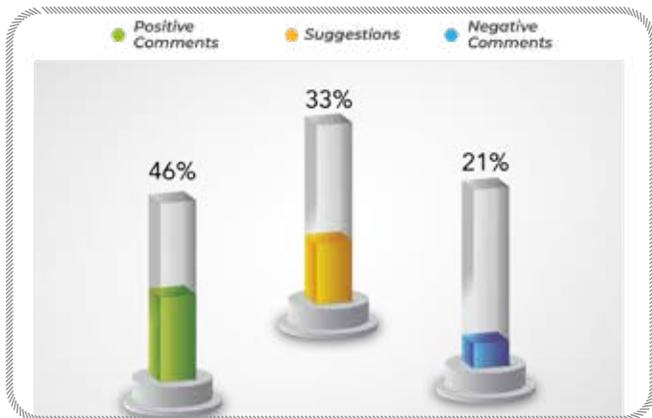
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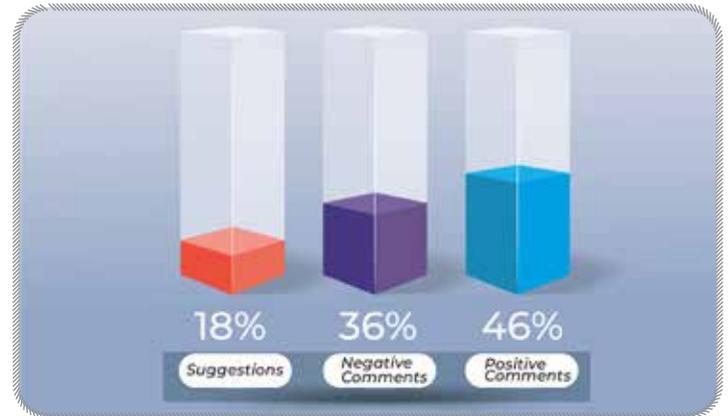
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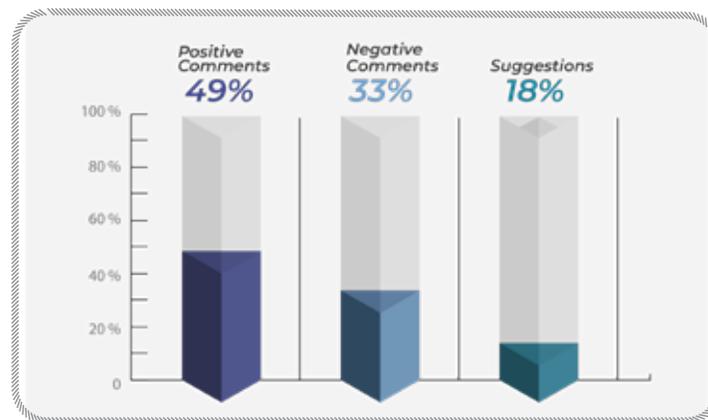
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## Evaluating people's comments on the media about the meeting titled "Waiver of Tax Penalties, Supporting Trade and Industry"

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Considering the numbers above, the percentage of positive comments from the public is higher on the state media than on the private ones. The percentage of positive comments on state media is 55%, while on the private press, this percentage is 46%. However, the rate of negative comments is higher on private media. The percentage of negative comments on these media is 36%, but on the state media, this percentage is 26%. The percentage of sound suggestions is also higher on government media than on private media. The percentage of sound suggestions on government media is 19%, and only 18% on private media.

If we total positive and negative comments and sound suggestions on the government and private media, In that case, there are 1879 positive comments, 1253 negative comments, and 693 sound suggestions; in percentage, 49% are positive, 33% are negative, and 18% are sound suggestions.

## Why is the percentage of positive comments higher on state media than on private media?

So, the issue of exemption from fines is governmental. One of the reasons may be that the government media are running their broadcasts according to the government's policies. It broadcasts everything in accordance with the government's procedure and publishes news related to the government. The state and social media networks of these media have given extensive coverage. Besides, the more a piece of information is shared, the more positive comments and sound suggestions it gets. In addition, if we look at people's comments and suggestions, they express their comments on any subject, which shows an increase in public awareness. This means that people observe everything closely, and by expressing their opinions, they want to convey their voices to the authorities.

## A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:

- ✍ Taxes should be collected carefully and transparently.
- ✍ We request that tax be lowered as the businesses are weaker compared to the past, and the draft of the tax collection law should be given to the municipalities of all the provinces and they should be observed how they collect the taxes.
- ✍ All people in Afghanistan believe that people's rights are not taken away by the Emirate of Afghanistan.
- ✍ If you want your government to be stable and sustainable, do not deprive the nation of its fundamental and sharia rights.
- ✍ Tax is very high. Because of such a high tax, people will stop working as they cannot pay such high taxes.

## By analyzing people's comments on the media and social media networks, several important points are revealed:

- ✍ **First:** People have said in their comments that taxes should be collected accurately and that there should be complete transparency. With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, corruption has disappeared from Afghanistan. Currently, the level of corruption in Afghanistan has been reduced to zero, and there is no problem in this regard. The Islamic Emirate has a strict tax collection policy, collects taxes transparently, and submits them to national revenue. The evidence is that all domestic expenses, including federal budget financing, are financed by internal revenues. The Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, emphasized during his speech at the meeting that taxes should be collected transparently.

 **Second:** Several citizens have pointed to the increase in taxes in their comments. They say the tax rate is high, and people cannot afford to pay it. The amount set for the tax and collected from various industries, including companies, was developed by the previous administration of Kabul. With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, the same amount of tax was collected initially, but later a decision was made, and this rate was reduced to half. Later, according to the directive of His Excellency Amirul Momineen Sheikh Hibatullah Akhundzada, those who were fined for delinquent payment of tax were exempted from it, and those who had paid were given the amount of money back. It proves the determination of the Islamic Emirate to encourage industrialists, investors, and business people to understand the existing problems of the people well.

 **Third:** People have mentioned another critical point in their comments that the people should be given their fundamental rights. Every government must protect and grant the people's fundamental rights. With the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, 100% security has been ensured in the country. Independence has been achieved; people can live in freedom. In addition, all the Sharia and civil rights of the people have been considered and given.

After returning to power, the Islamic Emirate has chosen different ways to solve people's problems. In addition, they do all the work necessary for the economic development and prosperity of a country one after the other. One of the most important of these works was to waive financial penalties. To help encourage industrialists, traders, investors, and small business holders, fines have been waived for them, which is an excellent contribution to this sector. With the exemption of fines, industry, trade, and other areas of the private sector are encouraged to quicken their work, and as a result, these sectors grow. It can be concluded that the Islamic Emirate is using every possible means for the country's development.

## **Conclusion**

Afghanistan is one of the countries that have waived financial penalties. Even though the economic situation of Afghanistan is currently facing problems, it has taken this step to encourage traders, industrialists, investors, and, in general, for the growth of trade and industry so that they can participate in the development of the country. Exemption from financial penalties will help businesses. As a responsible government, the Islamic Emirate always tries to help the country out of current problems with the help of its internal revenues and economic resources and to increase the standard of living of the people. Exemption from financial penalties is an essential step. The business people will utilize the money to help their businesses grow.

## Contract for the extraction of oil in the Amu River Basin has been signed with a Chinese company.



### Introduction

The oil industry is considered one of the most important and largest industries in the world. In addition to being an important source of energy in today's world, oil plays an important role in determining the national and international power levels of different countries. As developing countries have limited natural resources and unlimited needs, they cannot develop all economic sectors at the same time, so they should prioritize the important ones.

The Islamic Emirate is working to focus on the growth of the areas that can assist Afghanistan's economy under the present circumstances. Oil is a wonderful source of energy and a solution to the issues in the energy sector; thus, the Islamic Emirate signed a contract with a Chinese company for the extraction of oil from the Amu River Basin. The extraction will lead to more industry in the country, which can help to support the economy.

According to the officials, with the extraction of oil from the Amu River Basin, Afghanistan will be closer to self-sufficiency in terms of oil and fulfill the need to some extent. According to the oil extraction contract of the Amu River Basin, the contracting company will invest up to \$150 million in first year, which will gradually increase to 540 million dollars in 3 years. Initially, the Islamic Emirate will benefit 20%, with it increasing to 75% in the future.

The daily quantity of oil extraction will start from 1000 tons which will increase over time. In addition, this project directly provides 3000 Afghans with employment opportunities.

The Chinese Company (CPEIC) and the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum signed the agreement. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, referred to the contract as advantageous to Afghanistan during his address at the ceremony. He claimed that it would assist the country's economy grow and bring it closer to self-sufficiency in terms of oil.

Referring to Afghanistan's vast natural resources, Mullah Baradar Akhund said: "Afghanistan is one of the rich countries in the world in terms of natural resources, but along with other minerals, oil is the wealth, which our economy can rely on. In his speech, the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs mentioned other oil reserves having a large amount of oil in Afghanistan.

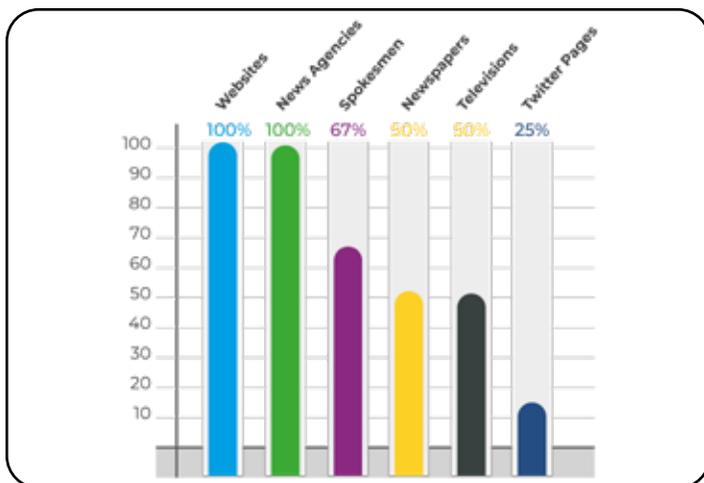
Honorable Mullah Sahib added that Afghanistan has large oil fields in Afghan-Tajik, Amu River, Herat, Helmand and Katwaz, whose estimated reserves of crude oil reach 1.8 billion barrels. The efforts of the Islamic Emirate are indicative enough of their commitment to get Afghanistan out of poverty and make it self-reliant.

### The purpose of the agreement for the extraction of oil from Amu River Basin

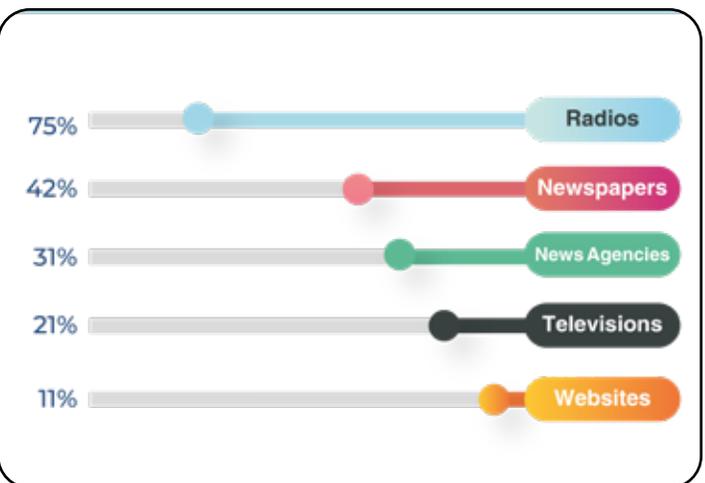
With the help of this agreement, Afghanistan's economy will be boosted getting it closer to self-sufficiency in terms of oil.

### The evaluation of people's comments on the media networks that published the report "Signing the Contract for the Extraction of Oil from the Amu River Basin"

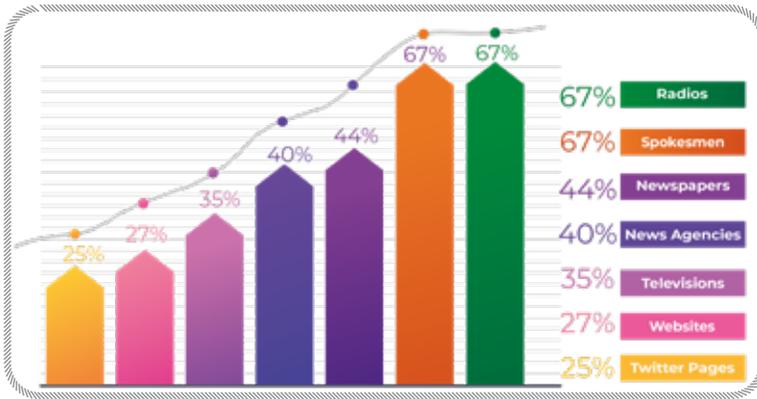
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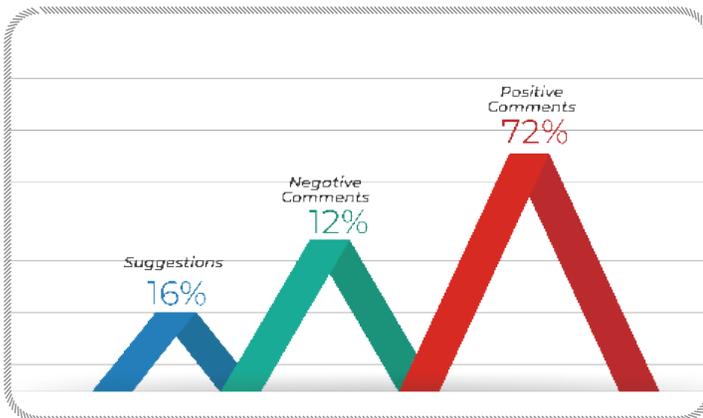


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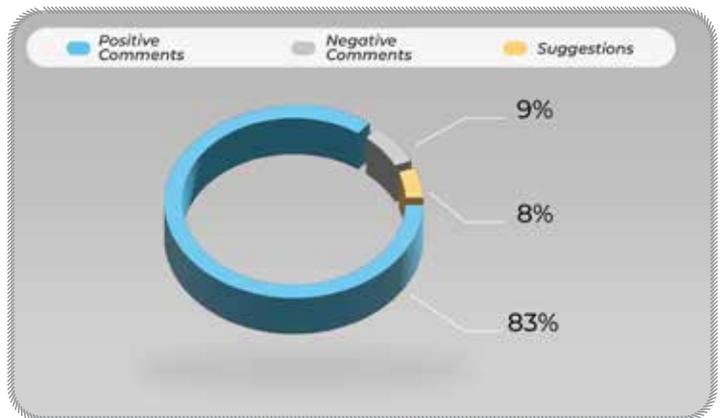
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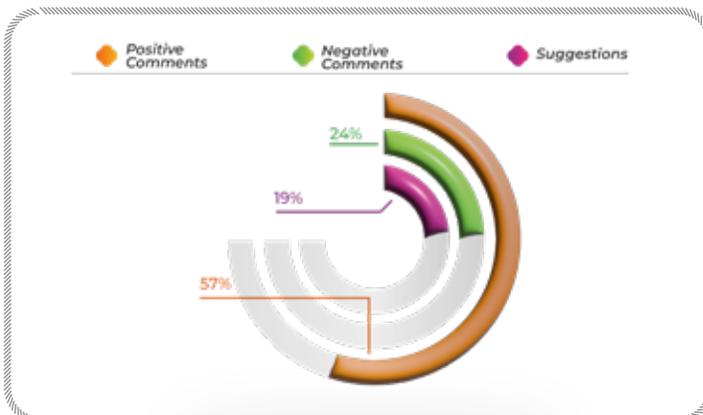
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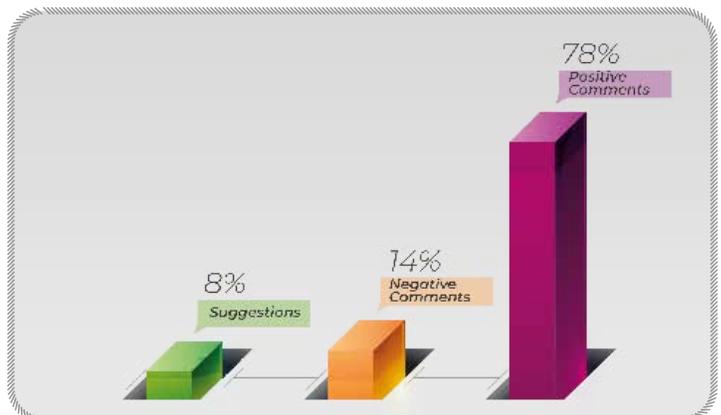
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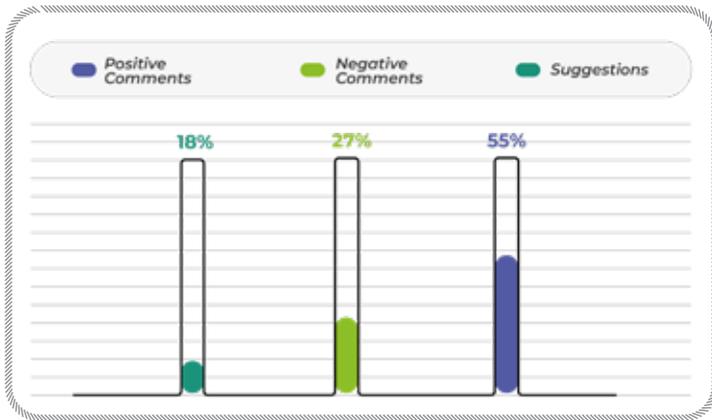
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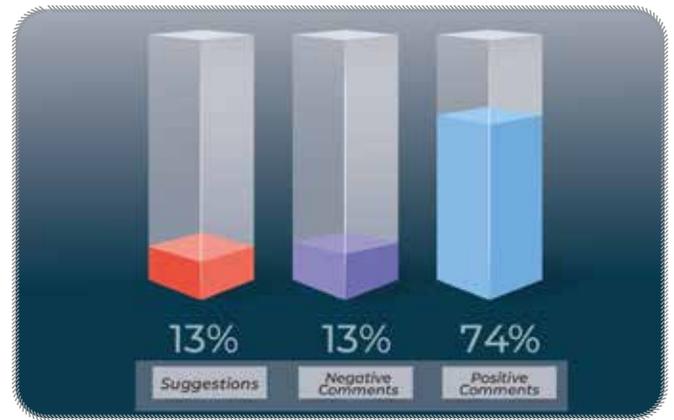
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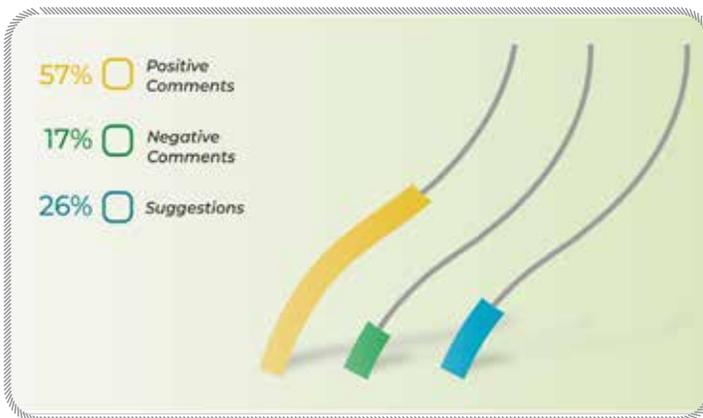


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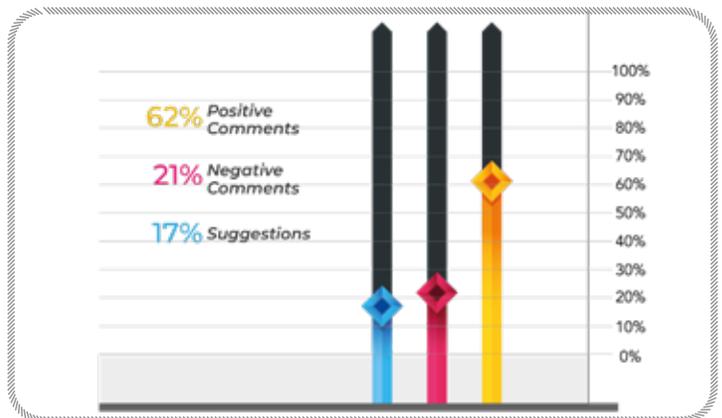


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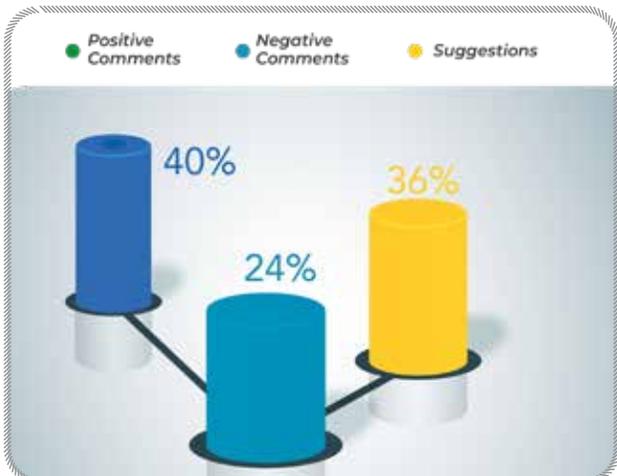
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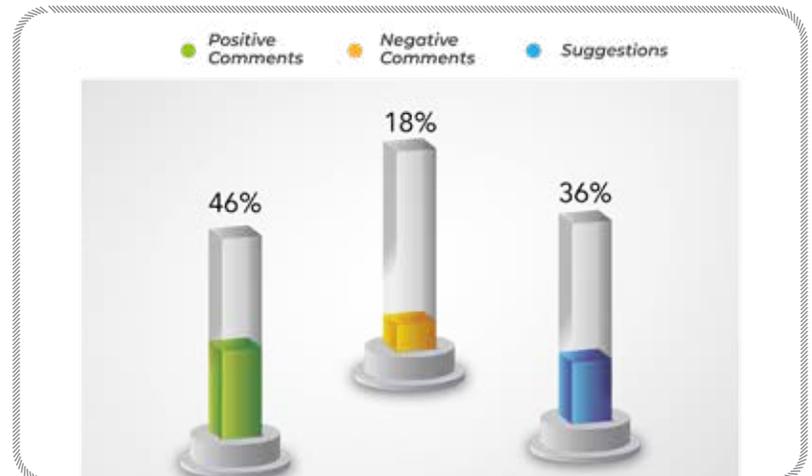
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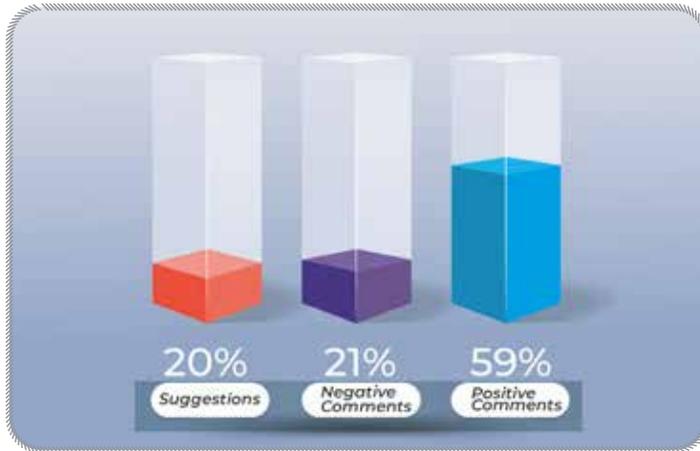
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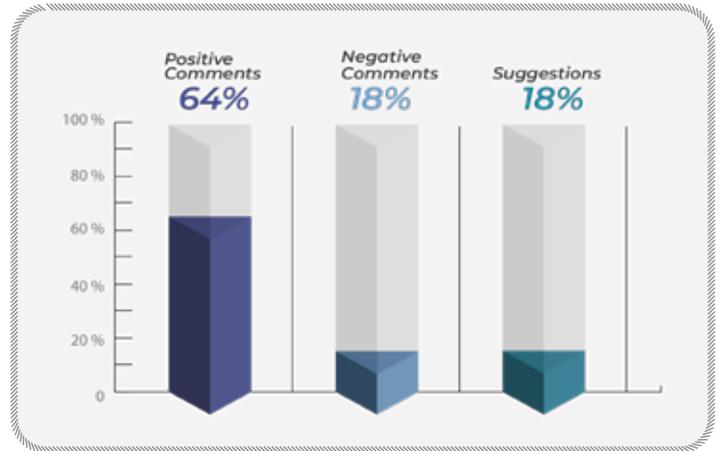
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### Collection of People's Comments on Private Media Networks



### Total evaluation of people's comments on private and state media



## Analyzing and evaluating people's comments regarding the contract for the extraction of oil from the Amu River Oil Basin

### The Purpose of Evaluating People's Comments

Investigating and evaluating people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the media and social networks means clarifying people's comments and paying attention to them. The evaluation and dissemination of this issue provides the people and society with the opportunity to share their views, requests, criticisms and suggestions regarding the economic decisions, activities and projects of the government.

### People's involvement with social media in Afghanistan

If we examine the presence and activity of people on social media, we find that the majority of people in Afghanistan are active on Facebook and most of those who are actively present on Twitter are government officials, institutions, and activists in the political, economic, social, and cultural areas. The official and unofficial members of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan use Twitter more than Facebook. In fact, in Afghanistan, the presence of ordinary people on Twitter is less compared to Facebook.

However, governmental and non-governmental institutions and political, economic, social and cultural activists are actively present on Facebook and Twitter in order to cover the public as well as official individuals and institutions besides publishing official and non-official news and report on a daily basis.

## The Analysis and Evaluation of People's Comments on Media

*We can divide the media into two categories: state and private media.*

1. Regarding the contract signed for the extraction of oil from the Amu River Basin, the comments of people on the state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokesmen are being evaluated here. The number of people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the state media is 990 in total. Among these comments, 730 are positive, 133 are negative and the remaining 127 are sound suggestions. As shown on the table in percentage, 74% are positive, 13% are negative and the remaining 13% are sound suggestions.

2. Besides, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the extraction of oil from the Amu River Basin is carried out here. A total of 1946 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments are 1155 positive, 400 negative, and 391 sound suggestions. In percentage on the table, the statistics are shown as 59% favorable, 21% negative, and 20% sound suggestions as shown in the table.

Considering the figures above, the percentage of positive comments of the public is higher on the state media than on the private ones. The percentage of positive comments on government media is 74% and on private media, this percentage is 59%. However, the percentage of negative comments is higher on private media. The percentage of negative comments on these media is 21%, while this percentage is only 13% on the state media. The percentage of sound suggestions on private media is higher than state media. It is 20% on private media and on state media, it is 13%.

If we total the positive and negative comments and sound suggestions on the government and private media, there are 1885 positive comments, 533 negative comments and 518 sound suggestions, which in percentage is 64% positive comments, 18% negative comments and 18% sound suggestions.

### **Why is the percentage of positive comments higher on the government media than on the private media?**

There is not much difference between the positive comments on the government and private media; the percentage of positive comments is high on both, but the number of positive comments on the government media is higher than the private ones. One of the reasons is that actions taken at the government level are mostly covered by the government media. The oil extraction agreement of the Amu River Basin was signed between the government and a Chinese company and is beneficial for the country that's why the number of positive comments on both media was high. As well as, the reason why the positive comments on the state media are higher is that they have published this piece of news widely. The more the news is spread, the more comments it gets. It shows that the people are closely observing every step taken by the government and sharing their opinions about it.

## People's comments on the report are as follow:

- ✂ Well done! We appreciate your efforts and hope that other agreements will be signed so that Afghanistan can move towards self-sufficiency in terms of economy.
- ✂ In the past 20 years, the mafia and looters stole everything, hoarded it and today they live in luxury with their families in Europe; they did nothing for the country. We welcome this agreement because the natural resources under the ground have remained untapped for years. We have wealth, but we are dying of hunger. The signing of this contract is a great initiative for the future of the country.
- ✂ Such works are worthy of our praise. Afghanistan is a rich country in terms of natural resources, so it is necessary that these people live like kings, not like beggars.
- ✂ The signing of such a great contract will benefit both countries and will pave way for Afghanistan to be recognized. We hope for the day when we can see a war and poverty free Afghanistan.
- ✂ All the mines of Afghanistan should be given on contracts to some well-known companies for extraction so that the entire nation benefits from them.
- ✂ Alhamdulillah, I got very happy seeing this piece of news. God willing, these are the efforts that help the country become self-sufficient saving itself from charities and economic colonialism. However, we should be very vigilant against China in such agreements and discuss the technical and economic aspects so that our economic resources do not get under China's control. Our country is small and has a small population. All it needs is a few great initiatives in the economic sector to become self-reliant and a competitor in the market.
- ✂ Chinese companies do not care about protecting the environment and they employ Chinese workers. Instead, Afghan engineers and workers should be employed.
- ✂ First, the Mes Aynak project should have been prioritized over this because the Chinese just sign contracts but do not implement them.

## After reading and analyzing people's comments on the media and social networks, several important points are noteworthy:

✍ **First:** In the comments of the people, they have shown happiness and welcomed the agreement for the extraction of oil from the Amu River Basin. In their comments, they have said that other major agreements should be signed beside this agreement, so that Afghanistan can become self-reliant economically and socially.

Similarly, the work of the previous administration of Kabul is also referred to in the comments. They have stated that the officials of the previous administration were mafia stealing the wealth of the nation. They now live in luxury with their families in Europe and other countries. They have made the nation poor. Every government has a responsibility towards the nation to meet its economic, social and other needs. But governments taking concrete steps instead of just shouting their slogans are the leading ones. The Islamic Emirate is result and outcome oriented focusing on practicality rather than words. In about a year and a half, they have worked in every field from construction, to industry, agriculture, trade, investment and economic projects, and efforts are still underway to implement projects which were unprecedented in the past forty years.

✍ **Second:** We should not ignore the suggestions made by the people. One of the most important suggestions is that the Chinese do not pay attention to the environmental protection of the area during mining, and also all the workers and engineers of the project are Chinese themselves. It is true that the Chinese may do so, but if we listen to the officials of the Islamic Emirate, they have paid attention to both of these points. The Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, during his speech at the contract ceremony of the oil extraction from the Amu River Basin, said that the Chinese company should pay full attention to the environmental and economic security of the people and provide social services to them. Also, the Acting Minister of Mines and Petroleum stated that according to the contract, the Chinese company will employ Afghan labor and engineers. About 3,000 Afghans will be provided with employment opportunities. This is what the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan pays close attention to.

✍ **Third:** There is another important point in the comments which says that the Chinese company has not yet started the practical work of the Mes Aynak project. That project should have been started first and then signed the contract for this project. They only sign contracts and do not kick off the practical work. Some time ago, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, met with the officials of the contractor and discussed the beginning of the operational activities of Miss Aynak Mine. However, the artifacts in the area hinder the commencement of the project. The Ministry of Information and Culture is carrying out the transfer of the artifacts from the area making the area open for work. Consequently, the project will start.

In addition, it is mentioned in the comments that the Chinese just sign the contracts and do not work. There is an annex in the oil extraction agreement of the Amu River Basin that if the company does not commence the practical work of the project within a year as agreed upon in the contract, it will lead to the termination of the contract. The start of the practical work has been mentioned in the contract meaning that the Islamic Emirate is paying attention to every detail even minor, and has prepared the contract in such a way that all the standards are taken into consideration.

 **Fourth:** Another issue mentioned in the comments and suggestions is that all the mines in Afghanistan should be given on contracts. It is the responsibility of the government to extract the natural resources and use the revenue for the economic stability of the country. The Islamic Emirate, as a responsible government, has realized that by taking advantage of natural resources, it can boost the national economy and make Afghanistan a poverty free country. In this regard, the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, said that with the help of this contract, Afghanistan's economy will become stronger and take a step closer towards self-sufficiency. It indicates that the Islamic Emirate is trying to boost the economy through the exploitation of minerals and natural resources. Also, the Islamic Emirate has given a number of mines under contract and put some of them for open competition. Coal mines have been contracted, iron and lead mines in Herat and Ghor provinces have been put forth for open bidding. After this process, the contract winner will start the practical work in the neat future.

## Conclusion

Afghanistan is a country rich in natural resources. In addition to oil and natural gas, it has reserves of chromite, lead, copper, iron and other rare metals such as gold, silver, uranium and lithium. According to the surveys conducted, the amount of Afghanistan's natural resources has been estimated one to three trillion dollars, which can turn Afghanistan into a rich country.

Every country uses different mechanisms for its development and the stabilization of national economy. Some countries have natural resources which they use for strengthening their economy, while others have developed in industry so much that they make investments in exporting their products to other countries as well as some countries have developed in agricultural area exporting grain to other countries.

Similarly, Afghanistan has vast deserts for natural resources, industry and agriculture. The Islamic Emirate has paid full attention to the aforementioned areas. When it comes to the exploitation of natural resources, it has started the extraction of a number of mines in the country and signed an agreement with a Chinese company for the extraction of oil in the Amu River Basin. In this agreement, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan shares 20%, which will gradually increase to 75% in the future playing a constructive role in supporting the economy.

Also, in the industry sector, it has provided many facilities for the industrialists as a result of which some manufacturing factories are producing their products. Rapid steps are being taken to find the market for agriculture products and currently there has been a significant increase in the export of agricultural goods along with other products.

In short, the Islamic Emirate is committed to the development of this country and does not refrain from making any efforts.

## There has been a significant increase in the export of Afghan products



### Introduction

Exports form an essential part of a country's economy; therefore, supporting economic sectors and creating facilities in this area can increase exports. After the conquest of Kabul and the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan on the 15th of August 2021, the United States froze the assets of Da Afghanistan Bank. It created problems in transferring money from Afghan banks to foreign banks. However, the Islamic Emirate intensified its efforts in this area. In the first ten months of the year 1401 (according to the solar calendar), the exports of Afghanistan reached approximately 1.7 billion dollars.

This shows that the leadership of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan pays special attention to the country's economy and exports.

In the first ten months of the 1401 solar year, goods worth one billion and 700 million dollars were exported to foreign countries, an unprecedented step in the trade history of the country. So far, 97% of goods have been exported to Pakistan, India, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Iran, United Arab Emirates, China, Turkey, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan, and the remaining 3% to other countries of the world. The goods that make up 63% of all exports are coal, herbal remedies, cotton, grapes, pomegranates, tomatoes, raisins, dried figs, pine nuts, and apricots, and the remaining 37% are various other export goods.

This is while the value of exports in the first nine months of the last 1400 solar year was 478 million dollars, but in the first ten months of the current year 1401, the country's exports reached one billion and 700 million dollars, which It shows a threefold increase compared to last year. If the export process continues at such a pace, the export level will reach two billion dollars this year.

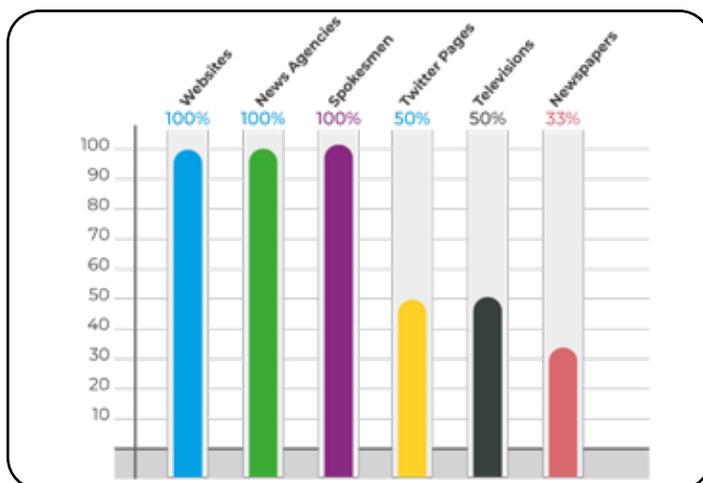
With the efforts of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, A safe environment for investment has been created, efforts are being made to build industrial parks, and policies and strategies have been prepared. Besides, the construction of highways and railways has been going on rapidly. As a result, Afghanistan will be connected with the neighboring and regional countries. Completing all the projects mentioned above will affect the exports of Afghanistan.

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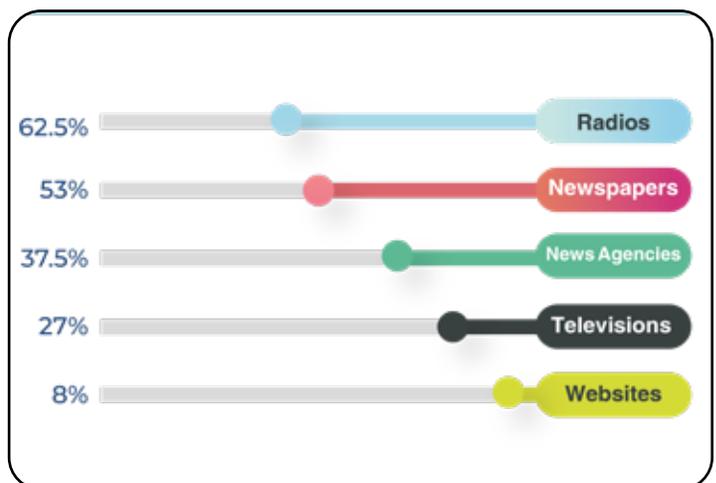
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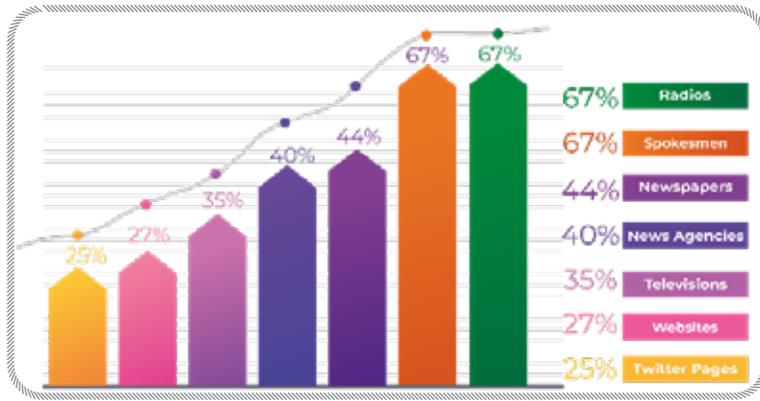
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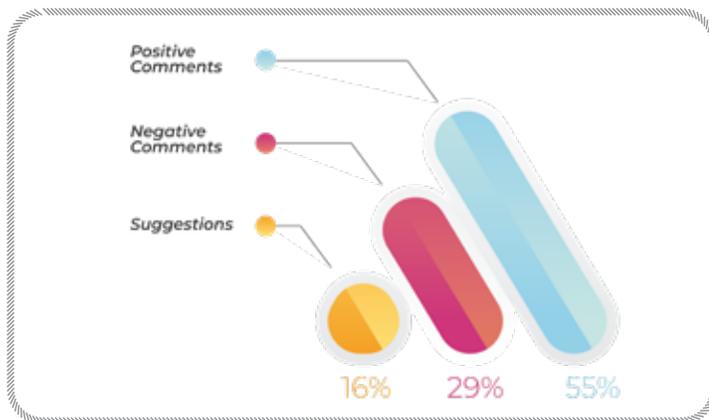


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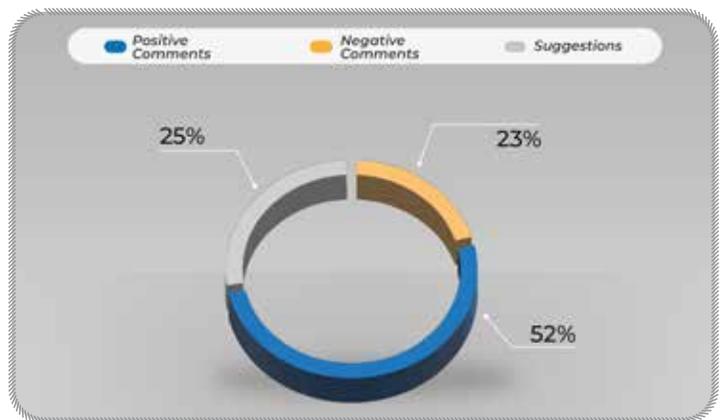
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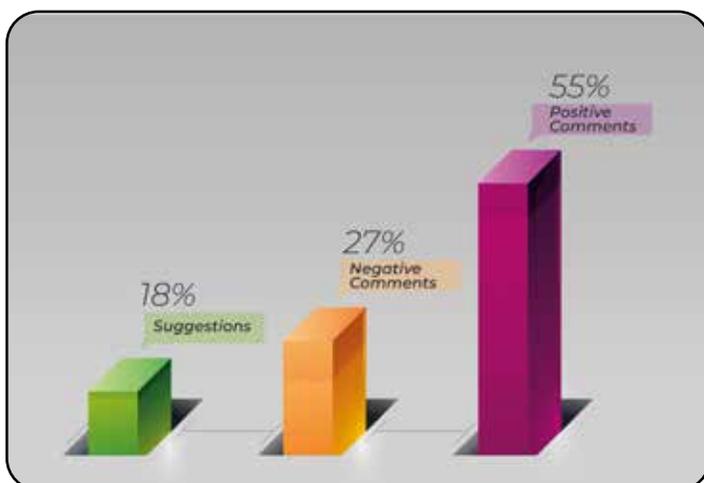
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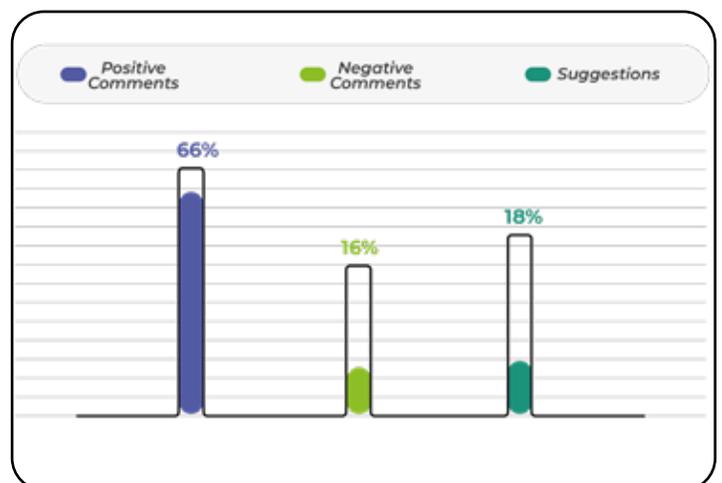
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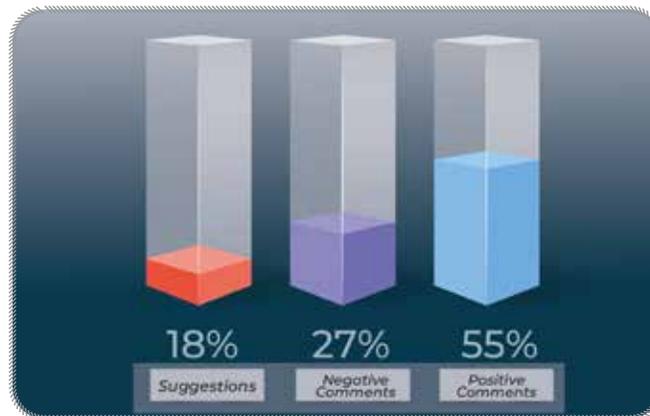
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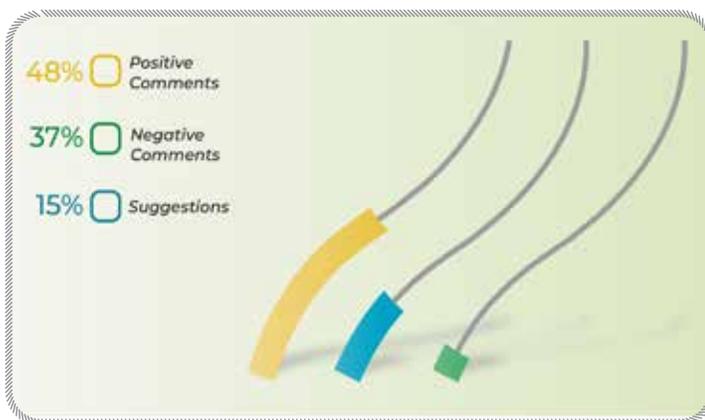


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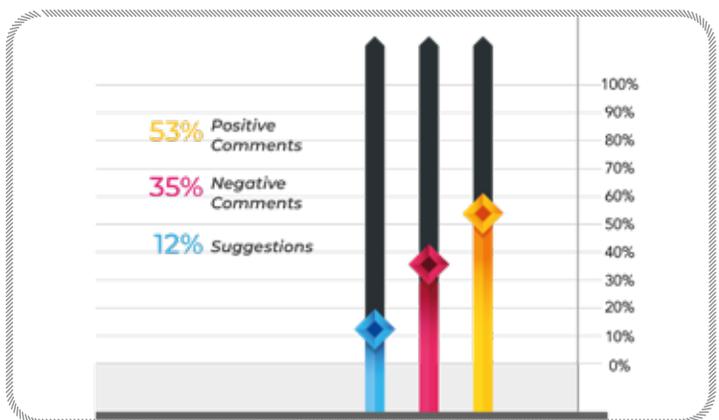


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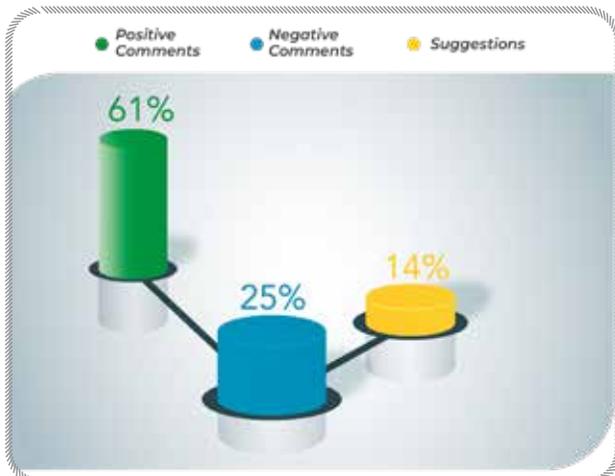
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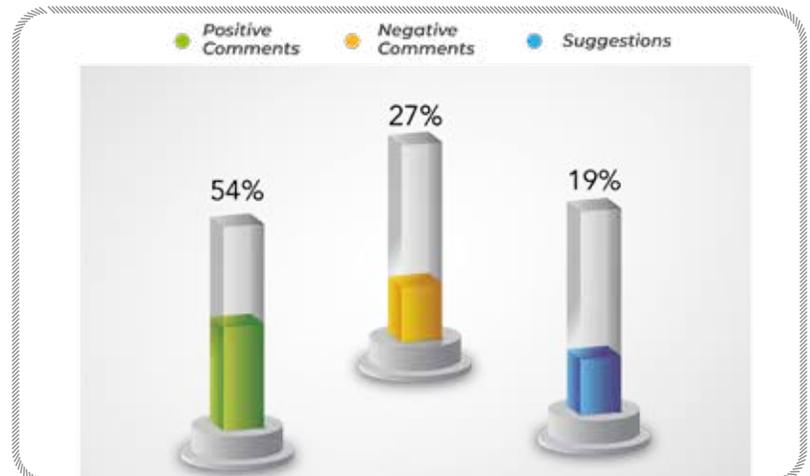
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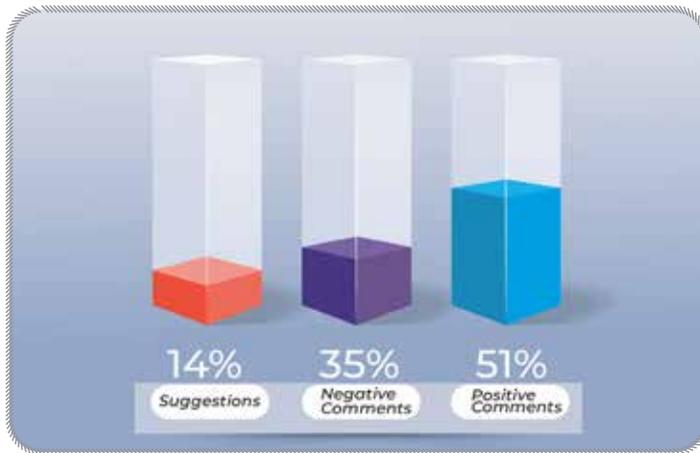
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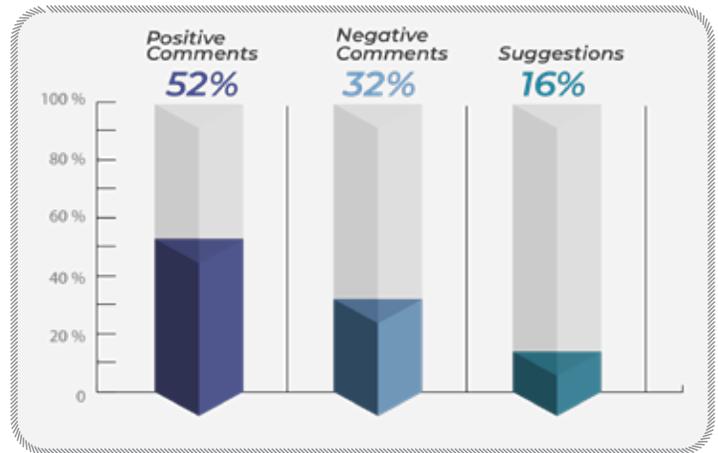
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### Collection of People's Comments on Private Media Networks



### Total evaluation of people's comments on private and state media



## Evaluating and analyzing people's comments on the media about the increase in the export of Afghan products

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## **Analyzing and evaluating the number of people's comments on the media about this news:**

*We can divide media into two types: government media and private media*

1. Regarding the news report on the "Increase in Export of Afghan Products," people's comments on the state media, including websites, Twitter pages, and spokesmen, are being evaluated here. The number of people's positive and negative comments and suggestions on the state media is 1005. (Positive comments: 554, negative comments: 269, and sound suggestions: 182) The percentage shown on the graph is as follows (Positive comments: 55%, negative comments: 27%, and sound suggestions: 18%).

2. The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies regarding the news report on "Increase in Export of Afghan Products," is carried out here. Two thousand three hundred forty-three (2343) positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. (Positive comments: 1199, negative comments: 811 and sound suggestions: 333) The percentage shown on the graph is as follows (Positive comments: 51%, negative comments: 35%, and sound suggestions: 14%).

Paying attention to the numbers above, the percentage of people's positive opinions is higher on state media than on private. The percentage of positive comments on state media is 55%; on private media, this is 51%. The number of sound suggestions on the government media is higher than the private ones.

If we collect the positive, negative comments and sound suggestions on government and private media, there are 1753 positive comments, 1080 negative comments, and 515 sound suggestions, which according to percentage, 52% are positive comments, 32% are negative comments and 16% are sound suggestions.

## **What is the reason for the higher number of positive comments on the state media compared to the private press?**

One of the reasons is that the news that is positive and implicit in the country's interests is widely spread by the media and the social networks related to these media. The more the news and report are shared, the more comments there are about them. People comment on the news that is of national interest, and most of the time, these comments are positive. It shows that people praise and look positively at every step taken by the government that is in the interest of the country and its citizens and leads to the development of Afghanistan.

## **A summary of people's comments on media and social networks is as follows:**

- ✎ Our country, God willing, is going towards economic development day by day. Besides, our political stability is improving day by day.
- ✎ As long as exports do not exceed imports, and agriculture and industry are not developed, the economy will not be strengthened.
- ✎ In the solar year 1401, so much is exported that the level is unprecedented in the history of Afghanistan.
- ✎ Imports should also increase. Besides, work for the employment of the people.
- ✎ The Islamic economic system is the best system compared to all non-Islamic systems. If it is implemented, the financial systems of Islamic countries will be strengthened by their resources. There is no other place on earth with the help of agriculture and industry than the Islamic world.
- ✎ In the year 1401, so much has been exported that was never done before.

## **After analyzing and evaluating people's comments, several issues are found to be noteworthy.**

- ✎ **First:** People are happy and optimistic about Afghanistan's economic future if we consider their comments. They say that such unprecedented developments can be clear signs of it. Also, in most of their comments, they have highlighted the commitment of the Islamic Emirate toward developing this country. In addition, they say that the actions of the Islamic Emirate speak louder than their words.
- ✎ **Second:** In addition to the positive comments, the people have also given a series of noteworthy negative comments. If these comments are analyzed, those who have given them are unaware of several projects. An example of the need for more information is that they claim that with the arrival of winter, people will face problems due to the increase in the price of coal. Before the arrival of winter, the Islamic Emirate awarded the contract of 400,000 tons of coal to private companies. These companies distributed it to the people at a price lower than the market price. Furthermore, people have made suggestions, which is impossible in one year with the restrictions and sanctions in effect. The essential factor in the development of a country is commitment, and the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is already committed to its development.
- ✎ **Third:** The third part of the comments is the sound suggestions. One of the significant suggestions is the increase in imports. It is a reasonable suggestion. They say that if the imports increase, the prices of basic food and fuel items will be lowered in the market. However, for a country to develop, it has to be an exporting country, not an importing one. The Islamic Emirate is trying to help the

country become an exporting country. If the export process continues as this, Afghanistan will undoubtedly witness significant economic development. And regarding people's suggestion that the imports should also increase to lower the prices of goods in the Afghanistan market as they are high, we can say that the costs of items have not only gone up in Afghanistan but in the entire world.

 **Fourth:** Another issue that has been mentioned in most of the comments is unemployment. Unemployment did not increase with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, but the unemployment rate was even higher during the previous administration of Kabul. Millions of dollars would come as aid, but due to corruption, it would go to the pockets of individuals. Money wasn't spent establishing projects which could create jobs for the people. Currently, the Islamic Emirate has started many community projects in addition to supporting domestic production, which will soon solve the issue of people's employment.

 **Fifth:** The Islamic economic system is another critical issue mentioned in people's comments. Implementing the Islamic economic system will help Afghanistan's economy boost and become independent. The Islamic Emirate is implementing the Islamic economic system in the country. An example of this is the Islamic banking component of the banking system, which will be implemented in all government and private banks operating in Afghanistan. In addition, People are happy with the increase in exports because it's an unprecedented record. Making Afghanistan a top exporting country is the priority of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

Exports are considered one of the essential factors the economy can grow with. With Afghanistan becoming an exporting country, the economy grows automatically. The leadership of the Islamic Emirate is trying to use every possible way to strengthen the economy.

Based on this principle, with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, more attention has been paid to this sector. There has been a significant increase in the export of Afghan products. In the first nine months of the current solar year 1401, goods worth one billion and 424 million dollars have been exported, which shows the commitment of the Islamic Emirate to strengthening the country's economy.

## Conclusion

Governments committed to developing their countries and people's well-being, progress, development, and prosperity prove it not by slogans but by actions. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan also has fewer slogans but more actions. In its one year of governance, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has done so much that it has given the people hope. The country has progressed from the political to economic, social, cultural, and education sectors. A good example can be a considerable increase in the exports of Afghan products. In the first nine months of the solar year 1401, goods worth one billion and 424 million dollars have been exported to foreign countries, which is an unprecedented step in the trade history of the country.

If exports continue as this, Afghanistan will soon become an exporting country with an independent economy having more employment opportunities.



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