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



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#### Introduction:

Natural resources found underground are what give a nation its overall strength. Afghanistan may be one of the few nations in the world with such exceptional weather, an abundance of water, forests, immense deserts, and underground natural resources.

Afghanistan's natural resources are at a point where they can transform this underdeveloped country into one that is rich and prosperous. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has given this area its entire attention and has awarded several mines under contract as well as placed several up for open bidding, which will be awarded soon.

Also, the Islamic Emirate has placed the construction of dams in its priorities. Under the leadership of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, it was decided in the regular meeting of the Economic Commission that the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum should submit the gold mine in Samti area of Chah Ab district of Takhar province to open bidding.

In addition, the Economic Commission requested that the Ministry of Water and Energy revoke the National Procurement Commission's contract with the contracting firm for the construction of the Arghstan Dam and put the survey, design, and construction of the dam up for competitive bidding.

In addition, a committee composed of representatives from the Ministries of Finance, Industry and Commerce, and Economy as well as the Directorate of Administrative Affairs and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs was asked to thoroughly discuss the directives given

by the Islamic Emirate's leadership to the Economic Commission and cabinet regarding the stateowned corporations.

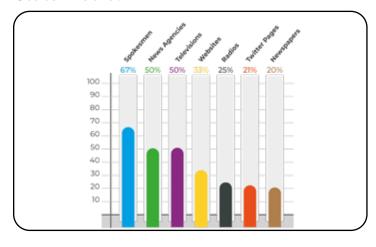
This committee should look at the law, structure, management, supervision, and other related aspects of government companies and determine whether the current structure of government companies is effective or not. This committee will prepare a comprehensive plan in this regard and present it to the Economic Commission.

#### **Purpose of Economic Commission meetings:**

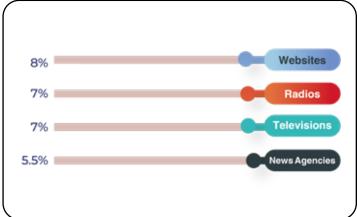
In the meetings of the commission, all the projects, contracts, and other related economic affairs that can boost the economy of the country are discussed and decisions are made accordingly.

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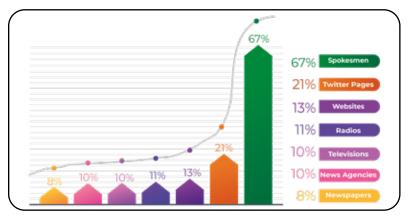
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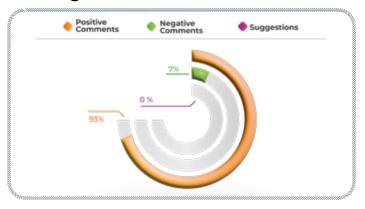


**Note:** This graph shows the percentage of people's comments on the government and private media that published the report of the regular meeting of the Economic Commission held under the leadership of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, in video, audio and written forms.

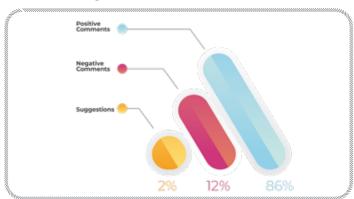
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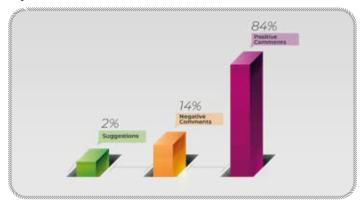
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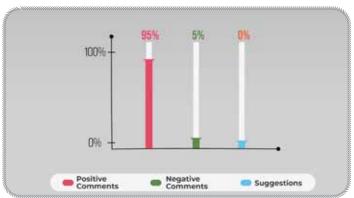
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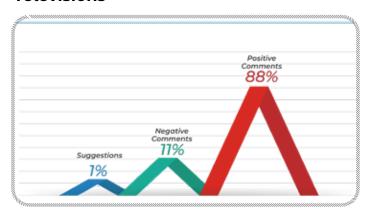
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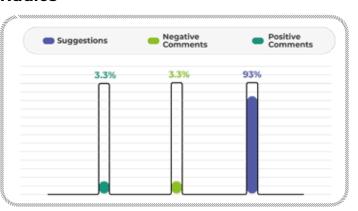
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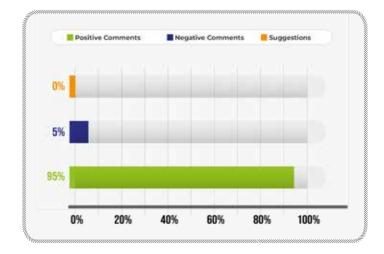
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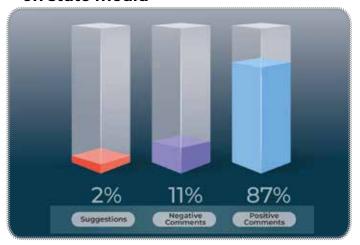
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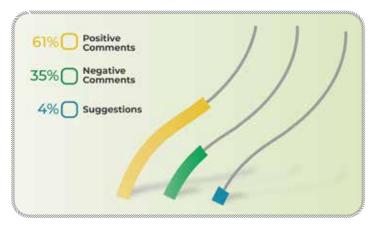


## Total evaluation of people's comments on state media

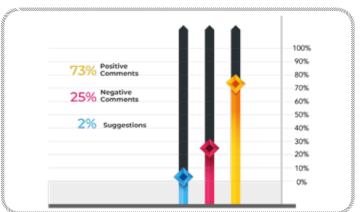


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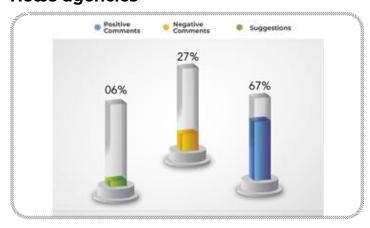
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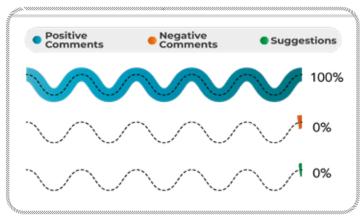
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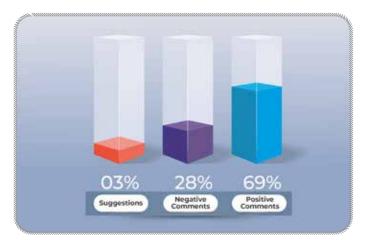
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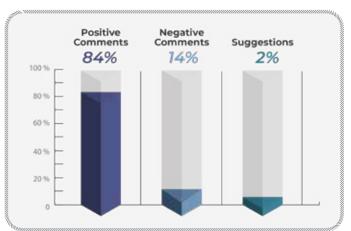
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### Total evaluation of people's comments on state media



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



Evaluating people's comments on media about the regular meeting of the Economic Commission under the leadership of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund

#### 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.

#### The reality of social media uses in Afghanistan.

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#### The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on media about the news report:

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

1. Regarding the regular meeting of the Economic Commission, 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 873 in total. Among these comments, 759 are positive, 99 are negative, and the remaining 15 are sound suggestions, as shown in the table. In percentage, 87% are positive, 11% are negative, and the remaining 2% are sound suggestions.

2. Besides, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the said news is carried out here. A total of 166 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments, there are 114 positive, 46 negative, and 6 sound suggestions. In percentage, the statistics are shown as 69% positive, 28% negative, and 3% sound suggestions, as shown in the table.

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 87 and on private media, this percentage is 69. However, the percentage of negative comments is higher on private media than on state media. The percentage of negative comments on private media is 28 but only 11 on the state media

If we find the total of positive and negative comments, and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 873 positive comments, 145 negative comments, and 21 sound suggestions. The percentage is 84% positive, 14% negative, and 2% sound suggestions.

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

One of the reasons is that actions taken on the government level are covered mainly by the state media. The meetings of the economic commission are 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.

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

- & Launching such economic and infrastructure projects is the only way to Afghanistan's development; the underground natural resources should be used.
- We appreciate such decisions of the Islamic Emirate, on the condition that the revenues received from these projects would be used for the construction of dams and other developmental projects.
- A The winners of the mining contracts should not transfer the minerals abroad; it should be stipulated in the contract that they should process them inside Afghanistan.
- A The money received from the mines should be spent on infrastructure projects so that Afghans enjoy the benefits.
- $\slash\hspace{-0.4em}$  In hope of the increase in such projects making Afghans free from the needs of others

# Evaluating and reading the comments of the public, several important issues are generally worth noting:

- First, considering the comments of the citizens, it seems that the citizens appreciate the decisions of the Economic Commission. It has been mentioned in the comments that the money received from the mines should be spent on important projects such as dams and canals so that the vast deserts of the country are irrigated and converted into fertile land. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is making efforts to increase the national income with the extraction of mines and implement projects that can create economic growth in the country for example Qosh Tepa Canal, the canals of Kamal Khan Dam, the reconstruction of highways, the opening of the second phase of the Kajaki Dam, and the completion of the railway and other dams like Shah Wa Aros.
- Second, people think of the fundamental infrastructure projects as the sole way for the development of the country. They are right. In fact, every government that has implemented fundamental economic projects in the country has made progress because economic projects can have a positive impact on all sectors. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is committed to paying attention to this point and is trying to implement large economic projects and boost the country's economy and make it self-sufficient.
- Third, people have made some suggestions that should not be ignored. They say that the winners of mineral extraction contracts should not send minerals abroad and it must be stipulated that they will process the minerals inside the country. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, as a responsible government, must perform all contracts in accordance with international standards. As far as the information is available, all the mines that the Islamic Emirate has contracted so far, the accepted standards have been taken into consideration and efforts have been made to carry out every contract in the interest of the country. In all the contracts, they have placed conditions that are necessary for a standard contract. This point will definitely be taken into consideration in the Samthi Gold Mine contract.
- Fourth, some other issues have also been mentioned in people's comments and suggestions. It has been suggested that this money should be spent on big projects like power dams and so on. It was also said that such projects should be paid attention to so that Afghans can be freed from the need of others. It is a fact that the revenue received should be spent on major projects boosting the economy. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has been on the right track in terms of people's suggestions. Some projects have been funded with the revenues being received and others are being planned such as projects in the railway sector, as well as the preparation of plans for other major projects in the area of water and energy which will be funded from the developmental budget. The implementation of these projects will connect Afghanistan with the neighboring, regional, and other countries around the world making the country self-reliant.

The leadership of the Islamic Emirate has always emphasized their commitment to helping the oppressed people of Afghanistan. They have committed to making the country self-reliant in all aspects.

#### Conclusion

What makes a country strong in every aspect is the natural resources under the ground. There will be very few countries in the world having underground natural resources like Afghanistan. Afghanistan's natural resources are reaching the level that can turn this poor country into a rich and wealthy country and put it in the ranks of the developed countries of the world. The Islamic Emirate has paid full attention to this sector and has signed contracts for a number of mines and has offered some to open bidding. As well, the construction of dams has been one of the top priorities of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

In the meetings of the economic commission, the implementation of all the economic projects boosting the country's economy is discussed. As there have been some economic sanctions on Afghanistan set by the international community and the United States has frozen its assets, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has opted for an economic-oriented policy to help the economy of the country grow.

Such an approach of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has always been appreciated and supported by the people. This is because people now believe that neither foreign aid nor foreigners can lead the country to develop, but the underground wealth and resources not having been properly exploited yet.

Based on this belief, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has paid attention to this sector and got some small, medium, and some large mines contracted and used the revenues for the reconstruction and development of the country. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has been very successful in this regard.

# Statement of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Office Regarding the latest report of the World Bank on the economic situation of Afghanistan



#### **Introduction:**

In January 2023, a report on the development of Afghanistan's economic situation was released by the World Bank. This study gives attention to the changes that have occurred since the Islamic Emirate was re-established.

The report highlights the low cost of food and other goods, the stability of the Afghani in relation to other currencies, the regularization of the banking system, the prompt payment of government employees' salaries, the previously unheard-of rise in the level of national income and exports, and the resolutions to the majority of the health sector's issues.

According to the research, the increase in food prices and other items has caused the inflation rate to decline. Afghani has also retained its value in comparison to other currencies. The research claims that while Afghani has grown against some international currencies, it has declined by a very little amount against some other currencies.

Both male and female civil personnel have received their salaries on schedule. As of December 21, 2022, the national income was 9,135 billion Afghanis (1.54 billion dollars), according to the report on national income. Afghanistan exported commodities worth 1.7 billion dollars from January to November 2022, compared to 0.9 billion and 0.8 billion dollars in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Also, excellent healthcare has been offered, particularly during childbirth, and 98 percent of the medical staff in health centers are female.

The Deputy Prime Minister for the Economic Affairs Office of the Islamic Emirate released a statement in response to the World Bank's study on the status of Afghanistan's economy, welcoming all of the report's accurate and favorable findings.

According to the statement, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan believes that the country's economic situation will quickly move in the direction of improvement and stability if the current restrictions on Afghanistan's banking sector are abolished and Afghans' frozen assets are released. The international community will no longer be bearing this weight.

Also, so that the world may debate the actual situation in Afghanistan, international organizations are urged to remind everyone about the advancements that have been made in Afghanistan, particularly in the economic sector.

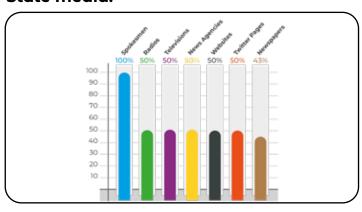
The statement also requests that all foreign organizations and aid agencies work with Afghanistan to finance development initiatives that will lower the unemployment rate and improve the country's economic status. In addition, it was requested that the World Bank pick up the unfinished projects that had been put on hold after the Islamic Emirate took power.

#### **Purpose:**

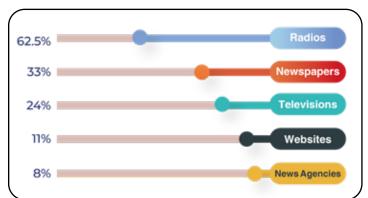
International organizations can no longer turn a blind eye to the advancements made by the Islamic Emirate as they are continually recognizing them. The Islamic Emirate also supports fact-based reports from international organizations and advises that the international community portray the true image of Afghanistan to the world.

Evaluation of people's comments on the media that published the news of "Statement of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs Office Regarding the World Bank's Report on the Economic Progress in Afghanistan".

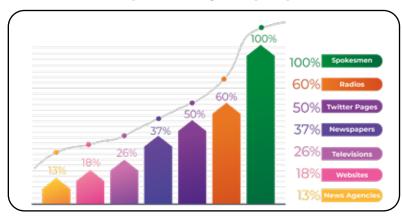
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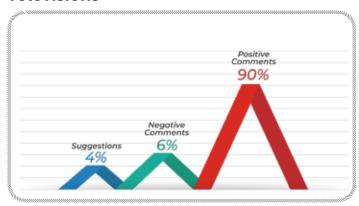


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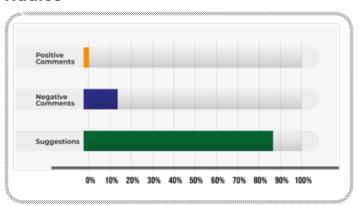
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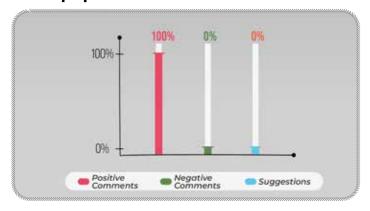
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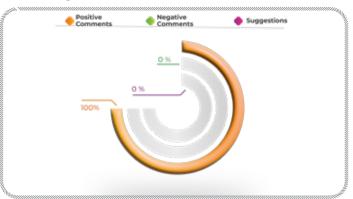
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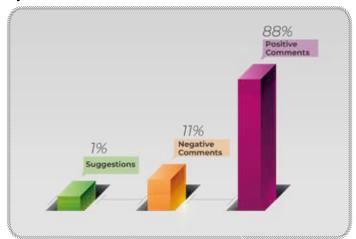
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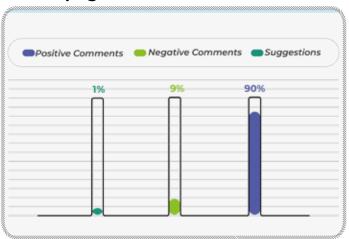
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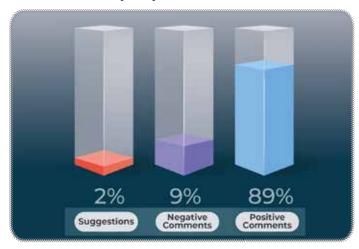
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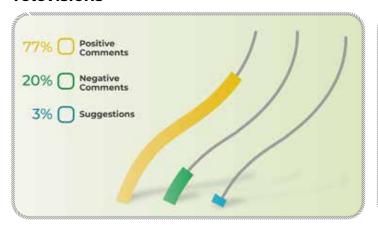


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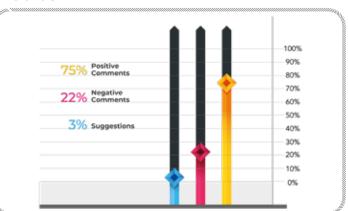


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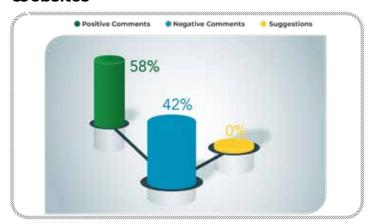
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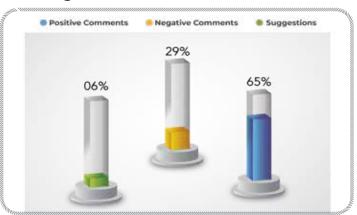
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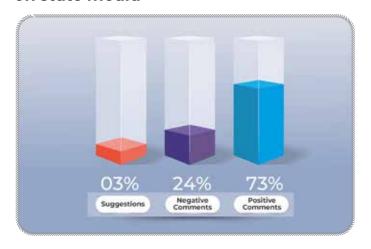
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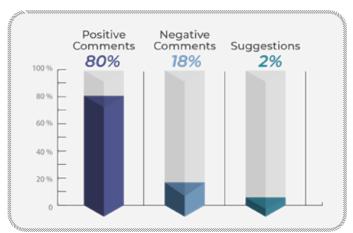
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### Total evaluation of people's comments on state media



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



The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on the news report regarding the statement of the Deputy PM for the Economic Affairs Office regarding the recent report of the world bank on the current economic situation in Afghanistan

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- 2. Besides, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the said news is carried out here. A total of 1069 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments, there are 784 positive, 254 negative, and 31 sound suggestions. In percentage, the statistics are shown as 73% positive, 24% negative, and 3% sound suggestions, as shown in the table.

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 89 and on private media, this percentage is 73. However, the percentage of sound suggestions is higher on private media than on state media.

If we find the total of positive and negative comments, and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 1500 positive comments, 328 negative comments, and 42 sound suggestions. The percentage is 80% positive, 18% negative, and 2% sound suggestions.

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

One reason is that the news that is positive and implicit in the interests of the country is widely spread by the media and social networks related to these media. If a piece of news is of national interest, people share their comments about it, and most of the time these comments are positive. It shows that people praise and look positively at every step taken by the government. 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.

# A summary of people's comments on the report related to the statement of the DPMEA Office published by the media

- Afghans do not want charity from the world, but the world should remove the sanctions. The honorable Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhond has contributed to the growth and prosperity of the country with every move he has made. All Afghans hold a special place in their hearts for revered Mullah Sahib. Afghanistan's economy is growing and being strengthened under Mullah Sahib, and soon it will be included among the developed nations.
- The World Bank's analysis is accurate. In fact, our nation's economy will expand if we do not favor anyone and if we work hard. There isn't any theft, bribery, or corruption right now. For the first time, Afghan goods like dry fruits have been seen outside. It's also important to note that I recently bought an Afghan cooker in Holland. That is a really good cooker.
- The World Bank should first release the poor Afghans' wealth. As citizens, we value and support any advancements made by our government in any area. It is fantastic that the international community has acknowledged Afghanistan's economic growth. The Islamic Emirate has in fact contributed to the country's progress.
- The accomplishments of the Islamic Emirate are commendable, including the construction of the Qosh Tepa Canal, the reconstruction of highways, the expert extraction and processing of minerals, the opening of the Kajaki Dam, the collection of beggars and paying them, and the collection and rehabilitation of drug addicts.
- Despite receiving billions of dollars during the previous government, the officials still stole clothing of soldiers, and they neglected to pay the soldiers' salaries on time. It is a wonderful thing that the government should increase its transparency and pay attention to the issues facing the populace.
- 🖈 The World Bank needs to pick up the unfinished projects in Afghanistan.

# By evaluating and reading people's comments on the media and social media networks, several important issues are generally worth noting:

First, the World Bank study that was released has been praised in the public comments. The comments show that the citizens are looking forward to the country's economy. They assert that as a responsible government, the Islamic Emirate is trying to advance the country. It is more of a reality that after the Islamic Emirate was re-established, despite the fact that foreigners had frozen Afghans' wealth, which led to a number of issues, the Islamic Emirate did not take these issues seriously. With the help of domestic revenue, they were able to stop corruption, maintain the stability of the Afghani against other currencies, and resuscitate the country's expanding economy.

They gave Afghan items the chance to be exported outside of the country, which led to an increase in exports; the more exports there are, the more businesses grow; and as businesses grow, so does the economy as a whole.

Recently, international organizations like the World Bank have acknowledged that Afghanistan's economic situation has improved more than ever before.

Second, a number of issues, including closing schools and universities in front of girls, a lack of energy, etc., have also been brought up in comments. Individuals have pleaded with the Islamic Emirate to end these issues. In talks, Islamic Emirate officials have consistently stated that one of their top concerns is addressing the needs of the populace. Officials have assured the nation that a solution is available for some of these difficulties and that others are temporary.

According to reports, the Islamic Emirate is dedicated to the advancement and development of education despite the closure of girls' schools and universities. For the entrance of girls to schools and institutions, a system is being developed.

The shortage of energy is a concern since Afghanistan does not generate enough energy to supply the entire country, and the electricity imported from Central Asian countries occasionally has issues. The Islamic Emirate is attempting to utilize its plentiful water in the production of electricity in order to make the country self-sufficient.

We can point to the second phase of the Kajaki Dam's completion and the work on the Surobi 2 power dam as evidence for this argument. The Islamic Emirate is working to alleviate Afghanistan's electricity crisis and convert the country's remote deserts into arable land by effectively harnessing and managing the country's enormous water resources.

Thirdly, the people want the World Bank to complete its unfinished projects in Afghanistan, according to their suggestions. They claim that if the World Bank picks up unfinished projects, it will help both the Afghan people in terms of humanitarian cooperation and employment for the local population.

All countries and international organizations have also been urged by the Islamic Emirate to fulfill their unfinished work in Afghanistan. This argument was made in the DPMEA Office's statement in relation to the most recent World Bank report on Afghanistan's economic situation. Besides with providing information about Afghanistan, the World Bank is urged in this statement to recommence initiatives that were previously funded by it but were put on hold with the re-establishment of the IEA. In addition, it has been requested that humanitarian organizations and international organizations work with Afghanistan to finance development initiatives.

The Islamic Emirate has always supported institutions and humanitarian agencies that strive for Afghanistan's development without having any ulterior motives.

Fourth, the tax issue has been pointed out in the comments of the people. They say taxes are high and people can't afford them. It is important to state that taxes make up the largest part of domestic income and it is necessary to be collected because if taxes are not collected, the income will not increase and if the level of income is low, the provision of services is also difficult.

For this goal, the Islamic Emirate has begun to collect taxes. The reason why neither services nor taxes were supplied or collected was because Afghanistan did not have a government that was fully independent over the previous 20 years of conflicts.

Now that there is a central and independent government in Afghanistan, they should do the things that will increase the revenue and provide services to the people. That the Islamic Emirate reduced the level of taxes from 1.5 to 0.5 percent, is to support people and businesses badly affected economically.

Fifth, the people have also mentioned the Islamic Emirate's accomplishments in their comments, including the Qosh Tepa Canal, highway reconstruction, professional mining extraction and processing, opening of the second Kajaki Dam phase, gathering beggars and giving them ongoing financial assistance, and gathering drug addicts and treating them.

People say that this is a great achievement of the Islamic Emirate and a service to the citizens. Also, the shortcomings of the previous administration of Kabul have been pointed out in the comments of the people. People say that the money donated in the previous administration was wasted and did not benefit the nation.

They asked the Islamic Emirate to make governance affairs more transparent. People's comments and suggestions are valuable and the Islamic Emirate takes them seriously. The Islamic Emirate is trying to carry out other activities similar to this, due to which the people will be affected, their economic problems will be solved and the country will be able to develop in various fields.

It is true that with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, many major national projects that have a constructive role in the development of Afghanistan have been started and efforts are being made to improve the country's infrastructure. In addition, the Islamic Emirate has reached out to needy citizens, a good example of which is the gathering of beggars and drug addicts, helping them, and treating them.

People say that there should be more transparency in governance. The Islamic Emirate is trying to do so. In the recent research conducted by the Transparency International Organization on the fight against corruption in Asian countries, it has been found that the Islamic Emirate has done an impressive job in the fight against corruption.

In the report of this organization, it is said that Afghanistan has gained 24 points in the fight against corruption and has fallen from 176th position to 150th. However, the report published by the Transparency International Organization is not based on the facts. The Islamic Emirate insists that the Transparency International Organization compile and publish its reports based on actual facts. The Islamic Emirate is serious about fighting corruption and has taken concrete steps in this regard. The level of corruption has come downer than what the aforementioned organization has stated in its report.

#### Conclusion

Afghanistan now has a powerful central government thanks to the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate. Every government has a responsibility to ensure national progress. Afghanistan's economy was struggling when the Islamic Emirate took control. Additionally, the country's economic situation was getting worse, and rather than offering assistance, the international community sanctioned Afghanistan.

The wealth of Afghans that has been frozen by the United States of America was the most significant factor. Despite this, the Islamic Emirate was capable of leading Afghanistan's economic development and was largely successful in this area. The international community initially believed that the Islamic Emirate would not be able to escape from such a challenging circumstance. They even claimed that the Islamic Emirate lacked any economists, lawyers, or other professionals who could aid the economy and that the majority of professionals had already left the country.

Yet, the Islamic Emirate was successful in strengthening the economy, preventing the collapse of the banking system, and maintaining the stability of Afghani relative to other currencies.

The Islamic Emirate's initiatives have long been disregarded, but the World Bank's most recent report on the state of Afghanistan's economy has demonstrated that other foreign agencies cannot continue to do so. According to the World Bank's study, Afghanistan's economy has grown in comparison to earlier years.

A report on the advancements made by countries in the fight against corruption in 2022 was also released by the Transparency International Organization. According to the report, which was about Asian nations, Afghanistan rose 24 points to move up from 174th to 150th place.

It demonstrates that Afghanistan is making progress, and if things keep going as they are, Afghanistan will soon be among the world's developed countries.

#### **Collecting Beggars from Kabul City**



#### Introduction:

Afghanistan has a serious problem with beggars, especially in the larger cities. In these cities, there are a lot of people that are begging. Perhaps some of them are deserving and obligated to begging, but the most of them are professionals who have made it their business. According to the Beggar Collecting Committee's findings, many beggars in Kabul City are professionals who do not rely on begging for a living because of poverty but rather use it as a business.

A committee was established to gather beggars from Kabul city in response to the Amirul Momineen Sheikh Hibatullah Akhundzada Hafizahullah's direction to address this issue. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, is in charge of the committee. Thousands of beggars have so far been rounded up from various parts of Kabul. This procedure is still in progress. As till February 21, 2023, the beggar collecting committee collected 28,612 beggars from various parts of Kabul.

After evaluation, 17289 professional beggars and 11253 deserving beggars were found among the gathered beggars. In addition, there are 70 unaccompanied children among these beggars. Unaccompanied child beggars are accepted to care centers by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs following biometric screening; there, in addition to receiving food, they receive education and training. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan provides ongoing financial aid to the needy beggars.

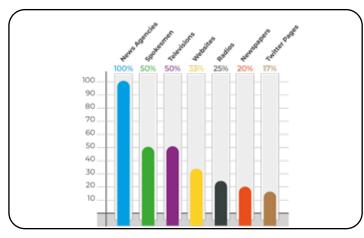
The residents of Kabul and the gathered beggares gathered are pleased that this process has begun, and they claim that many of their issues will be resolved as a result.

#### The Purpose of Creating the Beggar Collecting Committee

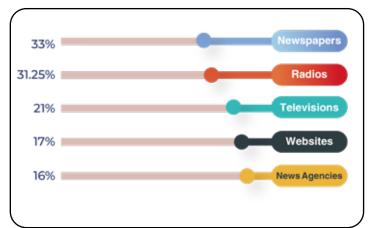
The committee's main goal is to gather beggars, sort them into professional and deserving beggar groups, and assist those in need.

The evaluation of people's comments on the media that published the news of "Collecting Beggars from Kabul City".

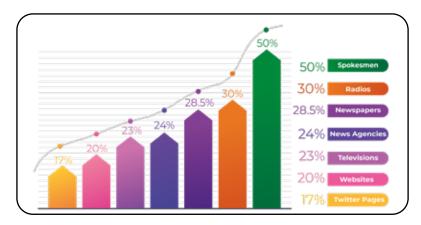
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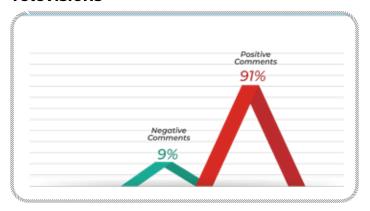


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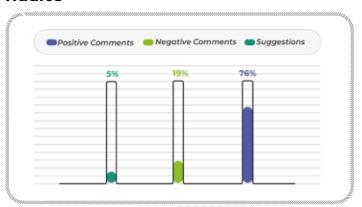
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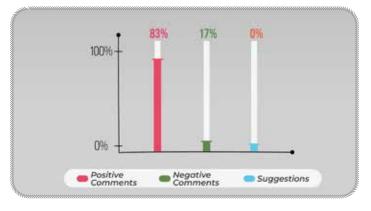
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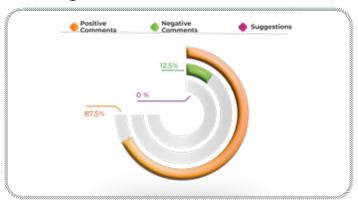
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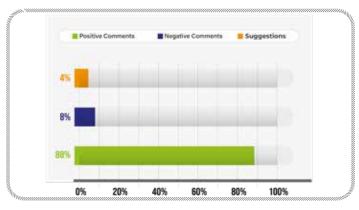
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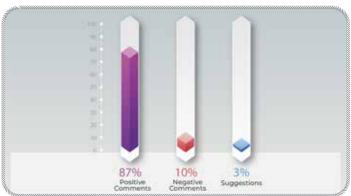
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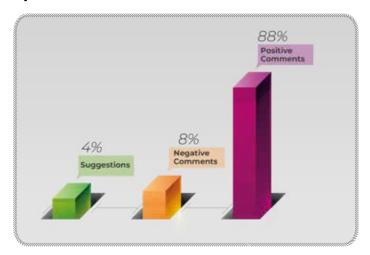
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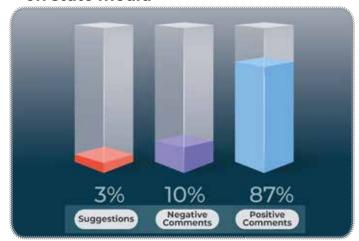
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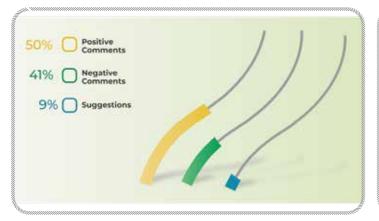


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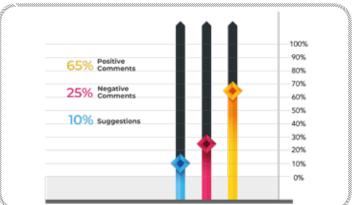


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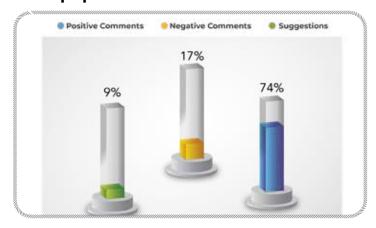
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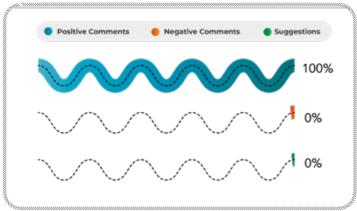
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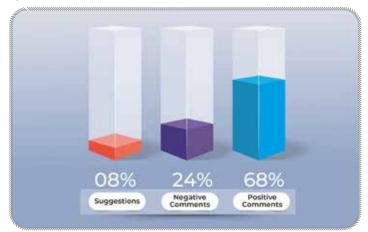
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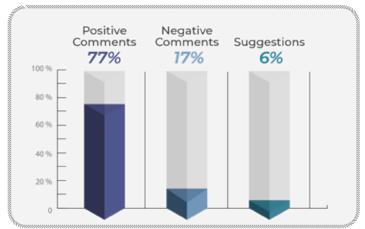
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# Total evaluation of people's comments on private media



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



# Evaluating and analyzing people's comments on the media about the news of the beggar collecting committee

#### 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.

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

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 people's comments on media about the news report:

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

1. Regarding the news of the beggar collecting committee, 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 282 in total. Among these comments, 245 are positive, 28 are negative, and the remaining 9 are sound suggestions, as shown in the table. In percentage, 87% are positive, 10% are negative, and the remaining 3% are sound suggestions.

2. Besides, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the said news is carried out here. A total of 326 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments, there are 221 positive, 78 negative, and 27 sound suggestions. In percentage, the statistics are shown as 68% positive, 24% negative, and 8% sound suggestions, as shown in the table.

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 87 and on private media, this percentage is 68. However, the percentage of negative comments is higher on private media than on state media. The percentage of negative comments on private media is 24 but only 10 on the state media. If we find the total of positive and negative comments, and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 466 positive comments, 106 negative comments, and 36 sound suggestions. The percentage is 77% positive, 17% negative, and 6% sound suggestions.

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

One of the reasons is that actions taken on the government level are covered mainly by the state media. The Beggar Collecting Committee has been created under the framework of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs and is 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.

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

It is worth noting that here we bring only a few of the comments, which include positive, and negative comments and suggestions.

- The collection of beggars and drug addicts by the Islamic Emirate and making a plan for them to rehabilitate is an important step for the development and well-being of the nation.
- This is a positive step, may Allah reward those who started this work. I hope that the facilities will be provided to the needy people of this country.
- If we don't turn a blind eye to the truth, during the republic government, such projects were not possible to be implemented despite the billions of dollars. The reason is that the whole administration was drowned in corruption.
- Along with other areas that the government has focused on, it is important to speed up efforts to start more projects which will provide people with employment opportunities. Similarly, the country will also take quick steps towards self-sufficiency.
- Also, pay attention to other big cities such as Mazar-e-Sharif, and Khost as the number of beggars has increased there, too.

# Evaluating and reading the comments of the public, several important issues are generally worth noting:

- First, the Islamic Emirate's action is unprecedented in light of the public's comments, which claim that attention has not before been paid to gathering beggars and drug addicts for rehabilitation. Because these two categories of people have historically been disregarded. The Islamic Emirate's initiative is greatly appreciated. Because of their poverty, the majority of them have turned to beg. By launching this project, the Islamic Emirate has demonstrated that helping the country's needy citizens is one of its top objectives.
- Second, despite millions of cash arriving during the previous Kabul administration, nothing was done, as other commenters also noted. The previous administration's high level of corruption was the cause. And there were no such programs for underprivileged citizens. The Islamic Emirate has made the decision to assist these individuals, address their economic issues, and relieve the cities of such critical problems. The Islamic Emirate has currently paid full attention to collecting beggars and helping the addicts rehabilitate.
- Third, some people have advocated starting huge enterprises to create jobs for people. Major and fundamental projects like the Qosh Tepa Canal, the Industrial Park in Perozi Town, the reconstruction of highways like Kabul-Kandahar and roads leading to more than ten provinces, as well as other medium and small projects, have all been started with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate. Several government factories have also begun offering services. Also, funds have been set aside to begin certain unfinished projects, including the second lane of the Kabul-Logar highway, Shah Wa Aros Dam, Pashdan Dam, Kamal Khan Dam, and other projects. Next year, these projects will pick back up. Together with the growth and prosperity of the nation, these initiatives will create thousands of jobs.
- Fourth, some individuals urged expanding the procedure of gathering beggars to other significant cities. The Islamic Emirate seeks to eradicate the issue of beggars throughout the country, not just in Kabul. Resources are needed for this process. The procedure will also be extended to the provinces whenever sufficient resources are found. The Islamic Emirate's leadership has consistently underlined its dedication to aiding Afghanistan's beleaguered populace. They have consistently pledged to eradicate poverty and bring about self-sufficiency in Afghanistan.

#### Conclusion

Beggars and the general needy pose a problem in any culture. This issue is present in other societies as well, if we take a look. Naturally, the degree varies in poor and war-torn nations. In view of remarks made by individuals on the issue of beggars in Afghanistan, particularly in Kabul, we may therefore conclude that the government's approach is commendable.

To address the issues, the government has suggested an open and simple approach. All beggars, including women, men, orphans, and unaccompanied minors, are gathered by them. They must first register and have their biometric information taken. Then, if a beggar has knowledge or skills in a certain field of labor, they are given a position in that area. The beggars and their guardians also swear not to beg and that their parents won't compel them to start.

Moreover, the government distributes a set sum of money on a monthly basis to beggars who are truly deserving and are unable to work. The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs also offers educational and training opportunities to child beggars, particularly orphans and unaccompanied children. The Kabul model can be applied to address this socioeconomic issue throughout the remaining regions of the country if this process proceeds as it has so far.

The Islamic Emirate is dedicated to this endeavor and, after locating funding sources, is attempting to expand this series to other regions of the country.

# The Military Bases of Foreign Forces in Afghanistan are Being Converted into Special Economic Zones



#### Introduction:

The process by which the economic well-being and quality of life of a country, region, local community, or an individual evolve in accordance with the objectives set forth is known as economic and social development. A country's development encompasses a wide range of ideas, but in general, economic growth is built on greater production and political systems that may fully or as nearly as possible reflect the goals of their population. All social groups should have access to a wide range of rights and opportunities.

These activities show the management capabilities of the government in the fields of economy, politics, society, and public management. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is also paying attention to these points and is creating special economic zones in those areas of the country where there were bases of foreign forces before. The purpose of these zones is to strengthen the country's national economy, increase revenue and business development, reduce poverty in the country, attract investment, and create job opportunities for the people.

These economic zones will be established in the military bases of foreign forces in the north, west, southwest, east, and southeast of the country. Under the leadership of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the Deputy Prime Minister for economic affairs, the prepared plan for the establishment of special economic zones was approved in the regular meeting of the Economic Commission. It was decided that the facilities of the military bases should be gradually handed over to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce according to a plan by the Ministry of Defense.

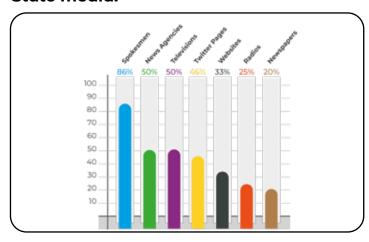
Moreover, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce was given the charge of building trial special economic zones in Balkh and Kabul. The construction of special economic zones is crucial because it would enhance the nation's economy and bring in millions of dollars for the Afghan government's treasury. Also, the country's exports will expand, the gross domestic product will rise, and tens of thousands more people will have jobs. By focusing on these issues, the Islamic Emirate has likewise made this move. The Islamic Emirate wants to strengthen the economy, increase revenue, and solve the main issue, which is unemployment.

### The objective of turning the military bases in Afghanistan into special economic zones

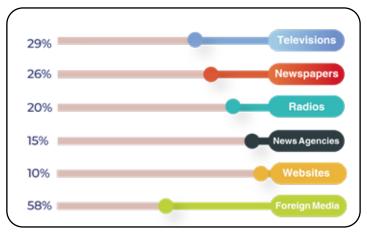
It aims to lessen poverty in the country, draw in investment, and give people job chances in addition to boosting the country's national economy, revenue, and business development.

Evaluation of people's comments on the media that published the news of "Turning the military bases in Afghanistan into special economic zones"

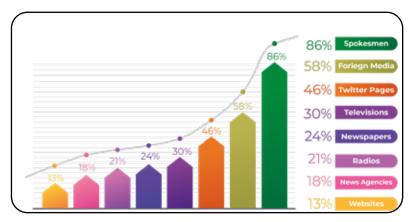
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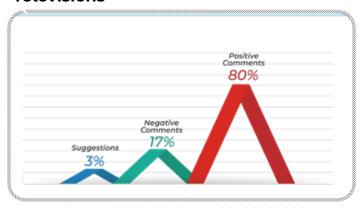


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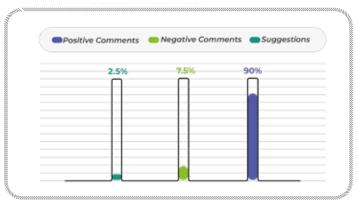
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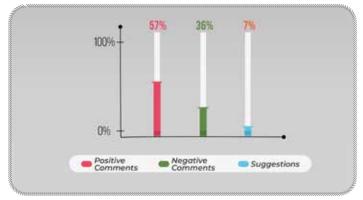
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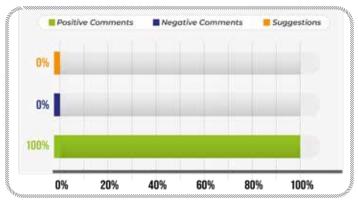
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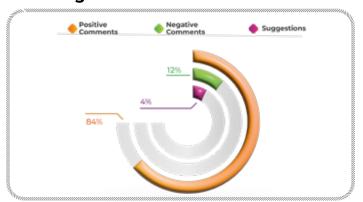
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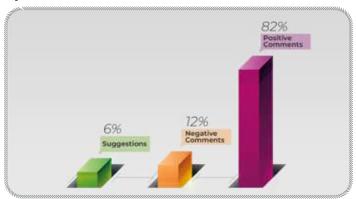
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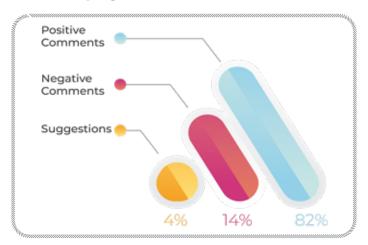
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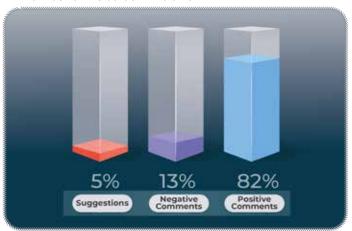
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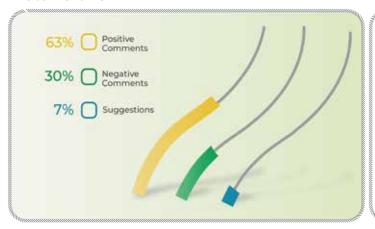


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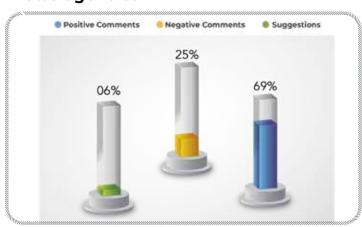
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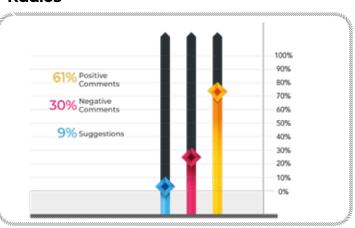
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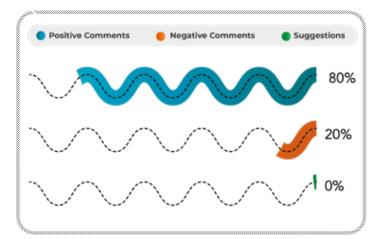
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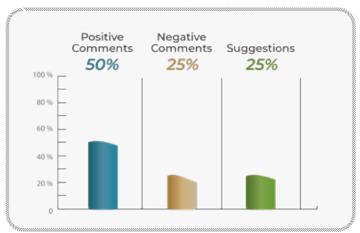
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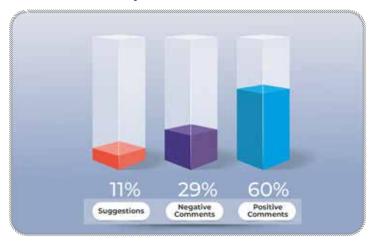
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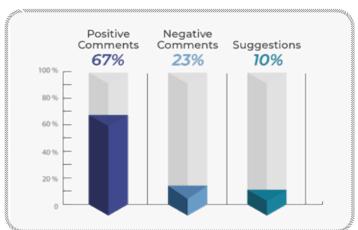
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Evaluating and reading people's comments on the media about the news of turning the military bases of the foreign forces into special economic zones in Afghanistan.

#### 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.

#### The reality of social media uses in Afghanistan.

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#### The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on media about the news report:

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

- 1. Regarding the news of changing the military bases of the foreign troops into special economic zones, 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 968 in total. Among these comments, 792 are positive, 131 are negative, and the remaining 45 are sound suggestions, as shown in the table. In percentage, 82% are positive, 13% are negative, and the remaining 5% are sound suggestions.
- 2. Besides, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the said news is carried out here. A total of 1575 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments, there are 951 positive, 451 negative, and 173 sound suggestions. In percentage, the statistics are shown as 60% positive, 29% negative, and 11% sound suggestions, as shown in the table.
- 3. Furthermore, the evaluation of people's comments on the media abroad, about the said news is carried out here. A total of 298 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments, there are 150 positive, 75 negative, and 73 sound suggestions. In percentage, the statistics are shown as 50% positive, 25% negative, and 25% sound suggestions, as shown in the table.

Considering the above numbers, the percentage of positive comments is higher on state media than on private and foreign ones. The percentage of positive comments on state media is 82 and on private media, this percentage is 60. However, the percentage of negative comments is higher on private media and state media than on state media. The percentage of negative comments on private media is 29, on foreign media 25 and 13 on the state media.

If we find the total of positive and negative comments, and sound suggestions on the state, private and foreign media, there are 1893 positive comments, 657 negative comments, and 291 sound suggestions. The percentage is 67% positive, 23% negative, and 10% sound suggestions.

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

One of the reasons is that actions taken on the government level are covered mainly by the state media. The news regarding the changing of the military bases of the foreign forces into special economic zones was published 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.

#### The following is a summary of what people have said on the media and on social media:

Noting all the comments would go beyond the scope of this article, we have just given a small range of viewpoints, including both favorable and critical remarks as well as wise ideas.

- As a result, the economy will boost, and other sectors will benefit as well.
- A The national income will increase and a significant number of individuals will get direct and indirect employment as a result of the implementation of this program.
- 🖄 This is a wonderful message of kindness and peace from a genuine Islamic system to humanity.
- Military installations shouldn't be located in civilian areas; they should be transferred to the frontiers.

# After reading and analyzing people's comments on the media and social media networks, several important issues are generally worth noting:

First, remarks made in response to this choice have been positive. They claim that by doing this, the country's economic status will improve and that it will aid other industries in developing. They are correct in their assessment because every administration works to launch initiatives that would strengthen the economy and reduce poverty in the nation. To do this, the Islamic Emirate has started to create special economic zones.

Then, these zones are created within the military installations that were formerly used for military operations by foreign forces stationed there. These bases are no longer necessary because Afghanistan is now completely safe and secure. Yet, if these bases—which are furnished with tools and equipment—are converted into special economic zones, it will help economic growth. On the other hand, the economic zone-related sectors would receive support, and development efforts will be made.

Second, the implementation of this initiative would create both direct and indirect employment opportunities for a significant number of individuals, which was brought up in the comments made by the public. It is a proven fact that if individuals are given jobs, their economic difficulties

will be resolved and the nation would move swiftly in the direction of growth. The provision of jobs to the populace falls under the purview of the government. The Islamic Emirate has begun making every effort to give the populace work possibilities in light of this duty.

One of their duties is the creation of special economic zones. Prior to this, the Islamic Emirate began a number of major and medium-sized projects to generate employment at the national level, some of which are now finished and others are still in progress. The budget for these projects has been taken into consideration for the following year and includes constructing highways, building and maintaining dams and canals, repairing bridges, etc. As a result, the aforementioned projects will employ a substantial number of people.

- Third, some argue that foreign military installations should be utilized for military purposes and left in their current state. This is accurate, but it's important to note that Afghanistan's land is enormous and home to numerous military installations. These facilities are enough for Afghanistan's military. Not that the military should be disregarded, but Afghanistan's economy also needs to be strengthened. The military sector of the country won't be harmed by the conversion of these military bases into special economic zones, but their building will unquestionably benefit the country's economy.
- Fourth, some have urged that military bases be relocated to the boundaries rather than in populated areas. Their advice is sound. Actually, military installations in residential areas cause more harm than good. Civil and military regions are never mixed anywhere in the world; instead, the military area is given consideration in separate locations. The Islamic Emirate has also taken note of this issue. This might also be one of the motives behind the creation of special economic zones. The Islamic Emirate's leadership has consistently underlined in speeches that they are working to reach out to the populace and take actions that are in the best interest of the country. Establishing special economic zones has multiple goals, including boosting the economy on the one hand and giving people job opportunities on the other. They have consistently argued in their speeches that they should work to lift Afghanistan out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency.

### Conclusion

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has consistently worked to provide economic stability in the country since it is a responsible government. The current economic issues will be resolved and a comfortable living will be available for everyone with the strengthening of economic stability. Special economic zones are being formed for this reason in the areas of the country where formerly there were bases for foreign forces.

These zones are designed to improve the country's economy overall, boost trade and commercial growth, combat poverty, draw in investment, and create jobs for citizens. Several commercial zones will be established in the country's northern, western, southern, eastern, and southeastern foreign forces' military installations. The prepared plan for the creation of special economic zones was adopted during the Economic Commission's regular meeting under the leadership of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs.

According to a plan by the Ministry of Defense, it was agreed that the infrastructure of the military bases should be gradually handed over to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. Moreover, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce was given the charge of creating experimental special economic zones in Balkh and Kabul. It is certain that the economy will boost after these special economic zones are established and their work is finished. Consequently, thousands of people will be given jobs, and the country will join the group of developing nations.

# Eleven incomplete infrastructure projects to resume in 1402 SY



### Introduction

Afghanistan has struggled with crises, conflict, and foreign invasion for the last four decades. The economy of this country was monopolistic. Basically, the economy was unbalanced and unstable. Afghanistan has heard slogans for reconstruction for the past 20 years, but little has actually happened.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is working in the sector of the economy in an effort to wean Afghanistan off its reliance on foreign sources of revenue. The Islamic Emirate is confident that the advantages of relying on outside assistance and support are fleeting. The Islamic Emirate is dedicated to ongoing rehabilitation and is working to create a stable and expanding economy by beginning to put big initiatives into action.

The Economic Commission assigned the Ministry of Finance the job of arranging the large infrastructure projects that have already been substantially completed but still need funding to be fully completed. It was led by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs. The Kabul-Logar Road Second Lane, the Khost and Takhar Airport Terminals, parking and other projects, the Qala Naw City Water Supply, the Badghis Dam Project, the Takhta Pull Drinking Water Project in Mazar-e-Sharif, the Shabarghan Drinking Water Project, 14 Towns

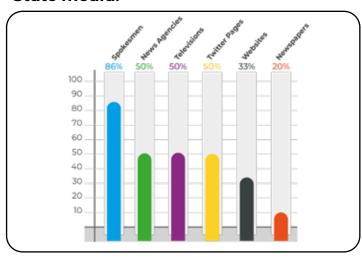
Water Supply Projects in different provinces, and the Cancer Treatment Projects as being prioritized by the Ministry of Finance in accordance with the Economic Commission's decision. The money will go into the development budget for the following fiscal year, and work will then start.

# The purpose of resuming the eleven infrastructure projects in 1402

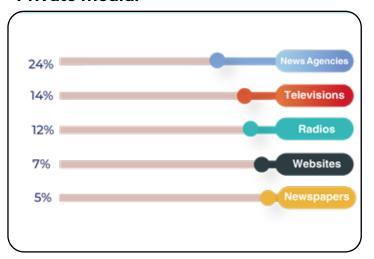
The country will be rebuilt, the economy will be strengthened, the country will become self-sufficient, and the unemployment issue will be resolved.

Evaluation of people's comments on the media that published the news of "Resuming the eleven infrastructure projects in the 1402 SY

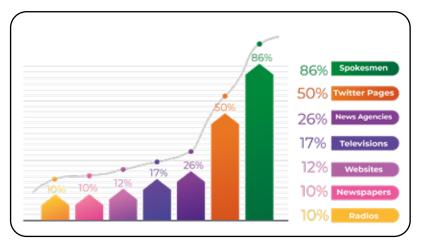
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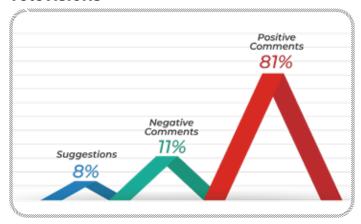


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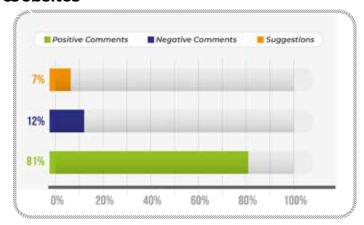
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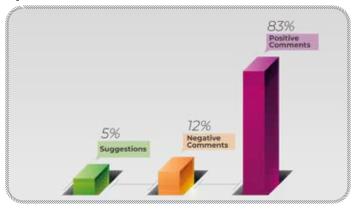
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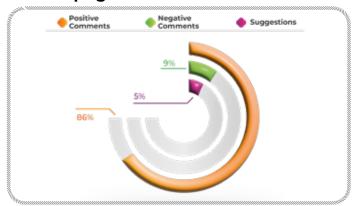
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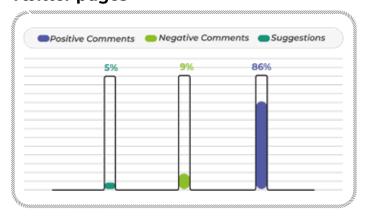
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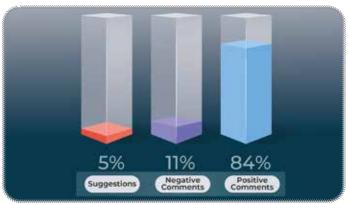
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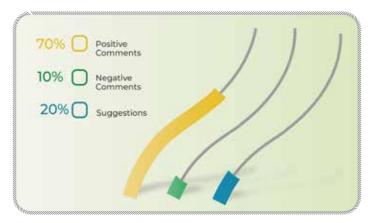


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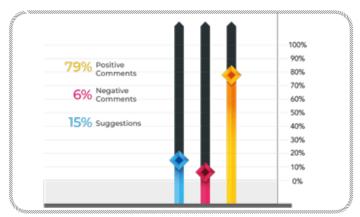


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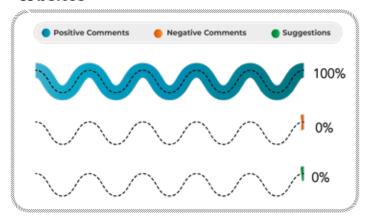
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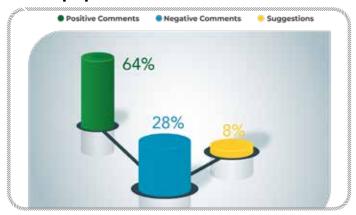
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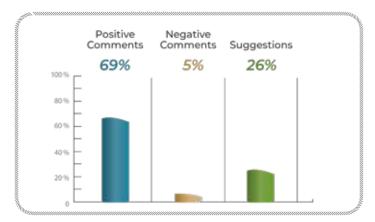
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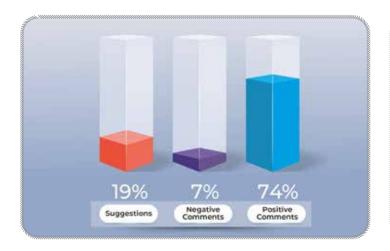


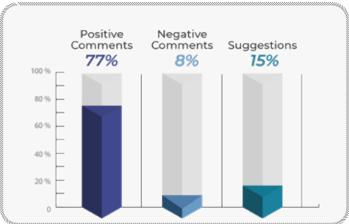
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# Evaluation of people's comments on state media:

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The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on the media about the news of resuming eleven incomplete infrastructure projects in 1402 SY

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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.

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

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- 2. Besides, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the said news is carried out here. A total of 2319 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments, there are 1719 positive, 162 negative, and 438 sound suggestions. In percentage, the statistics are shown as 74% positive, 7% negative, and 19% sound suggestions, as shown in the table.

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 84 and on private media, this percentage is 74. However, the percentage of sound suggestions is higher on the private media. This is 19 on private media and 11 on state media.

If we find the total of positive and negative comments, and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 2424 positive comments, 252 negative comments, and 483 sound suggestions. The percentage is 77% positive, 8% negative, and 15% sound suggestions.

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

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- A Though there are hundreds of comments, it is important to note that we have only included a small percentage of them here. These comments and ideas range from favorable to negative, and we have included both.
- The Islamic Emirate has taken steps in the field of the economy that were requested by the nation.
- We are thankful that the Islamic Emirate has taken action to complete incomplete projects. It is what has been allocated in the budget for the next year. The completion of eleven infrastructure projects a year is a pride.
- It would have been excellent if these projects had involved road construction in the Kokche district. The district's residents are dealing with serious issues as a result of poor roadways. Several of the patients pass away on the way to the hospital because they don't make it to the provincial hospital in time.
- 🖄 Completion of major projects guarantees Afghanistan's advanced economy.
- \$\times\$ It was a wise choice. The resumption of all the development projects whose work has been put on hold will improve the country's economic status.
- The factory and dam in the Chak district need to be given attention, and the unfinished work needs to be completed. The Salang Road is in terrible shape; it needs to be repaired along with the Kunduz-Mazar e Sharif road, the dam in the Khan Abad district of Kunduz, the start of the New Kabul project, the construction of the second lane of the Kabul-Jalalabad road, the dams in Machalgho, Paktia, and Kilgi, Baghlan, and the reconstruction of the Kabul-Kandahar road.

# After evaluating and reading people's comments on the media and social media networks, several important issues are worth noting.

First off, it appears that the public has supported this enormous move generally. They claim that the Islamic Emirate has moved in the direction of the economy that the country demanded, and that when big projects are completed, the Afghan economy would expand. To prevent Afghanistan from becoming economically dependent on foreign countries, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is investing in developing a strong domestic economy.

Our country can overcome economic dependence when it achieves total self-sufficiency. The projects that play a significant part in the country's economic development must be finished, and work must begin on some of them, in order for the country to be self-sufficient. The Islamic Emirate has already begun a number of programs that can help Afghanistan become self-sufficient in several areas and has taken significant steps in this respect.

Second, it is also said in the comments of the people that all development projects whose work is halted should be started. Their comments need consideration. The Islamic Emirate has consistently made an effort to finish some fundamental projects and has created plans for others whose work is still in progress. In the development budget for the upcoming year, funding for these 11 infrastructure projects is currently being reviewed. Also, money will be set aside to finish other projects in the upcoming years.

The World Bank's assessment on Afghanistan's economy's progress prompted a statement from the deputy prime minister for economic affairs. According to the statement, organizations like the World Bank should pick up their unfinished initiatives. It's possible that once the World Bank begins to work on its unfinished projects, other institutions like the group listed above will begin to work on their own unfinished projects that they began in Afghanistan. In any case, the Islamic Emirate seeks to develop the country and give its citizens a prosperous life without heavily relying on outside aid.

- Fourth, some commenters claimed that the majority of locations do not receive rehabilitative attention. The Islamic Emirate's leadership, however, is putting a strong emphasis on balanced development across the board. From the districts to the provinces and cities, they are trying to carry out the reconstruction in an equitable manner. Currently, the plan calls for the completion of eleven projects with unfinished work. The IEA strives to do things that help the economy and, if possible, create jobs for people. With the start of these eleven projects, thousands of people will have jobs, and the general populace's financial issues will be resolved.

# Conclusion

Afghanistan has been grappling with problems for years. Before that, the country's economy was monopolized. During the past years, neither the governments in Afghanistan nor any foreign countries have implemented any fundamental projects.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is investing in this sector of the economy in an effort to wean Afghanistan off its reliance on foreign revenue sources. The Islamic Emirate's officials think that foreign aid offered for certain goals is only ephemeral and that its advantages are similarly transient. The Islamic Emirate, on the other hand, is dedicated to ongoing rehabilitation and works to create a stable and expanding economy. If significant projects are carried out, it is possible.

The fundamental and economic components of these eleven projects are likewise strong. As a result, the Islamic Emirate has made the decision to develop and implement projects that will boost Afghanistan's economy and give the populace job opportunities. When these projects are finished, the economy will advance, many people will have prospects for employment, and their financial issues will be resolved.

The Islamic Emirate is not complacent with these projects. If the budget and resources are available, it tries to start big and national projects like Qosh Tepa Canal. These projects will include railways and electricity projects, which will connect Afghanistan with the region and relieve the country of the need for others in the field of electricity.

# Numerous Large Foreign Companies Have Shown Interest in Making Investments Worth 10 Billion Dollars in Afghanistan



# **Introduction**

Investments are the foundation of a society's or a nation's economy since they lead to production, which is what connects the majority of people's activities for the goal of economic dynamism. Some participate directly in the production process, while others supply the raw materials, market them, or take part in other stages of the process.

All of these are products of investment, which should be promoted and supported in order to take the economy forward. Due to a lack of investment or a very low level of investment, all backward, underdeveloped, or emerging countries have populations below the poverty line. These days, a lot of developing nations welcome international investment. They carry out this action in order to accumulate cash and boost foreign investment in the country.

Foreign investment, often known as direct foreign investment, is the foundation and defining feature of economic interdependence between countries as well as globalization as a whole. One of the developing countries that have just begun the process of economic growth and development is our beloved Afghanistan. We must adopt the lessons learned from the experiences of other emerging or developed countries and employ all those ways for our economic growth, progress, and well-being; we are also experiencing a capital shortage based on the characteristics of developing countries.

Foreign investment is one of these methods, as we have stated. By focusing on these issues, the Islamic Emirate has been trying to bring in international investment and grow the economy. The groundwork for efforts to attract international investment has been created with the end of

the occupation in the country and the establishment of the Islamic Emirate. Numerous sizable multinational corporations have expressed interest in making investments totaling around \$10 billion over the past 18 months.

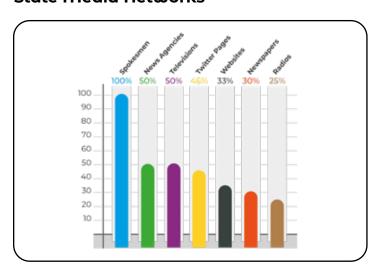
These companies, the majority of which have experience working in the area, the Arab world, and adjacent countries, engage in small businesses, modernization of customs, service provision at airports, transit, and industrial parks, as well as mining, agriculture, power, and energy. With some of these businesses, the IEA has already agreed to contracts worth \$2 billion for the construction of industrial parks, the provision of services at airports, and mining. Also, contracts will soon be signed with overseas businesses for the automation of customs and other processes.

# **Purpose**

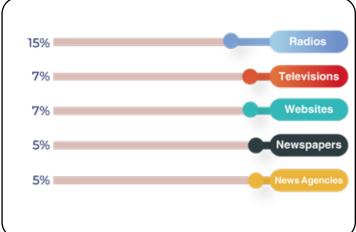
The idea behind it is to use the lessons learned from developing or developed nations to advance our own economic growth, development, and well-being.

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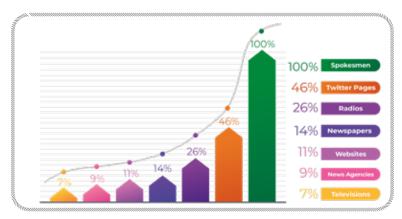
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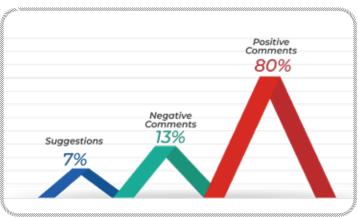


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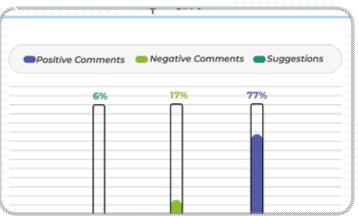
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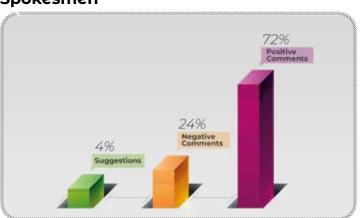
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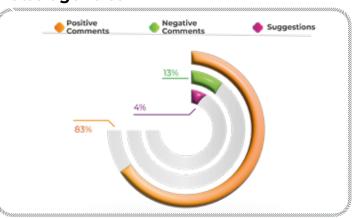
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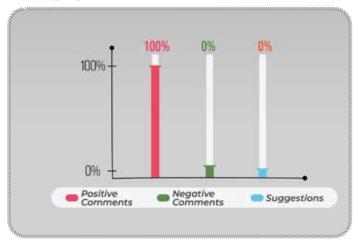
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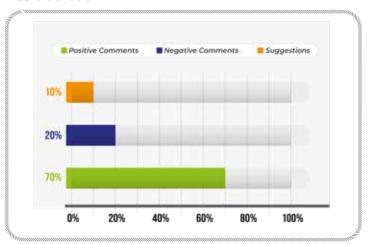
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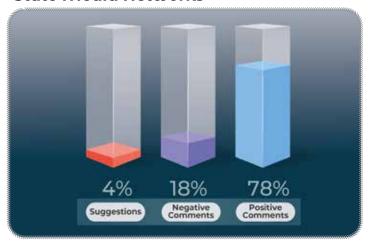
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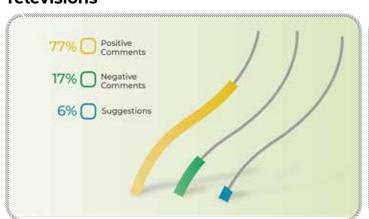


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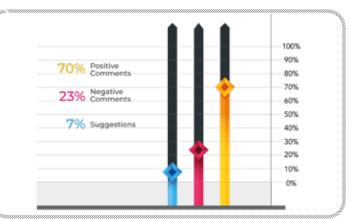


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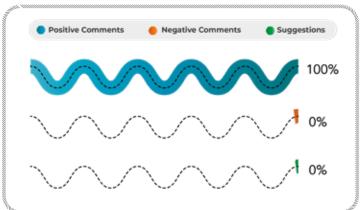
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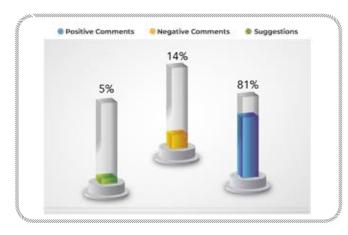
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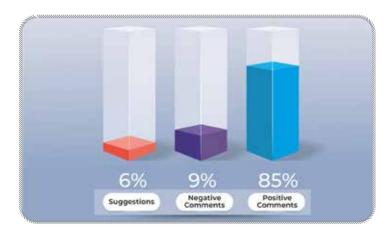
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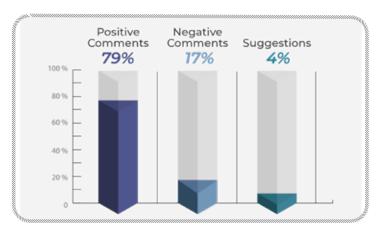
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# The Evaluation and Analysis of People's Comments on Media

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# The evaluation and analysis of people's comments on media about the news report:

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

- 1. On the news regarding the investment interest of foreign companies, 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 923 in total. Among these comments, 723 are positive, 169 are negative, and the remaining 31 are sound suggestions, as shown in the table. In percentage, 78% are positive, 18% are negative, and the remaining 4% are sound suggestions.
- 2. Besides, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the said news is carried out here. A total of 183 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments, there are 155 positive, 16 negative, and 12 sound suggestions. In percentage, the statistics are shown as 85% positive, 9% negative, and 12% sound suggestions, as shown in the table.

Considering the above numbers, the percentage of positive comments is higher on private media than on state ones. The percentage of positive comments on private media is 85 and on state media, this percentage is 78. Moreover, the percentage of sound suggestions is also higher on the private media. This is 6 on private media and 4 on state media.

If we find the total of positive and negative comments, and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 878 positive comments, 158 negative comments, and 43 sound suggestions. The percentage is 79% positive, 17% negative, and 4% sound suggestions.

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

For one thing, the private media frequently covers news that captures the public's attention and has a positive effect on people's lives. While this news signifies that the country's economy is growing, the comments that have been posted about it have mostly been positive. It demonstrates how the public closely monitors each action performed by the government and expresses their opinions on it.

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

- Due to the establishment of an autonomous, central, and dominant government opposed to previous the inclusive government that has stolen and fled with everything—foreign investors are now flocking to this country and making investments.
- When mining, industry, and agriculture are controlled with the assistance of economic institutions, Afghanistan will prosper and every investment will be highly beneficial. The citizens will continue to live in misery without this.

# After evaluating and reading people's comments on the media and social media networks, several important issues are generally worth noting:

First, people have stated in their comments regarding this news that foreign investors are now coming and making investments here because an independent, central, and dominant government has been established, as opposed to the joint-stock company operating as an inclusive government for the previous 20 years. They vanished after robbing everything. Indeed, Kabul's former government had been structured like a joint-stock firm, where everyone received a share of the profits.

Because mafia gangs ruled this area and kidnappings and robberies occurred often in the cities, investors were hesitant to make investments. Due to the fact that neither the investor nor his investment was secure, both international and local investors suffered as a result. Many domestic investors as a result withdrew their funds and made investments abroad. The Islamic Emirate has been restored and with it a powerful, autonomous national government.

Zero corruption, strict security, the elimination of arbitrariness, and the devastation of mafia kingdoms are all that have resulted after the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate. The Islamic Emirate has thus created the framework for foreign investment and given international investors assurances regarding the security of their funds and personal safety, along with other areas that can boost Afghanistan's economy. This is the reason why many foreign investors have expressed interest in making investments in Afghanistan's different sectors. When mining, industry, and agriculture are controlled with the participation of economic institutions, every investment will be very beneficial and Afghanistan will prosper. The citizens will continue to live

in misery without this. Since taking office, the Islamic Emirate has given the country's economic development substantial consideration. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs is at the top of the list of economic institutions. Economic matters have been managed as necessary. The Islamic Emirate, on the other hand, has made a concerted effort to draw foreign investment and actively promotes foreign investment in Afghanistan. The upshot of the Islamic Emirate's efforts and competent management is that foreign businesses are willing to invest in Afghanistan. The Islamic Emirate's leadership has consistently underlined its efforts to act in the nation's best interests. One goal of luring investment is to boost the economy on the one hand, while also giving people jobs on the other. They have always argued in their discussions that they should use their own initiative to move Afghanistan toward growth and independence.

### Conclusion

Investments are the foundation of a country's economic growth since they lead to the creation of products, which unites the majority of people's actions for the benefit of economic dynamism. All of these things come from investments. Investment should therefore be promoted and supported in order to change the direction of the economy. Because of a lack of investment or a very low level of investment, all developing or backward countries are below the poverty line.

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The Islamic Emirate must promote foreign investment in Afghanistan as a responsible administration by providing a secure environment for its activities. The Islamic Emirate has experience in this area and promises both domestic and foreign investors that they will operate in a secure atmosphere. In this sense, the Islamic Emirate's leadership, particularly the DPMEA, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, has consistently claimed that Afghanistan is now safer and more secure than ever. He has called on foreign investors to come and invest in Afghanistan. If the investment series starts in the country, Afghanistan will become a self-reliant country in terms of economy.

# Projects worth 2 billion and 480 million Afghanis were approved at the meeting of the National Procurement Commission



# **Introduction**

One of the nations that has suffered greatly from wars and natural calamities is Afghanistan. The battles have completely devastated all of the infrastructure. In addition to the agricultural sector, public services, and industry sector, important bridges, water canals, and electricity dams have been destroyed or severely damaged. Governments are responsible of restoring these sectors, but in the past, Afghan governments that came to power did not give them any thought.

The majority of Afghanistan's infrastructure remained in ruins as a result. The implementation of infrastructure projects has been given priority with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, coupled with the expansion of economic matters, and significant progress has been made in this sector thus far. Under the leadership of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, the National Procurement Commission was founded in order to launch major projects and infrastructure while fostering openness.

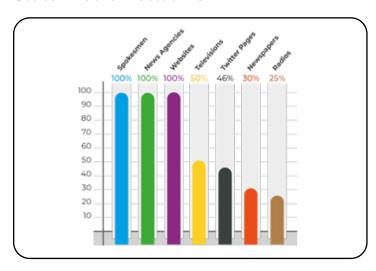
On the fourth of Match 2023, the National Procurement Commission conducted its regular meeting, which was presided over by the DPMEA, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund. The agenda called for a discussion of 31 procurement issues. This meeting approved projects worth 2 billion and 480 million afghanis. Water dams, stores, walls, and the building of green spaces are some of the projects that are carried out in various regions across the country.

# The purpose of approving projects worth 2 billion and 480 million Afghanis at the meeting of the National Procurement Commission:

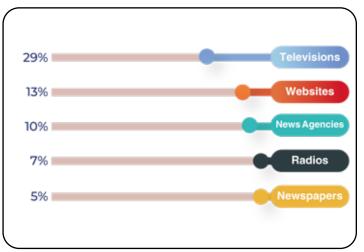
At the National Procurement Commission meeting, projects totaling 2 billion and 480 million Afghanis were approved with the intention of resettling and rebuilding the nation. Also, the projects' implementation will address the country's economic issues by giving a huge number of people in the country jobs.

Evaluation of people's comments on the media that published the news of "The approval of projects worth 2 billion and 480 million Afghanis at the meeting of the National Procurement Commission":

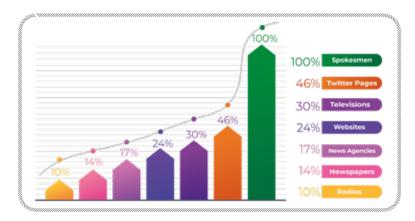
### State Media Networks



### **Private Media Networks**



# The total percentage of evaluation of private and state media:



**Note**: The graph shows the percentage of people's comments on the government and private media that published the report of the approval of projects worth 2 billion and 480 million Afghanis in video, audio and print forms.

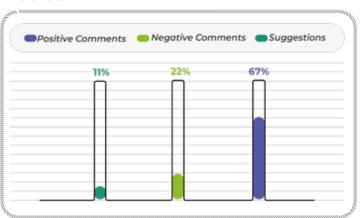
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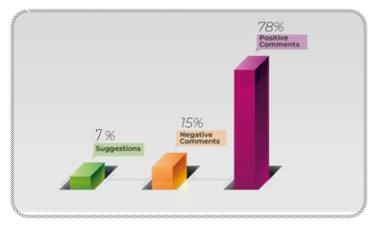
# **Televisions**

# Positive Comments 80% Negative Comments Suggestions 14% 6%

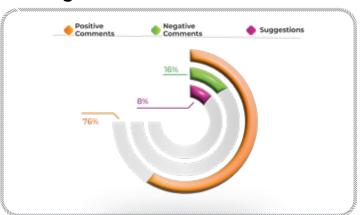
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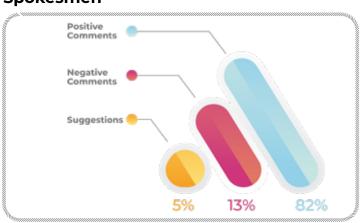
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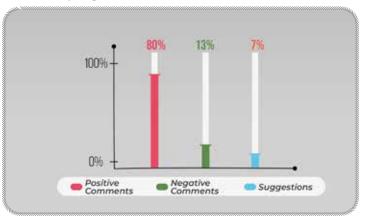
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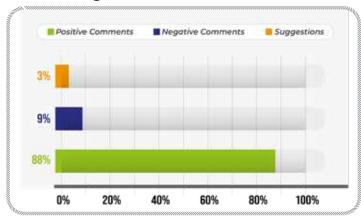
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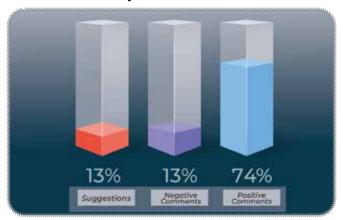
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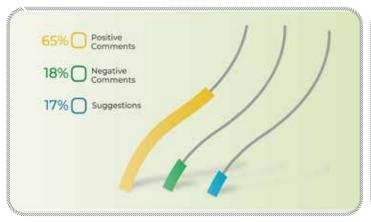


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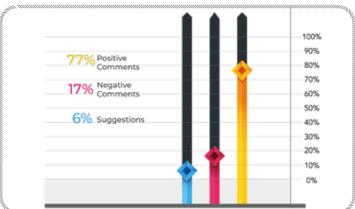


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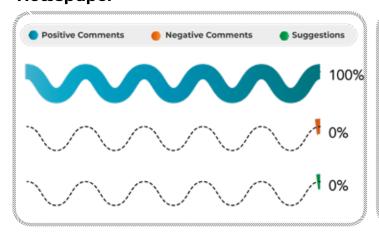
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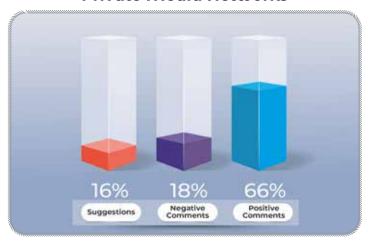
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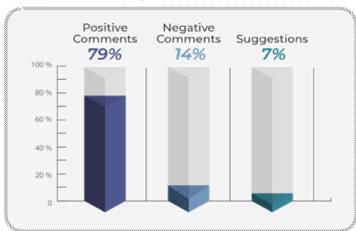
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# Positive Comments Negative Comments Suggestions 71%

# Collection of People's Comments on Private Media Networks



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



The evaluation of people's comments on the news regarding the approval of projects worth 2 billion and 480 million Afghanis at the meeting of the National Procurement Commission

# 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.

# The reality of social media uses 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 people's comments on media about the news report:

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

- 1. Regarding the approval of projects at the National Procurement Commission, 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 1387 in total. Among these comments, 1156 are positive, 162 are negative, and the remaining 69 are sound suggestions, as shown in the table. In percentage, 83% are positive, 12% are negative, and the remaining 5% are sound suggestions.
- 2. Besides, the evaluation of people's comments on private media, including televisions, radios, newspapers, and news agencies, about the said news is carried out here. A total of 540 positive and negative comments and suggestions have been given on private media. Among these comments, there are 357 positive, 99 negative, and 84 sound suggestions. In percentage, the statistics are shown as 66% positive, 18% negative, and 16% sound suggestions, as shown in the table.

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 83 and on private media, this percentage is 66. However, the percentages of sound suggestions and negative comments are higher on private media. The percentage of negative comments on these media is 18 and of sound suggestions, this percentage is 16. On the other hand, these percentages on state media are 12 and 5.

If we find the total of positive and negative comments, and sound suggestions on the state and private media, there are 1513 positive comments, 261 negative comments, and 153 sound suggestions. The percentage is 79% positive, 14% negative, and 7% sound suggestions.

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

Government media primarily disseminates information about the government and the nation's reconstruction. The volume of supportive comments on private media is not, however, too low to be disregarded. A news item receives more comments the more times it is published. It demonstrates how the public closely monitors every action performed by the government and provides feedback on it.

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

- We value the work being done in every province of our beloved nation, but initiatives must be implemented with balance in consideration. The same rights should apply to all provinces when it comes to reconstruction.
- Mining profits should be used by the Islamic Emirate to fund projects. The result will be the extraction of minerals and the implementation of significant infrastructure projects.
- Roads are necessary today, especially ones that connect the provinces. The price of food in Afghanistan will be significantly impacted by the construction of these highways.
- Keep an eye on the Bakhshabad Dam in the province of Farah. People there are having issues as a result of the falling water level. The Farah province's residents work in agriculture and rely on it for their livelihood. The construction of this dam will provide them with ease in irrigation.

# After evaluating and reading people's comments on the media and social media networks, several important issues are generally worth noting:

First, it appears from comments that people are in favor of projects being carried out in Afghanistan. Yet, some of them state in their comments that while they welcome it in every province of the beloved country, the projects' implementation should take balance into account. The same rights should apply to all provinces when it comes to reconstruction. In fact, these projects do not exclusively benefit one area; they are carried out in other provinces around the country, including Nangarhar, Herat, Laghman, Kandahar, Farah, and others.

As a responsible government, the Islamic Emirate has consistently attempted to put important initiatives into action and find solutions to people's problems across the entire country. Reconstruction and infrastructure projects will be implemented across the country over time and with the supply of resources.

- Second, the construction of roads leading to the provinces has also been suggested by others. As a result, on the one hand, transportation issues will be resolved and, on the other, businesses will benefit from the development of these roads. It will rise and have a favorable impact on the country's food prices. Indeed, trade will increase and items produced in the provinces will be carried to cities and abroad more affordably and readily with the construction of highways and roads reaching the provinces. By doing this, the economy will grow with the business on the one hand, and on the other, there will be an increase in income compared to now. The country's development is implied in economic development.
- Third, some commenters have brought up the infrastructure initiatives in their home provinces. such as the construction of the Farah Bakhshabad Dam, the Paktia Machalgho Dam, and roads. One of the news-mentioned projects is the construction of the Bakhshabad Dam's diversion

tunnels in the province of Farah, for which a budget has been allocated and work will soon begin. Steps will be taken by offering funds and other assets to help Afghanistan accomplish other infrastructure projects. In several provinces, work is currently being done on important roadways including the Salang highway and the Kabul-Kandahar road. Moreover, numerous small- and medium-sized projects are being carried out in both the cities and the provinces. The rehabilitation is moving forward quickly with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate. We hear in the news on a daily basis about the beginning of infrastructure and reconstruction projects, their completion in some cases, and their handover to service. The Islamic Emirate's leadership has consistently underlined in discussions that they are working to take actions that will advance the country. They claim that the reconstruction of Afghanistan is a top priority and that once the work is done, thousands of people will benefit from the employment prospects these projects provide. As a result, the Afghan economy will be strengthened and businesses willgrow.

### Conclusion

Afghanistan has been severely impacted by wars and misfortunes. The battles have completely devastated all of the infrastructure. In addition to the agricultural sector, public services, and industry sector, important bridges, water canals, and electricity dams have been destroyed or severely damaged. Governments are responsible for restoring these sections, but in the past, governments that took office in Afghanistan did not pay much attention to them because the majority of those in charge were either preoccupied with playing political games or lining their own wallets. The majority of Afghanistan's infrastructure remained in ruins because of this.

Priority has been placed on the execution of infrastructure projects together with the growth of economic matters with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, and efforts have been made in this field thus far. In an effort to reconstruct the country, the Islamic Emirate is putting huge infrastructure projects into action.

There has been a lot of work done in this sector thus far, but the Islamic Emirate is not complacent with it. The Islamic Emirate is working to maintain the economy by offering public services to the populace in the areas of agriculture, mining, and industry—all fields that can contribute to the economy's growth and create employment for its citizens. If the plans of the IEA are implemented, Afghanistan will become an independent country in terms of economy.











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