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Each week, significant economic activities and developments occur across various sectors in Afghanistan. The Afghanistan's Economic Development Newsletter covers these important and latest economic activities and advancements.



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PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WATER MANAGEMENT PURPOSES



Under the leadership of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the regular meeting of the Economic Commission approved several projects for surveys and feasibility studies of water dams in various provinces. The Ministry of Water and Energy presented proposals for studies on the Gorumbi Dam in Maidan Wardak, the Qara Teeri Dam in Balkh, the Shna Nari Dam in Kandahar, and the Wach Nari Dam in Paktia. After thorough evaluation, the Economic Commission

approved these projects, and it was decided that funds for them should be included in the 1404 fiscal year's budget.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is committed to managing the country's water resources. Over the past three years, various water management projects have been implemented. Afghanistan has abundant water resources for agriculture and energy production; however, the occupation had prevented the country from utilizing its water resources effectively. The Deputy

PM for Economic Affairs Office, responsible for the leadership of Afghanistan's economic affairs, strives to enhance and expedite economic growth by optimizing the use of the country's water resources. Under the economic commission, several projects have been approved in various sectors, aiming to foster economic development and reduce unemployment. In addition to the above-mentioned projects, the meeting also discussed the construction of a major bypass road in Kandahar, the construction of the Arghistan Dam, the extension of a 90-kilometer electricity transmission line from Kabul to Jalalabad, and the completion of the Sheikh Mesri substation. It was decided that revenues generated from the Ganda Kotal lead and zinc mines in Yakawalang district of Bamyan province should be allocated to finance these projects, with a special code created by the Ministry of Finance.

CONSTRUCTION OF "BAM HERAT" RECREATIONAL COMPLEX IN HERAT

In the regular meeting of the Economic Commission, the project for the "Bam Herat" recreational complex in Herat

was approved. This complex, which is being built by the private sector with an investment of one billion

Afghanis, will create job opportunities for around four thousand citizens.

The recreational park will include play areas, separate parks for children and adults, a

tower named Bam Herat, shops, a water park, a mosque, a library, a restaurant, and many other facilities. Alongside the government, the private sector plays a crucial role in creating job opportunities and contributing to the country's economic development. The Islamic Emirate supports private sector investment and has created several facilities for it.



GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOTECHNICAL STUDIES LAUNCHED FOR BAGH DARA DAM IN KAPISA

In Kapisa, geophysical and geotechnical studies for the Bagh Dara electricity dam have begun, conducted by a foreign company. Based on an agreement between the Ministry of Water and Energy and the company, these studies will be completed within six months.

The geophysical studies will assess the soil layers for the dam, seismic risks, and other aspects. The geotechnical studies will focus on preventing soil erosion, building retaining walls, and other related tasks. Afterward, the dam's construction work will begin. The Bagh Dara Dam will be

built on the Panjshir and Ghorband rivers, and once completed, it will generate about 240 megawatts of electricity. The dam will supply electricity to ten provinces and reduce Afghanistan's reliance on imported electricity. Additionally, it will irrigate

thousands of jeribs of land, expanding agricultural activities in the country.

The Bagh Dara Dam project is one of the major electricity projects in Afghanistan. The Islamic Emirate is working to expand electricity production and agriculture, as both are crucial for the country's economic progress.

