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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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57 STANDARDS AND TESTING PROCEDURES APPROVED IN THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE HIGH COUNCIL FOR STANDARDS

The fourth extraordinary meeting of the High Council for Standards was held on June 21, 2025 at the Marmarin Palace under the chairmanship of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, Deputy PM for Economic Affairs. This meeting was convened based on the directive of the esteemed Amir-ul-Mu'minin, to jointly develop a standard framework for imported petroleum products by the National Standards Authority and the Committee for the Prevention of Low-Quality Fuels, and to share it with the Office of His Excellency.

During the meeting, the Deputy PM for

Economic Affairs emphasized that standards and quality are fundamental values for economic stability and self-reliance in Afghanistan. Deputy PM Mullah Baradar Akhund stated that standardization not only ensures the quality of industry, trade, agriculture, and production but is also vital for increasing exports, protecting consumer rights, and accessing global markets.

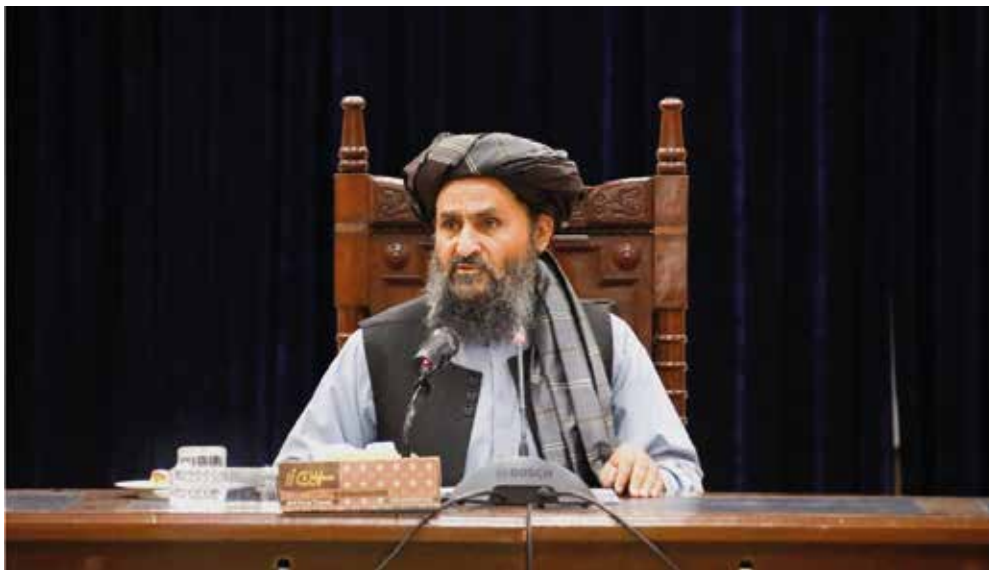
In this meeting, six standards and 51 testing procedures related to petroleum products were approved. These standards pertain to diesel, petrol, liquefied gas, and stable condensate

gases. The move is considered crucial for improving the quality of imported fuels and preventing the entry of substandard materials.

The National Standards Authority of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan formulates standards for national production, exports, and imports, which are then approved by the High Council for Standards. The Council has previously approved dozens of standards across various sectors, and this process will continue to ensure the quality and compliance of goods in the country.

Complying with the approved standards is not only critical for maintaining stability in the domestic market but also necessary for accessing and sustaining a presence in international markets. If all relevant sectors in the country align their operations with the approved standards, it will not only foster economic development but also provide citizens with safe, high-quality, and health-conscious products.

The approval, implementation, and monitoring of standards strengthen the country's economic infrastructure, build and enhance trust among traders, and pave the way for increased exports to international markets — moving Afghanistan toward economic growth and self-reliance.



AFGHANISTAN'S ECONOMIC POLICY APPROVED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Economic Commission, chaired by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, was held on June 22, 2025. During the meeting, the Economic Policy of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan was presented for discussion

and, after a comprehensive evaluation, was officially approved.

This policy was formulated under the guidance of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs Office and in alignment with Afghanistan's development strategy. The drafting process was led by the

Office in coordination with relevant ministries and government institutions.

The vision of this economic policy is a prosperous and advanced Afghanistan based on an Islamic economic system. Its core objectives include: creating a conducive environment for attracting and expanding investment; increasing domestic production and exports; generating employment opportunities; reducing poverty; and achieving

sustainable economic development and growth. Given the country's current circumstances, there was a pressing need to develop a national economic policy. Based on this policy, a clear and suitable direction will be established for Afghanistan's economic activities, optimal use of resources will be ensured, economic activities will become more coordinated, and national revenue will increase. Furthermore, the policy aims to boost investment levels, support the private sector, and promote balanced economic development and stability. The approved policy has been submitted to the Office of the esteemed Amir-ul-Mu'minin, for final approval.



Once ratified, it will be implemented nationwide. If this policy is effectively implemented, it is expected to lead to

tangible economic growth in the country and a significant reduction in unemployment and poverty levels.

AFGHAN PRODUCTS SHOWCASED AT THE CHINA–SOUTH ASIA EXPO

Mawlawi Abdul Salam Hanafi, Deputy PM for Administrative Affairs, traveled to China to participate in the 9th China–South Asia International Expo. During his speech at the opening ceremony, he stated that Afghanistan's participation in the expo signifies the historical and friendly relations between Afghanistan and China. He further emphasized that the expo presents an important opportunity to enhance economic, cultural, and political cooperation among countries in the region.

The Deputy PM also highlighted Afghanistan's keen interest in expanding cooperation with China and South Asian countries in the areas of mining, energy, transit, technology, and trade. He noted that, due to its strategic geographical location, Afghanistan can serve as a vital transit bridge connecting Central, South, and East Asia.

The 9th China–South Asia International Expo featured the participation of 1,400 companies from 54 countries worldwide. Several Afghan entrepreneurs also took part, showcasing Afghan products in 88 exhibition booths. Items on display included carpets, handicrafts, saffron, dried fruits, and other various products presented by Afghan traders.

The Afghan participants expressed their satisfaction with taking part in the expo and expressed hope that their products would gain access to international markets.

Participation in such international exhibitions provides significant opportunities not only for promoting Afghan products and increasing exports but also plays a crucial role in encouraging domestic production, attracting investment, creating job opportunities, and overall contributing to Afghanistan's economic growth.

