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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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## A SIGNIFICANT MOVE TOWARD NATIONAL PRODUCTION AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: INAUGURATION OF MULTIPLE PRODUCTION FACTORIES AT THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



On July 21, 2025, the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, inaugurated a production complex comprising several factories at the National Development

Corporation. He described the reactivation of this complex as a foundational step toward the growth of domestic products and industries, noting that this initiative will

reduce Afghanistan's dependence on foreign products and strengthen and expand local industries.

The Deputy PM further stated that, alongside job creation for many citizens, the reactivated complex will also offer products to the population at lower prices compared to regional and international markets.

These production factories, reactivated by the National Development Corporation after a 60-year hiatus, will provide the domestic market with various types of agricultural machinery, electrical equipment, spare parts, and other manufactured goods.

This complex is expected to play a significant role in strengthening Afghanistan's national economy and driving economic development.

Currently, favorable conditions exist for investment in the country. Both domestic and international investors can invest in various sectors. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan assures all investors of its full cooperation.

## A MAJOR STEP TOWARD REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY: LAUNCH OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR THE AFGHAN-TRANS PROJECT



With the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan assuming power, foreign occupation ended and overall security has been established across the country. This created the opportunity for Afghanistan to once again become a center of cooperation and unity among regional countries and to launch key regional

connectivity projects.

Last year, after a prolonged delay, the implementation of the TAPI (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India) gas pipeline project resumed in Afghanistan—an important step toward regional connectivity.

Just a few days ago, progress was made

on another large-scale regional initiative—the Afghan-Trans Project. This critical regional connectivity project has now entered the feasibility study phase in Afghanistan.

The goal of the Afghan-Trans Project is to connect Central Asia with South Asia. Once the railway is completed, trade between Central and South Asian countries through Afghanistan will be greatly expanded. Additionally, Afghanistan will be able to export its products to other countries in a cheaper, safer, and more efficient manner, contributing to internal economic growth. Furthermore, the country will be able to import goods from other countries at lower costs.

Overall, the Afghan-Trans Project is seen as a major advancement in the economic development of Afghanistan and the region. It demonstrates Afghanistan's significant role in regional connectivity. It is essential that regional countries cooperate and invest in the implementation of other major connectivity projects so the entire region can move toward economic prosperity.