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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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INCREASE IN AFGHANISTAN'S TRADE WITH CHINA

Officials from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan have announced that trade with China has significantly increased during the first seven months of 2025. According to official data, the total value of trade between the two countries during this period reached

541 million USD.

Afghanistan exports dry fruits such as pine nuts and dried apricots, as well as precious and semi-precious stones to China. In return, it imports textiles, electronic devices, solar panels for electricity generation, mobile phones, and other industrial goods from China.



China is one of Afghanistan's key trading partners. Although the trade balance between the two countries is not yet even, the increase in trade volume is seen as a positive step toward Afghanistan's economic growth and the strengthening of foreign trade.

In addition to trade, Chinese investment in Afghanistan has grown in recent years, with many Chinese companies operating across different sectors. In line with its economy-focused policy, the Islamic Emirate has created opportunities for all foreign investors and welcomes their economic activities. Beyond China, investors from several other countries have also made investments in Afghanistan. The Islamic Emirate has assured all foreign investors of its cooperation and support.

30% GROWTH IN APRICOT PRODUCTION IN MAIDAN WARDAK PROVINCE

According to local officials in Maidan Wardak Province, apricot yields have

increased this year, with a 30% rise compared to last year. This year,



orchards in the province produced 5,400 metric tons of apricots.

Afghanistan is an agricultural country, with its economy largely reliant on farming and livestock. Various fruits such as grapes, apricots, and others are grown domestically, part of which is exported to other countries. These exports play a significant role in improving farmers' livelihoods and increasing their incomes.

Fruit exports not only contribute to the growth of Afghanistan's domestic economy but also help strengthen the country's trade relations with other nations.

To support the domestic economy, the Islamic Emirate promotes the consumption of locally produced

agricultural goods. Citizens are also encouraged to support domestic farmers and make use of local

agricultural products to contribute to the country's economic development.

ATTRACTION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN POWER PROJECTS

Officials from Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) have reported that over the past eleven months, investments worth 69 billion AFN have been made in the power sector, 70% of which is foreign investment.

According to officials, serious efforts are underway to address the country's electricity shortage. The Islamic Emirate aims to resolve this issue and eventually achieve

self-sufficiency by attracting both domestic and foreign investments into the power sector.

Currently, most of Afghanistan's electricity is imported from neighboring countries, costing around 240 million USD annually.

Recently, investments have been made in the power sector across various provinces, with projects launched in solar, wind, and hydroelectric power generation.

Furthermore, with the implementation of a memorandum of understanding signed with Azizi Energy, which aims to generate 10,000 megawatts of electricity in Afghanistan, the country's power sector is expected to witness a major transformation.

The increase in electricity generation will boost industrial activity, reduce unemployment, and overall enhance the availability of electricity nationwide.

