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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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## DISCUSSIONS WITH A PRIVATE COMPANY ON THE TRANSFER OF PANJSHIR RIVER WATER TO KABUL

Due to various reasons, the groundwater level in Kabul city has declined, causing difficulties for residents in several areas.

To address the capital's water problem, relevant institutions of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan are making

serious efforts. In this regard, they have called on domestic and foreign investors to participate in this project. Fortunately, a private company named Katwazai Group has expressed interest in investing in the project.

On August 21, 2025, Deputy PM for

Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, met with the company's officials in his office and instructed the Ministry of Water and Energy to provide the Katwazai Group with the available information and documents related to the project.

Katwazai Group officials stated that they are ready to invest in the project of transferring water from the Panjshir River to Kabul city, taking into account all standards and requirements.

Based on the decision, the Ministry of Water and Energy and Katwazai Group will share their report with the Office of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs within two weeks.

If both parties reach an understanding on the project, it will be major news for Kabul residents. With its implementation, the water problem of many residents of the capital will be resolved.



## COMMENCEMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AFGHANISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Under the leadership of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs and in

coordination with various ministries, Afghanistan's Development Strategy

was formulated and subsequently approved by the Esteemed Amir al-Mu'minin (May Allah Protect Him).

On August 26, 2025, a meeting was held at the Marmarin Palace regarding the commencement of the implementation of the strategy. The meeting was attended by the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, several ministers, and heads of Emirate institutions.

The Deputy PM for Economic Affairs requested all Emirate institutions to prepare programs for the strategy's implementation, prioritize projects, determine costs, ensure effective





monitoring, and enhance inter-agency cooperation.

This strategy is expected to be effective in achieving the following objectives:

- Strengthening security and stability
- Good governance and upholding the rule of law
- Balanced development

- Guiding and coordinating development activities
- Facilitating the attraction of investment
- Reducing poverty and unemployment
- Strengthening and expanding foreign relations

Through the implementation of this

important document, the Islamic Emirate will be able to achieve its defined objectives across various sectors in accordance with its priorities. The nation will realize that the Islamic Emirate has long-term plans for the reconstruction of the country. This will accelerate progress toward shared Islamic and national goals.

## APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT NATIONAL MINERAL POLICY

Afghanistan possesses vast mineral resources of various types. In the past, extraction of these resources was largely carried out in an arbitrary, illegal, and unprofessional manner. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan seeks to regulate the extraction of this national wealth and prevent unregulated and unprofessional mining.

For this purpose, a policy was required.

The draft National Mineral Policy was approved by the Economic Commission under the chairmanship of Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund.

Key objectives of the policy include standardized surveying, exploration, and utilization of mines; attracting domestic and foreign investors; and introducing modern mining

technologies and equipment.

According to this policy, opportunities will be created for the processing of minerals inside the country, and professional as well as technical personnel will be trained for the mining sector.

Based on this policy, relevant legal and oversight measures, as well as other supportive policies, will be prepared. The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum will monitor and evaluate the policy periodically according to a regular plan.

