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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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APPROVAL OF THE POLICY ON MINERAL PROCESSING AND EXPORT



Under the leadership of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, the Economic Commission approved the policy on mineral processing and export presented by the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. The policy was drafted pursuant to the directive of the Office of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs.

The objective of the policy is to create conditions for mineral processing in accordance with national and international standards; attract domestic and foreign investment in the mineral processing sector; support domestic industries; facilitate easy access of mineral traders to regional and international markets;

and generate employment opportunities in the country.

The policy emphasizes mineral processing within the country, expansion of exports, and the establishment of monitoring and transparency mechanisms. Environmental protection standards have been incorporated, and it focuses on market access based on international trade agreements. Due to foreign occupations, internal conflicts, corruption, and political and security instability, Afghanistan's mineral resources had not been effectively utilized, and raw minerals were exported abroad at low prices. However, with the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, particular attention has been given to the mining sector, and significant steps have been taken to curb corruption and non-standard exports. The drafting and approval of the current policy is one such example.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAKHSHABAD EARTHEN DAM

The Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani

Baradar Akhund, held a meeting with religious scholars and tribal



elders of Farah province. During the meeting, they shared concerns related to water scarcity, electricity, and transportation in the province.

The Deputy PM instructed the relevant ministries, agencies, and officials to address the concerns of the people of Farah to the extent possible within their capacities. He assured them that, in the near future, the practical work on the Bakhshabad Earthen Dam and the road extending from Farah city to Farahrud will commence.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan seeks to manage water resources across all provinces of the country for their effective utilization. In this context, the Bakhshabad Dam is

being constructed in Farah to generate electricity and promote agricultural growth. The diversion tunnels of this dam have already been completed to a large extent. With the construction of the

Bakhshabad Earthen Dam, agriculture in Farah will expand, leading to an overall improvement in the economic situation of the people. Although Farah has vast plains, agriculture has not

developed significantly due to water shortages. The Islamic Emirate aims to transform Farah's agricultural sector through improved water management.

INAUGURATION OF TEN NEW FACTORIES IN HERAT WORTH USD 60 MILLION

Local officials in Herat have announced the inauguration of ten new factories in the province's industrial park, established through an investment of USD 60 million.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Governor of Herat, Sheikh Noor Ahmad Islam Jar, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mawlawi Ahmadullah Zahid, along with other officials of the Islamic Emirate, businessmen, and industrialists.

These factories operate in the production of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, food items, and other sectors. Herat is one of the major industrial provinces of the country, playing a vital role in Afghanistan's industrial development and job creation.

Before the re-establishment of the Islamic Emirate, the number of factories in Herat's industrial park was 120. However, due to the efforts of the Islamic Emirate and

the provision of facilities and incentives to investors, the number has now increased to 1,170.

The Islamic Emirate has called on all domestic and foreign investors and businessmen to take advantage of the opportunities available in Afghanistan and invest in the country. The Islamic Emirate recognizes that investment can significantly reduce unemployment, and therefore, it has facilitated and granted privileges for investors and businessmen in the investment sector.

