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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 TEN INVESTMENT PROPOSALS BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION



The regular meeting of the Economic Commission held on October 26, 2025, at the Marmarin Palace approved ten investment proposals with a total value of around 2.274 billion Afghanis.

Most of the approved proposals pertain to the establishment of commercial markets in various provinces. These

proposals were thoroughly reviewed by the Inter-Ministerial Investment Committee of the Office of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs and were subsequently referred to the Economic Commission for approval.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is making significant efforts to promote

trade and create conducive conditions for investment in the country, aiming both to stimulate economic growth and to reduce unemployment. Investment plays a vital role in a country's economic development. In recent years, substantial domestic and foreign investments have been attracted through various organs of the Islamic Emirate. In this regard, the Office of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, through its Inter-Ministerial Investment Committee, has made remarkable efforts to attract investment in diverse sectors and has forwarded dozens of investment proposals to higher authorities for final approval after comprehensive evaluation. Recently, a large underground commercial market located in front of Pul-e-Khishti Mosque in Kabul was inaugurated and opened for use. Moreover, the construction of several other commercial markets across various provinces is currently underway.

COMMENCEMENT OF POMEGRANATE EXPORT PROCESS FROM AFGHANISTAN TO RUSSIA



Afghanistan produces several fruits renowned for their exceptional quality both regionally and internationally. Grapes, apples, and pomegranates are among Afghanistan's premium

agricultural products that enjoy strong demand and high market potential abroad.

Russia, with which Afghanistan maintains positive political and trade

relations, represents a promising market for Afghan pomegranate exports. The Spokesperson of the Islamic Emirate, Mawlawi Zabihullah Mujahid, announced the launch of the pomegranate export process to Russia, describing it as an economically significant step for Afghanistan.

A representative of the Kandahar Chamber of Commerce and Investment stated that by the end of the current Gregorian year, approximately 200 tons of pomegranates will be exported via the Torghundi Port. Following several months of discussions with Russian counterparts, the opportunity for Afghanistan to export pomegranates to Russia has now materialized. Efforts are being made to ensure that international packaging standards are observed during the export process.

The export of Afghan pomegranates to Russia is considered a positive development for Afghanistan's economy, as it will create new opportunities for Afghan farmers and traders. This initiative is expected not

only to boost the country's export volume but also to contribute to domestic economic growth.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan continues to work toward identifying new international markets to

strengthen the national economy and expand foreign trade, thereby accelerating the country's overall economic development.

EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE TRADE ROUTES TO REPLACE PAKISTAN

It has now been three consecutive weeks since Pakistan closed its trade crossings with Afghanistan along the Durand Line, suspending all forms of movement and trade. This closure has inflicted millions of dollars in losses on traders on both sides.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Nooruddin Azizi, stated that Afghanistan is actively seeking alternative trade routes to replace Pakistan in order to ensure that Afghan agricultural products and

industrial goods can reach global markets.

Currently, Afghanistan maintains open trade routes with Iran and several northern neighboring countries, through which trade activities continue. The Islamic Emirate is striving to utilize these routes to support Afghan farmers and industrial producers.

Furthermore, during a recent meeting chaired by the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani

Baradar Akhund, relevant authorities were instructed to purchase cargo aircraft to strengthen the national economy. In the interim, Ariana Afghan Airlines has been tasked with facilitating transit operations, and the airline is already taking practical steps in this regard.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan considers supporting its traders, farmers, and industrialists, and facilitating the delivery of their goods to international markets, as a national responsibility and continues its tireless efforts for the economic

