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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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SIGNING OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PROJECT CONTRACT FOR QOSH TEPA AND DARZAB DISTRICTS OF JAWZJAN



In the presence of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, His Excellency Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, on December 23, 2025, the contract for the electricity supply project to Qosh Tepa and Darzab districts of Jawzjan was signed between the Ministry of Water and Energy and a private company at the Government Media and Information Center.

After assuming power, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan initiated numerous projects for electricity generation and electricity supply to the people. Afghanistan has significant potential for electricity generation; however, unfortunately, in the past this potential was not adequately utilized, and now the Islamic Emirate has begun efforts to

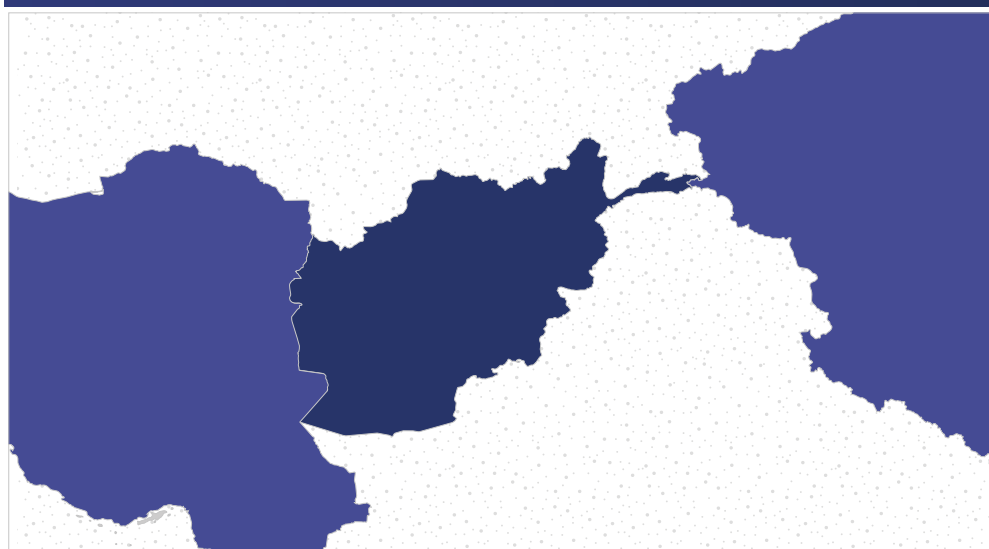
generate electricity.

Likewise, the Islamic Emirate has distributed electricity to many citizens and seeks to extend this process to areas that do not have electricity. The launch of the electricity supply project for Qosh Tepa and Darzab districts demonstrates that the Islamic Emirate is serious in this sector and aims to ensure that all citizens benefit from electricity.

The project will cost approximately 1 billion and 886 million Afghanis, and its implementation will be completed within three years. The project includes the installation of 85.24 kilometers of 220-kilovolt transmission lines, as well as the construction of two substations and two distribution networks in Qosh Tepa and Darzab districts.

Upon completion of this project, thousands of families will gain access to electricity, bringing positive changes to their lives. Moreover, electricity will increase economic activities, create many job opportunities, and provide numerous other facilities.

A NEW PROJECT TO CONNECT IRAN AND CHINA THROUGH AFGHANISTAN



Iranian officials have stated that they are working on a new route to connect with China through

Afghanistan. According to the plan, Herat will be connected to Balkh and then to China via the Wakhan

Corridor. Herat is already connected to Iran through the Herat-Khaf railway, and trade is conducted on it daily.

This new route will play an important role in the expansion and strengthening of regional connectivity, in which Afghanistan has a significant role.

After decades, Afghanistan is now, with the attainment of stability, once again returning to its former significance in the region—an importance through which the Silk Road once connected the region, and commercial caravans passed through Afghan territory.

This demonstrates that stability is the primary key to a country's prosperity and development, and without stability, economic progress is not possible.

At present, a good opportunity exists to strengthen and expand regional connectivity through Afghanistan,

and regional countries should eliminate differences and focus all their attention on the development

and economic prosperity of their countries.

EMPHASIS ON THE EXPANSION OF THE AFGHAN-TRANS PROJECT

In his recent remarks regarding the Afghan-Trans project, the President of Kazakhstan emphasized the expansion of this project. Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev stated that through the joint development of the Afghan-Trans project, regional countries can gain direct access to the markets of South Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. He considered the support of the Eurasian Development Bank to be in favor of this project.

The Afghan-Trans project is an

important regional connectivity initiative that links Central Asian countries to South Asia through Afghanistan. Through this project, Central Asian countries can gain easy and cost-effective access to the waters of India, and conversely, South Asian countries can gain fast and affordable access to Central Asian markets.

Through this project, Afghanistan's strategic position is once again proven to be important,

demonstrating that stability in Afghanistan is crucial for the region's economic growth. By making use of the opportunity that has emerged after decades, not only Afghanistan but the entire region can reach higher levels of economic development.

The economy-oriented policy and balanced foreign policy of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan demonstrate that the Islamic Emirate believes in strengthening and expanding regional connectivity and is striving to make Afghanistan a crossroads among regional countries, playing a central role in this regard.

