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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 THROUGH THE HAIRATAN PORT

Officials of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan have stated that exports and imports through the Hairatan Port have increased over the past three months. During this period, 62,000 tons of exports and 985,000 tons of imports were recorded, indicating a 62 percent increase in imports and a 40 percent increase in exports compared to the second quarter of 1404 SH. For more than three

months, Afghanistan has suspended trade with Pakistan, and its resumption has been made conditional upon strong guarantees. Accordingly, officials of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan have identified and expanded alternative routes to Pakistan in order to prevent shortages of food and non-food items in the country. At present, Afghanistan's trade with Central Asia and China

through the Hairatan Port has expanded compared to the past. Likewise, Afghan goods reach Europe through this route.

Commercial companies at the Hairatan Port operate day and night. Through this route, trade-related problems and obstacles have largely been resolved, the number of transit vehicles has increased compared to before, and significant facilitation has also been created in the area of visas. The Islamic Emirate's efforts have resulted in an increase in the volume of Afghanistan's bilateral trade through the expansion of relations with other countries instead of Pakistan, and citizens have not faced problems in domestic markets. The Islamic Emirate seeks not to remain dependent on a single country in the field of trade and to have many other options for Afghanistan's trade besides Pakistan.



VISIT OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE DELEGATION TO BANGLADESH

A delegation of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, led by the Deputy Minister of Industry and

Commerce, Mawlawi Ahmadullah Zahid, has traveled to Bangladesh. According to the spokesperson of

the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the purpose of the delegation's visit is to sign trade agreements between the two countries, create banking facilities, increase the level of trade, and hold discussions regarding the import of medicines and other goods into Afghanistan.

The visit of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan's delegation to Bangladesh is being carried out based on the Islamic Emirate's economy-oriented policy, in order to expand Afghanistan's trade relations with that country and further increase the existing level of trade.



Currently, trade exists between the two countries, but its volume is not high. The Islamic Emirate seeks to maintain good trade relations with all countries of the world, including Bangladesh, and to expand economic cooperation with

Bangladesh based on this policy of maintaining good trade relations. Bangladesh can be a good market for Afghanistan's trade, as Afghanistan's dried and fresh fruits and other productions and products enjoy a good reputation

worldwide, and Afghan traders can, by benefiting from Bangladesh's large market and dense population, increase their exports there and achieve economic gains.

PROJECTION OF INCREASED TRADE BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND TATARSTAN

Some Tatarstani media outlets have expressed the expectation that economic cooperation between Afghanistan and the Republic of Tatarstan of Russia will increase in 2026. Based on media reports, a Tatarstan delegation is expected to visit Kabul in the near future, and discussions will also be held in Kabul regarding a Tatarstan trade

representation. Earlier, the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, traveled to the Republic of Tatarstan to participate in the 16th Kazan Forum. During this visit, discussions were held on the expansion of investment and trade relations between the two sides. Following the Deputy PM's visit, a

high-level delegation from the Republic of Tatarstan came to Kabul and expressed interest in expanding trade relations with Afghanistan and investing in various sectors. It is expected that the current year will be established as a year of expansion of trade relations between the two sides and utilization of existing investment opportunities in various sectors, marking a new beginning.

