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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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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE: FRESH FRUIT WORTH USD 142 MILLION EXPORTED IN 2025

Officials of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan have stated that in 2025, fresh fruit worth USD 142 million, totaling 317,517 tons, was exported from the country. Most of the country's fresh fruit has been exported to the United Arab Emirates, Central Asia, Türkiye, Pakistan, and Europe. Nearly

four months ago, when Afghanistan's trade and transit with Pakistan and through Pakistan to other countries was halted, the Islamic Emirate began efforts to facilitate traders and to expand alternative export routes to other countries in a timely manner. Although these routes had previously been active and Afghan products were



exported to other countries through them, the Islamic Emirate intensified meetings and contacts with the authorities of Central Asian countries and Iran with the aim of expanding trade and transit through these routes, so that Afghan traders' products could reach other markets in an appropriate manner. As a result, over the past four months, Afghanistan's exports through Hairatan Port, Chabahar Port, and other ports have increased, and farmers and traders have been protected from severe losses. This demonstrates that Afghanistan can maintain its trade relations with regional and international markets by using alternative transit routes. Diversification of export routes has significant economic value for the continuity of trade, the protection of farmers, and the increase of the country's foreign revenue. The Islamic Emirate will continue its efforts to facilitate the transportation of the people's products.

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH: MORE THAN 600 TYPES OF MEDICINES ARE PRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY

Officials of the Ministry of Public Health of the Islamic Emirate have stated that currently 130 pharmaceutical factories are active in the country, producing more than 600 types of medicines.

Compared to the past, greater attention has been given to pharmaceutical production in the country, and the private sector, benefiting from facilities and incentives provided by the Islamic



Emirate, has increased its investment domestically.

Currently, numerous factories are operating in the field of pharmaceutical production, of which four have obtained international manufacturing standard certificates.

Following the ban imposed by the Islamic Emirate on substandard Pakistani medicines, efforts are underway to import high-quality medicines from other countries and to increase the domestic production of quality medicines.

The expansion of domestic pharmaceutical production not only contributes to strengthening the health sector, but also has important economic value in terms of reducing imports, expanding private investment, and creating employment opportunities.

ARIANA COMPANY: CARGO FLIGHTS EXPANDED TO EIGHT COUNTRIES

According to officials of Ariana Afghan Airlines, the company has expanded its cargo operations, and in December of the previous year, it transported nearly 396 tons of commercial goods abroad alongside passenger flights.

According to company officials, cargo exports are currently being transported by air to eight countries, and efforts are

underway to expand these services to additional destinations.

Although Afghanistan is a landlocked country and some countries create obstacles and challenges to its access to waterways and maritime trade, the Islamic Emirate is making all possible efforts to support its farmers and traders so that Afghan products and goods can reach

global markets through various alternative routes.

The expansion of cargo flights has particular economic importance for Afghanistan, as it accelerates exports, supports traders, prevents the spoilage of products, and contributes to an increase in the country's foreign revenue.

The Islamic Emirate assures the country's traders that it will continue its support and will address their problems through every possible means.

