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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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KABUL-BAGRAM ROAD; A NEW GATEWAY TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL CONNECTIVITY



Last week, the construction work of the Kabul-Bagram Road was officially inaugurated by the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund. The road, which is 6.2 kilometers long and approximately 50 meters wide, is being constructed at a cost of 455 million Afghanis. The project is funded by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. During the inauguration ceremony, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund stated that the Islamic Emirate of

Afghanistan is striving to lead the country toward stability and development through a unified national stance and an economy-centered policy. Based on the economy-oriented policy, attention is being given to the expansion of highways and roads across the country, as they are highly important for economic activities. In this regard, the Kabul-Bagram Road is considered one of the key connecting routes of Kabul city, linking Kabul with

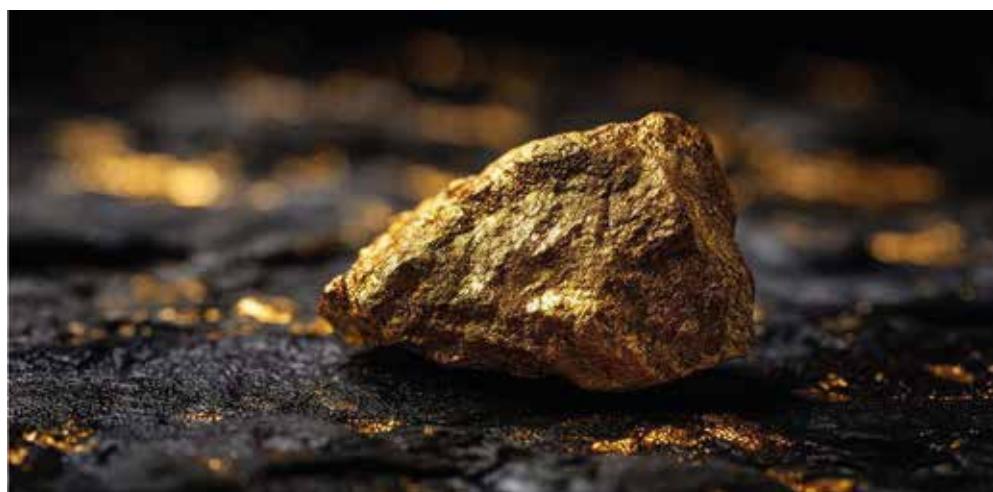
Parwan and other northern provinces. The development of transportation infrastructure not only facilitates citizens' mobility but also holds fundamental importance for trade, investment, and urban development.

The construction of the Kabul-Bagram Road is also significant for the expansion and value enhancement of the Kabul New City. With the completion of this road, expectations for further development and increased investment in the Kabul New City will rise. The Islamic Emirate considers the construction and expansion of roads a priority, as they are vital for internal connectivity, accelerating trade, providing public convenience, and enhancing regional connectivity. The Islamic Emirate regards the country's economic growth as its responsibility, and since roads are highly important for economic growth and trade expansion, special attention has been given to the reconstruction and development of roads between various provinces.

GOLD WASHING MINES IN BADAKHSHAN; BROAD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

According to the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, gold washing

mining activities in several districts of Badakhshan province have



provided direct and indirect employment opportunities to more than 100,000 citizens. These activities are ongoing in the districts of Shahr-e Buzurg, Yawan, Kohistan, Raghistan, Khwahan, and Arghanjkhwah of Badakhshan.

The mining sector is considered one of Afghanistan's key economic capacities. Over the past decades, this sector faced numerous challenges; however, following the return of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, significant attention has been given to the mining sector. Mining extraction has been

legalized, and as a result, revenues now go to the national budget, which plays an important role in financing the country's development projects.

Gold washing mining activities have created substantial economic opportunities for the country. Thousands of citizens are directly and indirectly employed in these

mines, which has played an important role in reducing unemployment. Furthermore, market activation, increased revenues, and the arrival of foreign investors are among the additional economic benefits derived from these mines.

Overall, the professional and lawful extraction of the country's mines

has contributed to economic growth. Not only gold, but also coal, oil, cement, and other minerals possess high potential for the country's economic advancement, and the Islamic Emirate seeks to utilize Afghanistan's capacities for the purpose of economic growth.

EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO IRAN; A STEP TOWARD TRADE BALANCE

According to an official from the Iran–Afghanistan Joint Chamber of Commerce, Iran is ready to purchase and import Afghanistan's agricultural and livestock products on a guaranteed basis.

This initiative is highly important for establishing trade balance between Afghanistan and Iran and can increase the country's export

volume. It is also significant for boosting national revenues.

Recently, Afghanistan's export level to Iran has increased, demonstrating that Afghanistan is no longer dependent on a single country and has alternative markets for its products.

A large portion of the country's economy is comprised of

agriculture and livestock. A significant share of the population is engaged in this sector, which plays a crucial role in the country's economic growth. Since assuming power, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has taken important steps toward strengthening and expanding this sector, as its development is not only necessary for job creation but is also considered highly important for trade and overall economic growth.

