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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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AFGHANISTAN AND BELARUS ESTABLISH A JOINT WORKING GROUP TO EXPAND TRADE

New efforts have been initiated to expand economic and trade relations between Afghanistan and Belarus. During his visit to Uzbekistan, the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Nooruddin Azizi, met with the Minister of Industry of Belarus and discussed strengthening bilateral economic cooperation, increasing trade volume, and exploring

investment opportunities. This meeting is considered an important step toward strengthening Afghanistan's economic diplomacy and identifying new trade partners. During the meeting, both sides discussed trade expansion, Afghanistan's purchase of petroleum, and investment opportunities in other sectors. In recent years, the Islamic

Emirate of Afghanistan has sought to expand relations with new countries in the energy and industrial sectors to meet its domestic needs, identify alternative import markets, and create a foundation for economic stability.

A key outcome of the meeting was the agreement to establish a joint working group between the two countries. This group is expected to facilitate trade expansion and the implementation of joint projects.

Relations with an industrial country like Belarus can open new avenues for the transfer of machinery, technical equipment, and industrial expertise. Such cooperation will provide important opportunities to strengthen Afghanistan's industrial base and promote domestic production.

The establishment of the joint working group will serve as a positive step toward expanding Afghanistan's exports, diversifying imports, and strengthening regional and international economic relations.



AFGHAN AND TAJIK SIDES EMPHASIZE ACCELERATING CASA-1000 PROJECT PROGRESS



The Chief Executive Officer of Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat, Mullah Abdulhaq Hamkar, met with Tajikistan's Minister of Energy, Daler Juma, in Dushanbe to discuss cooperation in the electricity sector and progress on the CASA-1000 mega project.

During the meeting, the Afghan side emphasized accelerating project implementation and called for resolving potential challenges faced by contracting companies, enhancing technical coordination, and expediting practical work. The Tajik Minister of Energy assured continued efforts toward coordination and

implementation of the project.

The CASA-1000 project is a major energy transmission initiative that transfers electricity from Central Asia to Afghanistan and Pakistan. For Afghanistan, it is not only a key solution to electricity shortages but also a significant opportunity to

increase revenue through energy transit. Completion of CASA-1000 will transform Afghanistan from an energy-consuming country into an energy transit corridor. Through this project, Afghanistan can generate annual revenue, reduce electricity shortages, and play a significant role in

the regional energy market.

The emphasis on accelerating the project indicates Afghanistan's efforts to turn the energy sector into a driver of economic growth and to strengthen the foundations of economic stability through regional cooperation.

AFGHANISTAN'S EFFORTS TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT AT THE TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Nooruddin Azizi, participated in the Uzbekistan International Industrial Exhibition, which is considered a significant step in Afghanistan's economic diplomacy and investment attraction efforts. The three-day exhibition was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, with participation from more than 60 Afghan companies.

At the exhibition, Afghan companies showcased their products, including cotton, coal, pharmaceuticals, and

agricultural goods. Participation in such international exhibitions provides an important opportunity for Afghanistan, as it not only promotes domestic products but also attracts the attention of international investors and traders.

Participation in international industrial and trade exhibitions creates a conducive environment for expanding exports and signing trade agreements. It is effective in strengthening ties between Afghan and foreign traders, identifying new markets, and

attracting investment.

Expanding economic relations with Central Asian countries is of strategic importance for Afghanistan. Following regional shifts and trade disruptions with Pakistan, the Islamic Emirate has sought to identify alternative markets and open new pathways for Afghan exports.

Afghanistan's presence at the Tashkent International Exhibition demonstrates its intention to bring domestic products to global markets, attract investment, and strengthen the economy through regional economic cooperation.

