



Afghanistan's Economic Development

Issue No. 5 (1405 SH)
Consecutive Issue No. 67

NEWSLETTER

Date: 30/4/2026



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.

In this issue:

- 1. THE LAUNCH OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE YATIM TAQ CEMENT FACTORY IN JAWZJAN: A MAJOR ECONOMIC STEP FOR DOMESTIC INDUSTRY**
- 2. AFGHANISTAN AND RUSSIA: NEW EFFORTS FOR COOPERATION IN THE ELECTRICITY SECTOR**
- 3. SAFWAN CEMENT FACTORY IN PARWAN: A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECT AND A STEP TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

LAUNCH OF THE YATIM TAQ CEMENT FACTORY IN JAWZJAN: A MAJOR ECONOMIC STEP FOR DOMESTIC INDUSTRY

Construction work has officially begun on the Yatim Taq cement production factory in Jawzjan province, which is considered one of the country's major investment projects for industrial economic development. The Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, inaugurated the project and

emphasized in his speech that Afghanistan's economic future depends on strengthening domestic production and reducing the level of imports.

In this project, Turkish Company 77 is investing approximately \$160 million. The factory will have a daily production capacity of 3,000 tons of



cement, which can meet a significant portion of domestic demand. It is also expected to create around 5,000 direct and indirect job opportunities. This project is not merely a production facility, but a practical step toward reducing Afghanistan's reliance on imported cement. Afghanistan still depends heavily on imports of construction materials, particularly cement, which has negatively affected the trade balance. The commencement of this large industrial production facility in Jawzjan is expected to help stabilize prices in the domestic market to some extent. The project could move Afghanistan closer to becoming a regional cement production hub. Officials of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan have pledged full attention to cement quality. In addition to Yatim Taq in Jawzjan, cement production projects are also underway in Baghlan and Kandahar, which, once completed, will increase domestic production and significantly reduce reliance on imported cement.

AFGHANISTAN AND RUSSIA: NEW EFFORTS FOR COOPERATION IN THE ELECTRICITY SECTOR

A delegation from Da Afghanistan visit to Russia, held meetings with Breshna Sherkat, during its official Russian electricity production and



technical companies. The purpose of these meetings was to enhance cooperation in electricity generation, network expansion, and technical capacity building. During these meetings, Russian companies were invited to explore investment opportunities in Afghanistan and participate in electricity sector development projects. Both sides agreed to create opportunities for joint work in network expansion, technical training, and energy production. Afghanistan faces significant challenges, including insufficient electricity production, the need for expanding new power networks, and the training of more technical personnel. Therefore,

cooperation from Russian companies could help address these needs to some extent. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan hopes that, alongside Russia, other countries will take advantage of the available investment opportunities in Afghanistan and invest in various sectors, including electricity. The Islamic Emirate emphasizes that partner countries

should not limit themselves to commitments, but should ensure the practical implementation of agreements and outcomes from such engagements. Such cooperation and implementation of agreements can bring major transformation to Afghanistan's energy sector and move the country closer to self-sufficiency. The Islamic Emirate

has provided investment opportunities for both domestic and foreign companies and investors. Recently, investment has been attracted across multiple sectors, including electricity. The Islamic Emirate has gained the trust of investors and traders, which has contributed to a growing level of investment in the country.

SAFWAN CEMENT FACTORY IN PARWAN: A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECT AND A STEP TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Construction of a large cement factory named Safwan is underway in Jabal al-Siraj district of Parwan province, considered one of the key industrial projects in northern Afghanistan. Exploratory work for the project has been completed, and approximately 4,500 cement samples have been identified in the area, indicating the presence of suitable natural reserves for production. Large-scale land leveling is currently in progress, with around one million

cubic meters of land to be leveled, a significant portion of which has already been completed. To ensure energy supply, installation of nearly 9,000 solar poles is also underway, enabling the factory to partially meet its own electricity needs. This initiative is considered an important technical advancement toward industrial self-sufficiency. The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$225 million, and it is expected to create around 5,000 job

opportunities. This project can reduce cement imports and increase domestic production. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has taken rapid steps toward achieving self-sufficiency across various sectors. Recently, significant attention has been given to cement production and expansion, as Afghanistan is currently an importing country in this sector. However, with the completion of cement factories in different provinces and increased production, import levels are expected to significantly decrease, bringing Afghanistan much closer to self-sufficiency.

