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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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THE DIGITALIZATION OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR AND A NEW PHASE OF TRANSPARENCY

The process of reforming and modernizing Afghanistan's transport sector is gradually shifting from traditional practices to electronic systems. According to the Ministry of Transport and Aviation, more than 107,000 passenger and freight vehicles have so far been registered in the electronic systems for scheduling, statistics, and revenue management. This development reflects

a fundamental transformation in the management of the country's transport sector. According to available information, nearly 69,000 freight vehicles have been included in the scheduling system. This system ensures the fair distribution of transport turns for freight vehicles, prevents favoritism and informal practices, and organizes drivers' revenues. Meanwhile, more than 38,000



passenger vehicles have been registered in the electronic statistics and revenue systems, which is considered an important step toward organizing urban and interprovincial transport services.

The digitalization of the transport sector carries several important economic implications. Revenue collection becomes more transparent, and financial resources are strengthened. The quality of services also improves, as electronic systems enable accurate data registration and monitoring while reducing the likelihood of corruption and informal activities. The organization of the transport sector is of vital importance for trade and logistics. When the movement of freight vehicles becomes systematic and transparent, the transportation of goods becomes faster and costs are reduced. This change directly contributes to market stability, price control, and the facilitation of trade.

The expansion of electronic transport systems is an important sign of economic modernization. If this process continues and extends to other related sectors, the country's logistics and trade sectors are expected to experience significant growth in the near future.

KANDAHAR'S EXPORTS AND NEW CHINESE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Kandahar is considered one of the country's major commercial and

agricultural centers. Recent developments indicate that the



province has entered a new phase in attracting international markets. The Kandahar Chamber of Commerce and Investment has announced that it has signed agreements on exports and joint cooperation with commercial centers in three provinces of China.

These agreements focus on expanding the export of dried and fresh fruits, medicinal plants, and mineral resources. The Chinese market is one of the world's largest consumer markets, and access to this market represents a major economic opportunity for Afghanistan.

Chinese investors have also shown interest in Afghanistan's dried fruit and mining sectors. Afghanistan has historically been well known for its dried fruits, and there are significant investment opportunities in this field.

The mining sector is likewise one of Afghanistan's key economic resources. The interest of international investors in this sector demonstrates that Afghanistan's natural resources continue to attract global economic attention. Such investment flows not only increase exports but also

contribute to job creation, technology transfer, and the overall growth of Afghanistan. Expanding trade relations with regional countries is of vital importance to the economy. If these agreements are transformed into practical projects, Kandahar could become a major export

hub. Based on its economy-oriented policy, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan seeks positive relations and economic cooperation with all countries in the region and the world and continues its efforts to expand such relations.

PHARMACEUTICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN AND THE EXPANSION OF THE HEALTH SECTOR

Regional cooperation aimed at strengthening Afghanistan's health sector is increasing day by day. The Deputy Minister for Food and Drugs at the Ministry of Public Health, Mawlawi Hamdullah Zahid, held a meeting with Uzbekistan's Deputy Ambassador Jamshid Badlov and a delegation from Uzbek pharmaceutical companies, during which important discussions were held regarding the expansion of pharmaceutical exports and production. According to the memorandum of understanding signed between the two countries, pharmaceutical exports from

Uzbekistan to Afghanistan will begin. This development is important for Afghanistan's health sector, as regular imports of medicines from abroad help stabilize the domestic market in countries such as Afghanistan.

The meeting also included discussions on creating facilitation mechanisms for the registration process of foreign companies. The pharmaceutical and health sectors are among the sectors with both economic and social significance.

The development of the pharmaceutical industry contributes to job creation,

technology transfer, and the strengthening of industrial infrastructure. Furthermore, access to high-quality medicines improves the quality of life of citizens and helps save many lives.

Cooperation between Afghanistan and Uzbekistan in the pharmaceutical sector is important for both Afghanistan's economy and public health system. If this process continues, Afghanistan is expected to make significant progress in pharmaceutical production and supply in the near future, while also reducing dependence on foreign countries in certain areas of the pharmaceutical sector and moving toward self-sufficiency.

