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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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PRICE AND QUALITY CONTROL OF GOODS IS IMPORTANT FOR MARKET REGULATION AND SUPPORTING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION

A special meeting of the Economic Commission was held on October 2026 ,22 at the Marmarin Palace, chaired by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund, Deputy PM for Economic Affairs. The meeting held detailed discussions on strengthening the activities of relevant institutions to control the prices and quality of goods in the country and regulate the market.

Following a comprehensive assessment of the issue, it was decided that the consumer committees established in provinces and districts should strictly fulfil their responsibilities in controlling the prices of goods, under the leadership of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the Ministry. It was also decided that the committee established under the leadership of Kabul Municipality should

strengthen its activities in Kabul city and regularly submit reports on the measures taken to the Tariff Committee.

Monitoring the prices of goods is important for market regulation, protecting consumer rights, and preventing unjustified price increases. The regular activities of the relevant committees help monitor market conditions, provide a mechanism for addressing public complaints about prices, and contribute to creating a more orderly environment for commercial activities.

The Economic Commission meeting also made decisions regarding the quality control of goods. It was decided that the Food and Drug Deputy Ministry of the Ministry of Public Health should further strengthen its activities at the country's commercial ports, while the Standards and Quality

Authority should enhance its efforts to control the quality of imported goods.

It was also decided that tariffs should be increased on imported goods for which equivalent domestically produced products are available in the country. However, before tariffs are increased, domestic products must not only be available in sufficient quantities but must also meet accepted quality standards. The economic significance of this decision lies in its potential to promote domestic production and support manufacturing establishments alongside market regulation. At the same time, assessing the quality and quantity of domestic products is important to maintaining a balance between supporting local production through tariff policies and meeting market demand.



EXPANSION OF KANDAHAR POMEGRANATE EXPORTS

A Russian businessman has stated that he intends to export up to 5,000 tonnes of pomegranates from Kandahar Province to Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Japan, and South Korea via land routes. He said that Kandahar pomegranates enjoy considerable demand in international markets because of their distinctive taste and high quality.

The Russian businessman visited Kandahar for the first time and praised the quality of pomegranates produced in the province. According to him, Kandahar pomegranates are of high quality, and there are good opportunities to export them to other markets across the region and Asia via land routes. Kandahar is one of the country's major pomegranate-producing regions, and expanding exports of this product could

create economic opportunities for orchard owners, traders, packaging-sector workers, and transport-sector employees. Furthermore, increasing pomegranate shipments to foreign markets can help expand agricultural exports, strengthen trade relations, and increase the country's export revenues.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is working to provide facilities and expand access to foreign markets to support the country's orchard owners and traders and promote agricultural exports. It has expanded trade relations with neighboring and regional countries, as exports of Afghan fruits to international markets help generate revenue and improve the economic well-being of the country's citizens.