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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 Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan continues to implement development projects to promote economic growth, strengthen infrastructure, and ensure the effective execution of public projects. In this regard, the regular meeting of the Procurement Commission was held on 25 October 2026, at the Marmarin Palace, under the chairmanship of the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar Akhund.

At the meeting, 29 projects were presented for discussion. Following comprehensive deliberations, 17 projects worth approximately AFN 5 billion were approved, while necessary modifications to five other projects were endorsed.

Furthermore, designated committees were tasked with negotiating project prices with the winning and eligible companies for four projects and submitting their reports to the leadership of the Procurement Commission.

Among the approved projects, six projects of Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat were approved at a total cost of AFN 2.873 billion. These projects include the expansion of the 220 kV transmission line at the Hisar Shahi Substation in Nangarhar Province; the construction of a 40 MVA substation to supply power to the Yatim Taq gas plant in Jawzjan Province; and the construction and expansion of the Maimana and Andkhoy substations in Faryab Province.

Other approved projects include the construction of a 139.2-kilometre 220 kV transmission line from Andkhoy Substation to Maimana Substation; the procurement of equipment for SDH and PABX systems; and the construction of a 9.3-kilometre transmission line from the Arghandi-Ghazni 220 kV transmission line to the planned substation in Maidan Wardak Province.

The implementation of these projects could play an important role in strengthening the electricity transmission and distribution network, increasing power transmission capacity, and expanding electrical infrastructure to support industrial and productive activities.



GOLD MINE EXTRACTION BEGINS IN KUNDUZ WITH A USD 20 MILLION INVESTMENT

Investment in the mining sector has significant potential to enhance the economic value of domestic natural resources, create employment opportunities, and strengthen the national economy. In this context, extraction operations at a gold mine in Qala-e-Zal District of Kunduz Province have commenced with an investment of USD 20 million. According to available information, the gold mining contract has been awarded for a period of five years. Local officials of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum stated that extraction operations have begun across an area of approximately six kilometres within the mining site. An allocation of USD 200,000 has been designated for the construction of roads serving the mine, and the project is expected to provide employment opportunities for

approximately 400 citizens. In addition to mining operations, road construction is another key component of the project, as adequate transport infrastructure facilitates mineral extraction, the transportation of equipment, and the movement of extracted materials. Similarly, the employment opportunities generated by the project could help increase local incomes and expand economic activity in the area. Alongside promoting the responsible and systematic extraction of the country's mineral resources, the Islamic Emirate is committed to the transparent implementation of contracts and compliance with environmental standards, as these are essential for the effective and sustainable utilisation of the country's natural resources and for encouraging investment.