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India to Send 8,000 Tons of Wheat to Afghanistan

From 50,000 tons of wheat pledged by the Indian government to the people of Afghanistan, Delhi is planning to send 8,000 tons to help counter the humanitarian crisis, Reuters reported. In total, India plans to send 50,000 tons of wheat to Afghanistan via a land route through Pakistan. 2,000 tons were already sent in February. The Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority...Cont P#4



OIC Opens Office in Kabul for Humanitarian Efforts



The Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has opened its office in Kabul which will coordinate OIC's humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan for addressing the humanitarian crisis in the country. According to OIC, the office will follow

up the implementation of the outcome of the organization's extraordinary ministerial meeting held in Pakistan last December. At the OIC meeting on Afghanistan in Pakistan, a draft resolution was passed to establish a humanitarian...Cont P#4

ACCI: 1M Tons of Talc Ore Exported in the Past Solar Year



The Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI) says that in the past year Afghanistan exported one million tons of talc ore. ACCI said that the capacity of the country's factories to process talc ore has increased. The officials of the ACCI also said that if the electricity problem at the talc processing factories is solved, the export of talc ore will further increase...Cont P#4

Finance Ministry Plans Customs Tax Changes



The Ministry of Finance is planning to change tariffs at customs in a bid to provide the Afghan traders with more facilities. A conference for the private sector was held in Kabul, where the companies shared ideas to face existing problems in Afghan trade and industrial sectors. "Considering the economic...Cont P#4

IEA Seeks Foreign Aid for Afghan Media Outlets



The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) is seeking foreign aid to support media outlets in the country. Zabihullah Mujahid, a spokesman for the IEA, said that it has received some assurances in this regard from the international community. "There are some groups in the world that provide assistance. We will...Cont P#4

ANDMA Pledges to Help 700,000 Disaster-Affected Families

Officials of the Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA) said in a press conference that in the 1401 work plan, with the cooperation of the aid organizations, they will help 700,000 families affected by natural disasters.

The deputy minister of ANDMA said that humanitarian aid from Russia, China, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Pakistan has reached natural disaster victims this year.

"In 34 provinces, remittances of 200 million Afghans have been sent to address natural disasters," said Sharafuddin Muslim, Deputy Minister of ANDMA.

Ministry officials also shared ANDMA's work plan for the coming year and again mentioned the revision of the Disaster Management Law.

In the meantime, ANDMA says that in 34 provinces and 7 zones they have 218 groups working to deal with natural disasters. #

Afghanistan on Agenda at Antalya Diplomacy Forum

The Antalya Diplomacy Forum held attended by officials and envoys from around 200 countries, including acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi, and the meeting focused on Ukraine however, Afghanistan was also on the agenda.

On the sidelines of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, Muttaqi held a trilateral meeting with Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani and the US special envoy for Afghanistan, Thomas West, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)...Cont P#4

WFP Calls for More Funds for Afghan Relief

The World Food Program (WFP) recently stated the organization's Afghanistan-allocated funds are running dry as the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan continues.

The organization also called on international community to extend their humanitarian support to...Cont P#4

Over 410,000 Chinese Citizens Sign Letter Urging US to Return Afghan Assets

More than 410,000 Chinese citizens have signed a joint letter urging the United States to return assets in full to Afghans immediately and unconditionally.

This comes after US President Joe Biden moved to divert \$7 billion in frozen Afghan assets for humanitarian assistance and to the families of 9/11 victims.

China has repeatedly slammed US over its actions on the Afghan assets. China's UN envoy, Zhang Jun, said that the US act is a breach of Afghanistan's

national sovereignty and property, and is a serious contravention of international law.

The international community should actively inject liquidity into Afghanistan, help the country restore its domestic market and economic system, reintegrate into regional and international economic cooperation, and embark on the path of peaceful development, Zhang said, adding any economic blockade or unilateral sanctions against Afghanistan should be stopped immediately. #

OIC to Resume Halted Afghan Development Projects



The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has pledged to resume incomplete projects across Afghanistan, the officials at the Ministry of Economy said.

Abdul Rahman Habib, spokesman of the Ministry of Economy, said that the deputy of the OIC in a meeting with the acting minister of economy said that United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Kuwait will resume incomplete projects in Afghanistan.

According to the ministry, these three members of the OIC had already



launched some agricultural, construction and road projects which remained unfinished across Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Finance (MoF) said it hopes the organization of the Islamic cooperation will enhance its projects in Afghanistan as well.

Economy experts say the resumption of various projects will give an opportunity to the people to find access to employment. The OIC has also committed to work on the recovery of the economy, providing humanitarian aid and resuming projects inside Afghanistan. #

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condition of the country, and to prevent possible damages to the private sector, we will revise the tariffs at the customs," said Hedayatullah Badri, Minister of Finance. The first deputy of the Prime Minister, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, told the gathering that the Islamic Emirate had eliminated the problems at the customs. The acting Minister of Industry and Commerce, Nooruddin Azizi, called on the traders to import standard and quality commodities to the country. #

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"About forty factories have been set up in the Nangarhar Industrial Park, each capable of processing 500 to 2,000 tons of stone, creating thousands of job opportunities," said Abdul Wahab Khogyani, deputy of the Talc Stone Factories Union.

According to the Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI), Afghanistan exports over one million tons of talc a year through Iran, Pakistan and Central Asia to global destinations. #

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the people of Afghanistan to help overcome the current economic crisis. At the same time, officials at the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI) say that beyond humanitarian assistance, fundamental projects must be funded by the international aid organizations.

The World Food Program said the past years continued drought and conflict are the major causes of the current crisis in the country. #

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"In this meeting, many different matters including the recognition of the Islamic Emirate, economic development and the extension of political relations were discussed," said Zia Ahmad Takal, deputy spokesman for MoFA.

"The Islamic Emirate has fulfilled all conditions for recognition and should be recognized by the international community. The Afghan assets should be released and there should be engagement with Afghanistan and the right Afghans," Muttaqi told the reporters in Turkey.

According to MoFA, the Afghan delegation will urge the international community to ramp up humanitarian efforts for Afghanistan. #

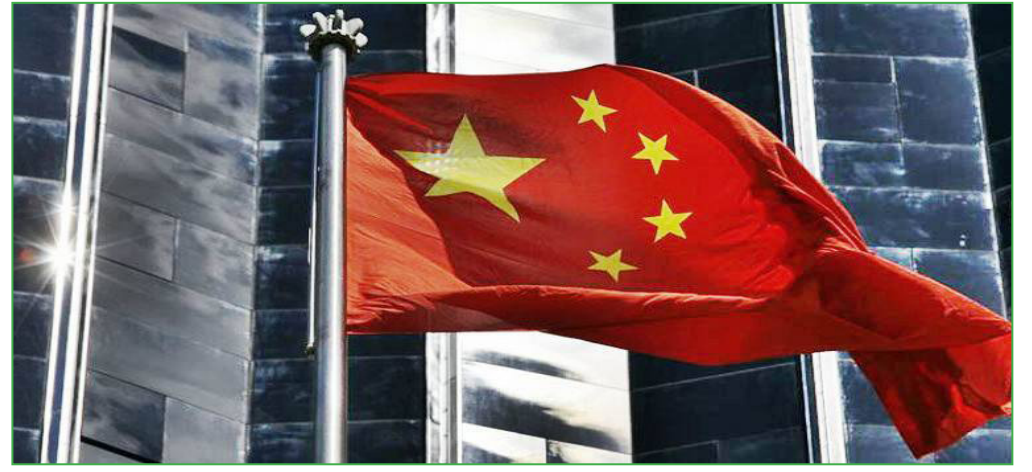
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said it has received assistance from more than six countries including Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Russia, China and Pakistan.

"As a result of efforts of the Afghanistan Natural Disaster Management Authority, at least 63 wagons comprised of food and other commodities arrived from Uzbekistan to Afghanistan," said Mohammad Naseem Haqqani, a spokesman for the disaster management authority.

Economists say that investment should be used for infrastructure in Afghanistan as the country currently faces a severe economic meltdown. Based on available numbers, Afghanistan needs around 600 million tons of wheat. #

China to Host Third Regional Meeting on Afghanistan



The third meeting of foreign ministers of regional countries on Afghanistan will be held in China by the end of March, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

The ministry of foreign affairs, said that acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi in his meeting with China's ambassador to Afghanistan Wang Yu discussed bilateral relations as well as the upcoming regional meeting on Afghanistan in China.

Previously, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi also said his country is preparing for the third

foreign ministers' meeting among the neighboring countries of Afghanistan. Wang said that his country is willing to contribute to the durable stability and security in Afghanistan.

The first meeting of the foreign ministers of Afghanistan's six neighboring countries included Iran, China, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan and was hosted by Pakistan in September last year. As well as, the second meeting of the foreign ministers of the regional countries was held in Iran last October. #

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trust fund to channel humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan. The member states agreed to "establish a Humanitarian Trust Fund, under the aegis of the Islamic Development Bank, to serve as a vehicle to channel humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan including in partnership with other international actors."

At the meeting, OIC urged the Islamic Development Bank to operationalize the trust fund by the first quarter of 2022 to accelerate the provision of humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan. #

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try to attract donors who worked for capacity building and funding of journalists," Mujahid said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Information and Culture has expressed hope that business and development activities will increase next year, and so will commercial opportunities for the media. #

Afghanistan and Pakistan Agree on Free Movement for Cargo Trucks



Kabul and Islamabad reached an agreement with a Temporary Admission Document (TAD) for free movement of trucks between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Joint Chamber of Commerce between Afghanistan and Pakistan said that the agreement will allow the Afghan

trucks to freely move in all Pakistani cities. It also said that the agreement will come into effect on March 21, 2021.

The Afghan traders said that the free movement of the Afghan trucks in Pakistan would help reduce the price of commodities. #