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OIC Signs Afghanistan Trust Fund Charter



The Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Hissein Brahim Taha, appealed to all the Member States, along with relevant stakeholders and partners, to support the Humanitarian Trust Fund for Afghanistan. The appeal was made during the signing ceremony of the establishing charter of the Humanitarian Trust Fund for Afghanistan, which took place at the Pakistani foreign ministry in Islamabad,

one day prior to the OIC's Council of Foreign Ministers' 48th session. The Fund's founding instrument was co-signed by the Secretary-General of the OIC and the President of the Islamic Development (IsDB) Group. The signing ceremony signals the coming into effect of the Fund to collect resources for humanitarian assistance and rebuilding efforts in Afghanistan....Cont P#4

Chinese Foreign Minister, Russian Envoy Visit

The Foreign Minister of China Wang Yi paid a visit to Kabul, the first time since the Islamic Emirate takeover of the country in August 2021. In addition, a Russian delegation also arrived in Kabul to discuss a range of issues with the IEA officials. The Chinese FM met with the deputy prime minister for economic affairs, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, and the acting minister of Foreign Affairs, Amir Khan Muttaqi. The Chinese foreign minister...Cont P#4

OIC Meeting Participants Call for Support of Afghanistan

The 48th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was held in Islamabad. Participants discussed a range of issues, including Afghanistan. A delegation from Afghanistan attended this meeting. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said support should be mobilized to address the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. Meanwhile, Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan at the IOC meeting called for the unity of the Islamic world to deal with problems faced by Muslims across the globe and to bring peace. Talking about the Afghanistan issue, Khan said that the country has suffered a long conflict, adding that helping Afghanistan amid a humanitarian crisis and removing sanctions are important. Talking about Afghanistan, he said that efforts should be made to...Cont P#4

Islamic Emirate Welcomes Renewal of UNAMA Mandate



The Islamic Emirate welcomed the renewal of the UN mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) mandate for Afghanistan and said it hoped the move would be beneficial for engagement with the international community. The UN Security Council extended the mandate of UNAMA for a period of 12 months. "It is a good step. We call for good engagement and effective cooperation in the coming year," said Bilal Karimi, deputy spokesman for the Islamic Emirate. The resolution was confirmed by 14 votes. "The resolution sends a clear message that this council stands firmly behind the UN's continuous support...Cont P#4

3-Day Cabinet Meeting Held in Kandahar



A three-day meeting of the cabinet, chaired by the supreme leader of the Islamic Emirate, Mawlawi Hebatullah Akundzada, was held in the southern province of Kandahar. The meeting was attended by the Prime

Minister, Deputy Ministers, cabinet members and other high officials of the Islamic Emirate. A spokesman for the Islamic Emirate said that the meeting discussion included the procedures of the...Cont P#4

Nearly 8 Billion Afs Made From Mining in Past 12-Month



The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum said that in the solar year 1400 the ministry's revenue reached nearly eight billion Afghanis. Officials at the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum said that 113 large and small companies are operating in...Cont P#4

Qosh Tepa Canal Project to Employ 200,000 People



The construction of a major canal kicked off in the northern province of Balkh and was attended by senior officials of the Islamic Emirate. Speaking at the gathering of the opening ceremony of the project in Kaldar district of Balkh, the deputy prime minister, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar,...Cont P#4

Deputy PM Attends Tree-Planting Campaign Ceremony

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the Deputy PM for Economic Affairs, took part in a tree-planting campaign in Kabul and called on citizens to take part in tree planting across the country. Mullah Baradar said he considers planting saplings important for the greenery and beauty of the country and asked the responsible institutions to plant saplings in Kabul and other provinces. "They should continue to do such work in every province and district, and we support them and will use all means possible to address their needs and problems," said

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the Deputy PM. In addition to government officials, some diplomats from other countries also participated in the ceremony. "I hope that our government partners will make better efforts this year to grow and maintain these trees, which will make the environment greener," said Ali Akbar, head of the Aga Khan Foundation in Kabul. According to statistics of the National Environmental Protection Agency, more than 25 million saplings are to be planted in 34 provinces of the country this year. #

Islamic Emirate Welcomes Renewal of...

to the Afghan people. The resolution ensures that UNAMA has a strong and robust mandate to promote inclusive political dialogue and continue to facilitate humanitarian assistance.

The UK permanent ambassador to the UN, Barbara Woodward, said the renewal of UNAMA's mandate at the current moment was important for Afghanistan. "Today, the council spoke with one voice in support of a robust UN mission in Afghanistan," he added.

Analysts believe that UNAMA can play a beneficial role to connect Afghanistan with the world.

UNAMA can play "a role as connector between the current government, Afghanistan and the world," said Naseer Ahmad Haidarzai, an international relations analyst.

UNAMA is mainly focused on providing aid and assessing the situation of Afghanistan. #

OIC Signs Afghanistan Trust Fund...

Speaking on the occasion, the OIC Secretary-General commended the efforts of the IsDB Group's president and personnel to set the Fund into effective motion.

For his part, the IsDB Group's President stressed the importance of the Fund in supporting the Afghan people.

According to the OIC, the Fund was established by a resolution of the 17th extraordinary session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in December 19, 2021.

The Fund serves as a mechanism to deliver uninterrupted humanitarian aid to Afghanistan, in association with other international actors. #

Nearly 8 Billion Afs Made...

the mining sector in Afghanistan, and the Islamic Emirate has earned nearly eight billion Afs from the mining sector.

"The revenue we have received over the past six months is about seven billion seven hundred and seventy-one million Afghanis," said Esmatullah Burhan, spokesman of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum.

Meanwhile, the deputy spokesman of the Islamic Emirate credited transparency and the prevention of illegal extraction from the mines as the reasons for the increase.

"Transparency and serious efforts to reach other mines in Afghanistan, especially the proper extraction of mines, are the main reason for the increase in revenues of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum," said Inamullah Samangani, deputy spokesman of the Islamic Emirate. In the meantime, some economists believe that the proper extraction of mines can increase the country's revenues.

"Fortunately, after the political change in Afghanistan, the enforcement of law and security have led to an increase in government revenues through Afghanistan's mines," said Abdul Nasir Reshtia, an economist.

In addition, a number of economists said that if the country's mines are extracted legally, it will provide jobs for the citizens of the country, and will solve the economic challenges in the country. #

Qosh Tepa Canal Project to...

said that the completion of the canal project is a priority of the government.

"With the construction of this canal, the country will reach self-sufficiency in agriculture," he said. Called the "Qosh Tepa" canal, it will be 280 km long and 100 meters wide. It will begin in Kaldar district of Balkh and cross...Cont P#4

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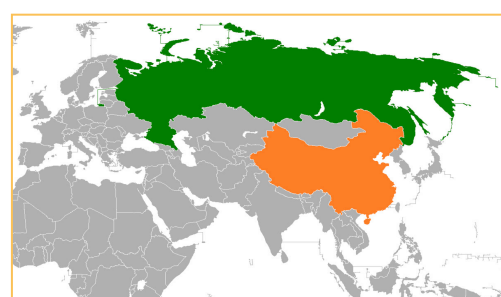
According to the deputy PM, the project will be completed in five years and will help Afghanistan reach self-sufficiency in the agriculture sector.

The cost of the project is estimated at 60 billion Afs, which will be provided by the government. According to the officials, around 650 cubic meters of water will flow per second in the canal.

"This canal is around 280 km long and 100 meters wide and 8.5 meters deep," said Islamic Emirate spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid.

The canal will provide irrigation for three million jeribs of land in the targeted provinces and will create employment opportunities for 200,000 Afghans. #

Chinese Foreign Minister, Russian...



in a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar discussed political, economic, transit and investment issues and expressed China's readiness to invest in mining and economic projects and to resume work at the Mes Aynak copper mine.

A delegation of the Russian Federation, led by Zamir Kabulov, Russia's special envoy for Afghanistan, arrived in Kabul on the same day.

Kabulov also held talks with Mullah Baradar and Muttaqi to discuss bilateral relations and extension of ties between the Kabul and Moscow.

The Russian delegation was comprised of several officials from several ministries. The delegation said Russia can help Afghanistan in some economic projects. #

China to Host Meeting of Afghan Neighbor Countries

Beijing will host the third round of a meeting among foreign ministers of Afghan neighbors on the Afghan issue.

The meeting was discussed during Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit to Kabul. Wang Yi met with Deputy PM Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar and acting the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Amir Khan Muttaqi.

According to the Chinese Foreign Ministry, the foreign ministers of Iran, Tajikistan, China, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Pakistan will take part in the meeting, where they will exchange views on humanitarian aid and political challenges facing Afghanistan.

The Islamic Emirate said the meeting will be constructive for the engagement of the current

government with foreign countries.

"It is natural that important issues of the country, including economic and diplomatic relations and other issues, will be discussed," said Bilal Karimi, deputy spokesman for the Islamic Emirate.

The Russian Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov, is expected to attend the meeting.

"This meeting is a good opportunity for discussion, coordination and regional efforts for humanitarian, economic and social support for Afghanistan," said Maria Zakharova, a spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry of Russia.

The first and second round of the meeting were hosted by Islamabad and Tehran. The meeting in Islamabad was via Zoom conference. #

Kabul and Islamabad to Issue Short-Term Licenses for Trucks

The governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan reached an agreement to allow supply trucks to cross between the two countries.

The Afghanistan and Pakistan Joint Chamber of Commerce (APJCC) said the move is intended to facilitate trade between the two countries.

"The government of Afghanistan and Pakistan—in a bid to provide further trade and transit facilities- has reached an agreement to issue short term licenses to the truck drivers, so the trucks can freely move in these two countries," said Naqibullah Sapai, head of the APJCC

Economists called the allowance of truck crossings between the two countries beneficial for economic development. #

3-Day Cabinet Meeting...

government departments and measures to overcome to economic crisis and improvement of government departments.

Deputy spokesman for the Islamic Emirate, Inamullah Samangani, said that the supreme leader of the Islamic Emirate instructed the relevant officials to recruit the forces of the Islamic Emirate within a structure of the security department.

"Attracting national and foreign investment, appointing the Mujahideen

(Islamic Emirate members) to government departments, preventing the drug business and reforming the administration, were discussed," he said.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Emirate denied rumors about changes in the top leadership, in the cabinet or elsewhere.

"On the contrary to what was spread as propagandas, there is no change in the cabinet and the change of the cabinet was not part of the agenda of the meeting," Samanagani said. #

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bring stability to the country, adding that Muslim countries should continue providing financial support to Afghanistan.

OIC Secretary General Hissein Brahim Taha said the organization continues to engage with the Islamic Emirate in order to help achieve lasting peace in Afghanistan. "We shall continue dialogue with the authorities in Afghanistan and with international partners with the objective to achieve peace, security and development in this member country of the OIC," he said.

Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan, said his country will do everything in its capacity to stabilize the situation in Afghanistan.

Muhammad Sulaiman Al-Jaser, president of the Islamic Development Bank, speaking about the operationalization of the Afghan Trust Fund established by the OIC to coordinate humanitarian funds for Afghanistan. #