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Islamic Emirate Marks 9th Anniversary of Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid's Death



املاک جناب اسلامي افغانستان

The Islamic Emirate at a ceremony marked the ninth anniversary of its founder and former leader Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid, where the participants spoke about his life,

personality and his fight against “the invasion.”

Many speakers at the event called Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid a...

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IEA Orders Ministries to Prioritize 'Generation of Power Through Coal'



The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan's Economic Commission, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, gave orders for various ministries to prioritize projects to generate electricity by using coal.

In a statement, the commission said after “extensive discussions on all issues that the private sector is prepared to invest in” it was decided that the generation of electricity should be a priority.

According to the statement, the commission instructed the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum; the Ministry of Trade and Industry; the Chamber of Industry and Mines; as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Investment, under the leadership of the Ministry of Energy and Water, to generate electricity from coal for industrial parks, and large cities among other sectors.

The commission also ordered the relevant bodies to “set priorities according to the volume of coal and the need for electricity, and...*Cont P#4*

Security Forces to Get New Uniforms Next Month



The Ministry of Interior (MoI) said the distribution of uniforms for the Islamic Emirate forces will begin in the coming month, adding that the process will first start in Kabul.

“The uniforms for the police forces of the Islamic Emirate are...*Cont P#4*

Russia Seeks Trade Cooperation with Afghanistan

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in a statement that his country sees “promising areas” for developing trade and economic cooperation with Afghanistan.

Lavrov added that Russia wants to work directly with Kabul in the areas of agriculture, transit and energy.

“We see promising areas for developing cooperation and direct contacts between business circles. First of all, it is agriculture, energy, as well as...*Cont P#4*

Central Bank Sets Up Telegraphic Transfer System for Foreign Deposits



Da Afghanistan Bank, the country's central bank, said it has established a telegraphic transfer facility for traders and investors.

Mohammad Saber Momand, a spokesperson for Da Afghanistan Bank, said that the bank has provided the necessary facilities for traders and investors in order to prevent losses to the general public and for traders who need to make foreign transfers...*Cont P#4*

Over 1,200 Drug Addicts Being Treated at Herat Prison



More than 1,200 drug addicts are being treated at a state prison in the western province of Herat, local officials said.

The drug users are being treated by governmental institutions in cooperation with private sector companies.

The drug users said they were grateful about their treatment.

“I am very happy that I will return to my family and I will not repeat this action,” said Ahmad, a drug user.

“When I went home, they would kick me out because I was a drug user...*Cont P#4*

Aid Donated by Uzbekistan Arrives at Hairatan

Humanitarian assistance provided by Uzbekistan arrived at Hairatan port and was handed over to the Islamic Emirate.

The special representative of the President of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan, Esmatullah Ergashev, said his country is ready to help Afghanistan...*Cont P#4*

UAE Provides 30 Tons of Food Supplies to Afghanistan



The UAE provided 30 tons of humanitarian aid food supplies to Afghanistan.

The Islamic Emirate's spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid said the aid will be distributed to vulnerable people through government institutions.

He also called on donors to not make the process of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan conditional.

“We call for unconditional aid, without any political motive. This is a humanitarian issue. The Afghans should be provided with aid. The UAE provided aid without any motive,” he said...*Cont P#4*

Haqqani: Ulemas' Gathering Will Solve School Issue



A senior member of the Islamic Emirate, Anas Haqqani, told a gathering in the southeastern province of Khost that an assembly of Ulema (clerics) will take place soon, and problems related to girls' schools will be solved.

Haqqani, who visited Khost, said attendees have been considered, including religious clerics and experts, and the meeting will be held in the near future.

“You will hear good news. It will make everyone happy. We should understand that the foreigners are undermining us in this regard. A lot of people have been disappointed and they have the right to be disappointed. It was a major (issue) for the people,” he said.

The gathering in Khost was attended by other members of the current Afghan government. #

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personality who brought Afghans together and saved the country from division. Deputy PM, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, said Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid was a brave leader who suffered a lot but continued his fight under difficult conditions.

Baradar said the Islamic Emirate is determined to follow Mullah Omar's path. Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid's son, Mawlawi Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid, the Islamic Emirate's acting defense minister, said his father reunited the people and different ethnic groups in every corner of Afghanistan and rescued the country from being divided.

He said that Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid had prevented many plots from happening, which were aimed at dividing Afghanistan.

"Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid fought the invasion with bare hands and never left Afghanistan," Mullah Yaqoob said.

Referring to recent deadly incidents and the airstrikes by Pakistan on Khost and Kunar, Yaqoob said the incidents were tolerated due to national issues and assured that the Islamic Emirate is thoroughly monitoring the security situation.

Meanwhile, Deputy PM, Abdul Salam Hanafi, said that Afghanistan is no more a threat to the world and that other countries also should not allow their territories to be used against Afghanistan.

Hanafi said that Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid eliminated the traditions that were against Islam and that he also uprooted "ethnic discrimination" in the country.

Other figures from the Islamic Emirate, including the acting interior minister Anas Haqqani, also attended the ceremony.

Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid died of an illness in 2013 in Suri district in Zabul province of Afghanistan. #

Over 1,200 Drug Addicts Being...

I had terrible days," said Ahmad Shah, a drug user.

During the past several months over 2,000 drug users were brought to the facility in Herat, of whom 800 have recovered and joined their families, officials said.

Provincial Governor Mawlawi Noor Ahmad Islam Jar said that these drug users had been intentionally persuaded to use drugs.

Meanwhile, the Herat Chamber of Industry and Mines pledged to recruit many of these drug addicts to prevent them from distracting themselves with drug use.

"Serious efforts are underway. Some of the factories are ready to recruit these (people). I hope the process continues so that everyone can work," said Hameedullah Khadim, head of the chamber. #

Security Forces to Get New Uniforms...

ready and the distribution process will begin after Eid," the MoI spokesman Abdul Nafi Takur said. "In the first phase, the uniforms will be distributed to Mujahideen in Kabul, and then to the Mujahideen in other provinces." Some Kabul residents said that the lack of uniforms for the Islamic Emirati forces has caused issues for the people, including armed robberies in the city.

"The Islamic Emirate should provide specific uniforms to its security forces so that people can distinguish between thieves and military personnel," said Mohammad Ismail, a Kabul resident.

Analysts said that specific uniforms for security forces will prove helpful in reducing crime incidents in the city of Kabul and other parts of the country.

"New uniforms to the security forces will reduce crime incidents and the security forces will be identified better when they have proper uniforms," said Sadiq Shinwari, a military affairs analyst. #

Central Bank Sets Up Telegraphic Transfer System...

"According to this strategy, traders and investors can grow and strengthen their business to import raw materials, especially food, medical and agricultural items, health materials, fuel, raw materials, modern machines and technology needed," Momand said.

According to a spokesperson for Da Afghanistan Bank the humanitarian aid delivered to Afghanistan through the United Nations remains in its original state by agreement and is exempt from this arrangement.

A telegraphic transfer (TT) is an electronic method of transferring funds utilized primarily for overseas wire transactions. #

UAE Provides 30 Tons of Food...



Meanwhile, the Turkish ambassador in Kabul, Cihad Erginay, said that fourth package of aid from Turkey arrived at Torghondi port in Herat.

"We distribute aid in coordination with the Red Crescent Society and other organizations in the provinces. The aid includes wheat, medical supplies, sugar and some other materials," he said.

The Islamic Emirate vowed to distribute the aid transparently.

"The aid will be distributed through five government institutions. There will be transparency and we will distribute the aid fairly," Mujahid said. #

Female Teachers Called Back to Nimroz Schools

The Nimroz education department said that female teachers who lost their jobs following the fall of the previous government will be reinstated.

Meanwhile, teachers who lost their jobs praised the Ministry of Education's decision.



Afghan Coal Exports Increased by 16%

Export of Afghan coal has increased by 16% compared to the same period of the previous year, said the Ministry of Finance.

Afghanistan has exported over 1.8 million tons of coal abroad, according to the Ministry of Finance. Most of the coal was exported to Pakistan.

"The majority of our exportation is to Pakistan. Some traders export the coal from Pakistan to other countries," said Ahmad Wali Haqmal, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Finance.

According to the MoF, Afghanistan exported over one billion Afs worth of coal between 1399 to 1400 solar year, but over the past 7-month exports of coal have increased by 16 percent compared to the same time last year.

Economists believe that the coal should be extracted through a systematic process.

"Previously, Pakistan was importing coal from Australia. Now the prices have increased and made it ten times more expensive by sea. Afghanistan is a discount for Pakistan," said Azeraksh Hafizi, an economist.

The biggest coal mine is in the north of Afghanistan. #

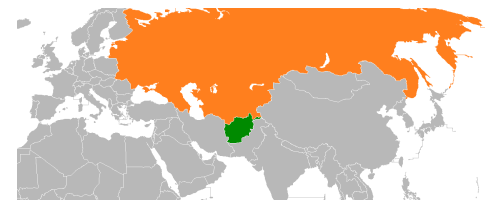
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then start working on it".

Afghanistan currently generates over 600 megawatts (MW) of electricity from several hydroelectric plants as well as using fossil fuel and solar panels. However, an addition 670 MW is imported from neighboring Iran, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan but holds 73 million tons of proven coal reserves as of 2016, ranking 62nd in the world.

However, estimates put the total reserves at between 100 million and 400 million tons. A shortage of power has plagued Afghanistan for decades despite having ample hydropower, coal and fossil fuel resources. #

Russia Seeks Trade Cooperation...



transport, taking into account Afghanistan's high transit potential," the minister said.

"In general, the 140 enterprises built by the Soviet Union in Afghanistan remain the backbone of the Afghan economy, and this creates additional opportunities for increasing our cooperation in the trade and economic sphere," Lavrov said.

Officials in the Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI) said they consider this step to be beneficial for the country in the current situation.

"By doing so, our agriculture grows and progresses. In addition, our domestic production includes non-alcoholic beverages, water, soft drinks, will grow," said Khan Jan Alokozai, head of the Chamber of Commerce and Investment. Russia has been Afghanistan's trading partner for the past 20 years, exporting some of its oil and iron to Afghanistan. #

Aid Donated by Uzbekistan Arrives...



in economic development.

"We promise the people of Uzbekistan will always stand by the side of the Afghan people," he said.

The aid consists of flour, oil and rice which was handed over to the Islamic Emirate at Hairatan port of Balkh province.

The Islamic Emirate welcomed the aid and called on the international community to support Afghanistan.

"They (Uzbekistan) provided generous aid to the people of Afghanistan. It is 4,000 tons of different materials in 58 trains. It includes flour, rice, oil and medicine," Islamic Emirate spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid said.

The aid provided by Uzbekistan that arrived through Hairatan port is the third shipment within the past eight months. #