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Islamic Emirate Says UN's Concerns Over Women's Rights Unfounded

Replying to the UN Security Council declaration on women's situation in Afghanistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) said that the Islamic Emirate is committed to ensuring the

rights of women and minorities within an accepted religious and cultural framework. In a statement, the ministry pointed to the Hijab decree, saying nothing has been imposed on the Afghan people...ContP##4

Islamic Emirate Pledges Safety for Returning Afghans

The head of the commission of "Return and Communications with Former Afghan Officials and Political Figures," Shohabuddin Delawar, said the Islamic Emirate would provide safety for the lives and property of the former government officials who return to the country, and their legitimate demands would be accepted.

Speaking at a press conference in Kabul, Shuhabuddin Delawar, who is also the acting Minister of Mine and Petroleum, said the leader of the Islamic Emirate has granted general amnesty to those who had been "involved in the war for 20 years."

Asked about the meeting held among Afghan politicians, Delawar said that "our message to all Afghans is that this is their country and they can return to this country and use the leverage."

The commission issued a procedure comprised of 15 principles. The politicians who plan to return to the country will be provided with some sort of documents to guarantee their safety. Speaking at the same conference, the acting Minister of Foreign Affairs said that the commission was established to make contact with the Afghan politicians. "This commission collects full information about the military and political officials and notes their location-- those who left the country before or after the changes,...ContP##4

Russia and Kazakhstan to Purchase Afghan Onions



The Afghanistan Chamber of Agriculture and Livestock (ACAL) said that Kazakhstan and Russia have shown interest in purchasing Afghan onions. ACAL said that several...ContP##4

IEA Does Not Want a Monopoly of Power

Deputy Prime Minister Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar met with a delegation of Shia clerics and tribal elders and told them the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) does not want a monopoly of power. Baradar said that Afghanistan is the "common home of all Afghans" and its development is the "common responsibility of all Afghans".

"The position of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is clear, it does not want monopoly of power," ...ContP##4

Committee Formed to Reopen Girls' Schools

The Islamic Emirate said it has formed a committee of eight members to facilitate the reopening of girls' schools.

The committee will be chaired by the Supreme Judge, Abdul Hakim Haqqani, according to Inamullah Samangani, deputy spokesman for the Islamic Emirate.

"This committee has eight members. It includes clerics and scholars. The committee has done some work to reopen the girls' high schools. We hope it can be solved in the near future," he said. #

Afghanistan's Coal Exports to Pakistan Spikes



Afghanistan's coal exports to Pakistan have surged. The Ministry of Finance said that since the Islamic Emirate came to power, two million tons of coal have been exported abroad, especially to Pakistan.

"Since the Islamic Emirate came to power, we have exported more than two million tons of coal and because of this we have earned more than four billion Afghanis," said Ahmad Wali Haqmal, a spokesman for the Ministry of Finance. Haqmal added that the...ContP##4

Regional Countries Meet Over Afghanistan, Call for Commitments to be Honored

Regional countries met this weekend to discuss the situation in Afghanistan and emphasized the need for a non-interference approach in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

This comes after security representatives from the region gathered for a two-day meeting in Tajikistan's capital, Dushanbe. The 4th Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan brought...ContP##4

UAE Wins Contract for Ground Operations at 3 Afghan Airports



The Islamic Emirate signed a contract for 'ground handling' operations with GAAC, a UAE-based company.

The contract was signed between the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation and the GAAC Company in the presence of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, deputy prime minister for economic affairs.

Speaking at the ceremony during the signing of the contract, Mullah Baradar said that security is good in the country and the Islamic Emirate is ready to cooperate with investing...ContP##4

Haqqani Says Islamic Emirate is Open to "Everyone"

A senior member of the Islamic Emirate, Anas Haqqani, said that the Islamic Emirate is "open to everyone and India has also been invited and (it) has been conveyed that whatever stakes India has in Afghanistan can be reclaimed by it under the stable government of the Emirate."

Haqqani made the remarks to CNN-News 18, according to the news outlet's website.

Haqqani urged India to reopen its embassy in Kabul and engage with the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

"We wish that India reopens its embassy and mingles with Afghan people in a friendly environment. The Emirate has no issue, and its doors are open; come and stay with us as old buddies," said Haqqani, as quoted by CNN-News18.

Earlier, the head of the Islamic Emirate's Qatar-based political office, Suhail Shaheen, said that the Islamic Emirate will provide security to the Indian diplomats if the country reopens its embassy in Kabul.

Pakistan, Russia, China, Iran, Turkey, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabi, and Uzbekistan are the countries whose embassies are opened in Afghanistan. #

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that runs against the cultural and religious beliefs of the Islamic society.

"The Islamic Emirate expects world countries to discern objective realities of Afghan society, show respect towards the religious and cultural values of Afghans and not pass verdicts based on malicious and antagonist reporting of some media outlets, or propaganda by the opposition of the Islamic Emirate," the statement reads.

The statement welcomed the decision by the UNSC to revive Afghanistan's banking and financial system, and it again called for frozen Afghan assets to be released and for sanctions to be lifted. #

IEA Does Not Want a Monopoly...

Baradar told clerics and elders.

According to the clerics and tribal elders, they have always supported an Islamic system and they support the Islamic Emirate.

"We have always supported the Islamic Emirate and ... we condemn all actions and efforts to weaken the existing Islamic system," they said.

They also described the Islamic Emirate as the "core of unity and solidarity among the tribes living in Afghanistan" and that the "ulema has always prevented any kind of insurgency and insecurity in Shia areas". The delegation also put forward some suggestions which they shared in writing with Baradar, the Deputy Prime Minister's Office said.

The door of the Islamic Emirate is open to every citizen of Afghanistan, Baradar said. Adding that "we welcome anyone who serves Afghanistan and the Afghan people."

He stated that the welfare and economic stability of the people is an important priority for the current government which aims to improve the economic situation in the short term, provide jobs to the people and increase the country's national revenue. #

Minister of Repatriation Calls for Political Leaders to Return

The Acting Minister of Refugee and Repatriation, Khalil Rahman Haqqani, called on Afghan politicians living abroad to sit for talks in order to resolve issues. Speaking at a press conference, Haqqani said: "They are Afghans and our brothers, the war has ended and we don't have anything to do with the Afghans. They should come and be united with Afghans and then we can sit at one table."

He also called on the international community to continue humanitarian assistance and to release Afghan financial assets. #

Russia and Kazakhstan to Purchase...

Afghan trucks loaded with onions are headed to the borders bound for Central Asian States.

"Fortunately, we were able to have good exports to Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan and from there to Russia. This year also the markets in Russia need onions," said Mirwais Haji Zada, head of the ACAL. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock said it has new plans for the export of Afghan agriculture products.

"Now, the countries who wants to import products from Afghanistan and the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock have set up a process to control the exports to prevent a crisis in the country but also to bring good income for the farmers," said Musbahuddin Mustaeen, a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock. The farmers called on the government to provide markets for their products.

"We want the government to find a good market for our products so we can have good sales," said Rahmullah, a farmer. #

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together national security advisers and secretaries of security councils of China, Russia, India, Pakistan, Iran, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan. The parties asked those responsible for the current situation in Afghanistan to honour their commitments to help restore the country's economic growth.

"All sides should maintain dialogue and communication with Afghanistan and urge the country to create an inclusive political system, to run a consistent and moderate domestic and foreign policy course, and to develop friendly ties with all nations, in particular in the region," the statement said.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) said that it is open to constructive engagement with the international community.

Bilal Karimi, deputy spokesman of the IEA, said that the situation in Afghanistan has improved since the IEA took power. "In the past, the borders were not secure. The ground and airspace of Afghanistan were occupied. Afghanistan's rights had been taken away in politics and diplomacy and other areas," Karimi said. #

Afghanistan's Coal Exports...

ministry had increased tariffs on coal exports by 10 percent. Following the rise in world coal prices, Pakistan has turned to Afghan coal. The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum said that currently four local companies in the northern provinces are engaged in the extraction of coal mines in the country.

Afghanistan's coal mines start from the Hindu Kush Mountains in Badakhshan province and continue to Herat province. #

TAPI Project Will Boost the Economy of Afghanistan

The Pakistani Ambassador to Afghanistan, Mansour Ahmad Khan, said that the countries involved in the TAPI project want the project to move forward.

He said that the security challenges facing the TAPI pipeline have been removed and it is the time to complete the project. However, he cited "lack of banking transaction" as one of the main challenges

for TAPI, but said his country supported the project.

The Ministry of Economy said the implementation of the TAPI project would boost the economy and create employment for Afghans.

TAPI project remains as the top priority for the IEA and its implementation will begin soon. #

Coal Sector Generates Over 3 Billion Afghanis in Three Months for National Treasury

The Ministry of Finance says that since the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) came into power, exports of coal have increased significantly.

According to a ministry spokesman, 16 billion Afghanis worth of coal has been exported in the past six months, with more than three billion Afghanis having flowed into government treasury.

A ministry spokesman said coal is an important source of revenue and that the ministry does prioritize this sector.

"In the last six months, we have earned more than three billion Afghanis from coal exports, and we want to make it easier to have more revenue in this area," said Ahmad Wali Haqmal, a spokesman for the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance has also provided facilities for the export of coal at customs offices. Some members of the private sector say that national traders are also interested in investing in the sector and in coal-generated power.

"Our country's investors are trying to invest in coal energy production, and we have a high capacity in this sector and we have measures for that," said Shirbaz Kaminzada, head of the Chamber of Industries and Mines.

According to economists in Afghanistan, there are many areas for investment in energy production, and if the Islamic Emirate can attract investors, Afghanistan will soon enter a new phase of economic growth. #

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due to not feeling safe and who are opposing the Islamic Emirate," said Ahmadullah Wassiq, a spokesman for the commission of the "Return and Communications with Former Afghan Officials and Political Figures". #

UAE Wins Contract for Ground Operations...



countries.

With the signing of this contract, Baradar said that all international airlines will start their flights to Afghanistan in a safe and reliable manner.

After the Islamic Emirate swept into power, several rounds of negotiations have been held between with companies in Qatar, Tukey and the UAE over managing technical operation of the Afghan airports.

GAAC company is an international company which provides the aviation services in the UAE. #

MoPW Calls for Bids for Construction of Highways

The Ministry of Public Works (MoPW) said that it is seeking bids for construction work on the Kabul-Kandahar and Kandahar-Herat highways.

A spokesman for the MoPW said that the individuals interested in the work should send their proposals to the ministry.

"The expense of the asphalt will be paid by the street's revenue," said Hameedullah Musbah, a spokesman for the MoPW.

Meanwhile, engineers said the use of low-quality materials is the reason for the premature deterioration of the streets.

The Afghanistan Land Transport Cohesion Council said it is enforcing measures to prevent the overloading of trucks on the highways.

The Kabul-Kandahar and Kandahar-Herat highways are main transport arteries in the country and connect the capital to the southern and western provinces. #