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Ministry Reports Revision of Curriculum Across Nearly 40 Disciplines



In the curriculum review meeting, the Ministry of Higher Education said that it has revised the curricula for nearly 40 different academic fields including medicine, agriculture, Islamic Studies, economics, jurisprudence and law, scientific sciences, and computer science. Ministry officials further stated that the process of curriculum revision is still ongoing and that the fields of geology and mining as well as geology and the environment are currently being under revision.

“Curriculum is a priority for the Islamic Emirate since it plays a fundamental role in the educational system. We have reviewed 35 to 40 different types of the curriculum so far,” said Abdul Rauf Farahi, director of the curriculum of the Ministry of Higher Education...

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Meeting with Iranian Diplomat, Muttaqi Calls to Increase Bilateral Trade

In a meeting with the deputy ambassador of Iran in Kabul, the acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Amir Khan Muttaqi, stressed the need to facilitate trade between the two neighboring countries, a spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry said.

The deputy ambassador of Iran, Sayed Hassan Mortazavi, pledged Iran’s cooperation with Afghanistan.

The deputy spokesperson of the Foreign Ministry, Zia Ahmad Takal, said there will be a need for the import of more commodities in the coming winter.

Iran’s deputy ambassador...

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Uzbekistan NSA: “Afghanistan Should Not Be Isolated”



Uzbekistan National Security Advisor Victor Mohammadov said that it is “important” to not allow Afghanistan to be isolated or to leave it on its own.

He made the remarks at the first India-Central Asia Meeting of the National Security Advisers/Secretaries of Security Councils.

“Afghanistan is one of the important factors of steady development of Central Asia and South Asia,” he said. “It is important that we do not allow Afghanistan to be isolated and leave it on its own. I would stress that peace in this country is very important not only for our region but also this country has new strategic possibilities, opportunities, so it can be an area of growth and transport corridors in the markets,” he said.

Bilal Karimi, deputy spokesperson of the Islamic Emirate said: “There is no threat

from Afghanistan to any country. Security and stability have been ensured in our country. The policy and stance of isolation, and the creation of distance, has not brought any good results.”

Analysts said that the isolation of Afghanistan will affect the region and the world and that the neighboring and Central Asian countries should play their role in the improvement of the situation in Afghanistan.

“The existence of stability, discipline and prosperity in Afghanistan means stability, discipline and prosperity in Asian countries and beyond,” said Yaseen Habib, a political analyst.

The India-Central Asia Meeting of the National Security Advisors was attended by the NSAs from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

Mawlawi Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid Meets with UAE President

Acting Defense Minister Mawlawi Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid, leading a delegation of the Islamic Emirate to the UAE, met with the President of the UAE, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The Afghan Defense Ministry said on its Twitter that both sides discussed strengthening relations, bilateral cooperation between the UAE and Afghanistan, and other important topics.

Al Nahyan received the acting Afghan Minister of Defense at Qasr Al Shati Palace, according to the Defense Ministry.

Prior to the meeting with the UAE president, the delegation held talks with the UAE-based Afghans.

The acting defense minister suggested that all Afghans now have the right to take part in the “economy, politics and military” sector of the country.

Ministry Reviewing Proposals for Mine Extraction

The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum is considering the proposals submitted by companies for the extraction of eight major mines in the western provinces of Ghor and Herat.

Speaking to the owners of the companies, the acting Minister of Mines and Petroleum, Shuhabuddin Delawar, said that the proposals will be determined within 15 days.

The Afghanistan Chamber of Industry and Mines (ACIM) said that the...

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Acting Defense Minister Meets US Special Envoy in UAE

Acting Minister of Defense Mawlawi Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid, met with the US special envoy for Afghanistan, Thomas West, in Abu Dhabi, the MoD said on Twitter.

In the meeting, Mawlawi Yaqoob Mujahid said that Afghanistan and its borders are secure and there are no threats from Afghan soil to any country.

According to the MoD, Mawlawi Yaqoob stressed that the world should respect Afghanistan’s sovereignty.

The US special envoy also met with the Afghan traders in the UAE.

Earlier, the US Department of State said that West would visit Japan, India and the UAE.

Speaking of his visit to India, West said on Twitter he met with Indian security and external affairs officials and discussed “shared interests in Afghanistan.”

Japan Gives Over \$106 Million in Aid to Afghanistan



Japan announced that it has decided to give an additional \$106.7 million in assistance to Afghanistan to tackle economic problems in the country.

In a statement issued by the Japanese Embassy in Kabul, the mission said: “Pleased to announce that Japan has decided additional 106.7 million USD assistance for Afghanistan, enabling implementation of humanitarian and basic human needs assistance projects.”

The mission said these projects will be implemented by UN agencies, international organizations and NGOs, all aiming for the betterment of livelihoods through multiple approaches...

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Housing Ministry Says Turkish Businesspeople to Invest in Afghanistan



The Ministry of Urban Development and Housing (MUDH), said that many Turkish investors would visit Afghanistan in the near future.

The acting minister of MUDH, Hamdullah Nomani, said that he met with many Turkish investors and talked about making investments in Afghanistan. "Their focus was mostly on the industry and agricultural sectors. For example, in the field of factory construction. A company in the telecommunications industry was ready and said that they could work in the field. They agreed to work, but they said that more time was needed to determine the plan," Nomani said.

The representative of these Turkish businessmen said that Afghanistan has a lot of investment opportunities, and that is why they came to the country to investigate.

Members of a Turkish trade group said they would assess the possibilities for investing in Kabul's New Town project. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce said that foreign investors have shown an interest in making investments in Afghanistan.

"Turkey is in contact with us. They want to come here and make investments in Afghanistan. China is also in touch with us. We have friends in Kazakhstan and Russia. They are attempting to make a major investment here from Iran as well," said Nooruddin Azizi, acting Minister of Industry and Commerce.

Customs Officials Report Revenue Increase in Shir Khan Border

The customs officials at Sher Khan border said that the revenues from this port have unprecedentedly increased in recent months.

According to the officials, more over 300 million Afghanis have been earned from off transit goods in the last 15 months, a significant rise compared to the last year. Shir Khan Bandar officials believe that one of the factors contributing to the port's increased revenue is the transit of coal to Pakistan.

Shir Khan Border, in the northeast of the country, is one of the key commercial ports linking Afghanistan to Central Asian countries via Tajikistan.

Restoration of Great Mosque of Herat Begins



Information and Culture Department of Herat province said that it has begun the restoration of the province's Great Mosque, also known as the "Jami Masjid of Herat."

"Seventy years ago, it wasn't really that everything was repaired, only the places that collapsed were restored, but right now, all of them are under the restoration process," said Zalmai Safa, the head of Herat's department of information and culture's historical monument preservation group.

The tiles of the Great Mosque of Herat

are being fixed by specialists in monument restoration. Every effort is being made to preserve the integrity and beauty of the historical monument, say those involved.

"The tiles that you are presently looking at are from the age of Abdul Ali Malkyar, and a century has since passed, and these tiles were used in the Herat Great Mosque for reasons of beauty and durability," said Sediq Mir, a cultural expert.

The Great Mosque of Herat has a nearly 800-year history. It is one of the biggest mosques in the Islamic world.

70 Percent of Kabul Airport Equipment Repaired



The acting Minister of Transportation and Civil Aviation (MoTCA), Hamidullah Akhundzada, said that around 70 percent of the technical equipment at Kabul airport was destroyed during the withdrawal of the US and NATO troops, but the Islamic Emirate has repaired it in cooperation with the Qatari technical team.

Akhundzada said that at last 30 domestic and international flights happen on a daily basis in Afghanistan.

He said that 26 airports, including five international airports, are currently active in the country.

"In the aviation sector, three major contracts have been signed with the UAE GAAC company and the work is running properly," he said.

The deputy Minister of Transportation

and Civil Aviation, Ghulam Jailani Wafa, said there are at least between 80 to 120 flights crossing Afghan airspace each day. The acting Minister of Industry and Commerce, Nooruddin Azizi, said the Islamic Emirate is planning to resume air-corridor flights to European countries.

"We were able to send thousands of tons of commodities abroad via air corridor and to reopen an air corridor with China. The Afghans sent their products abroad and this is a big achievement," said Mohammad Younus Momand, acting head of the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

According to the aviation ministry, flights are currently being conducted to Iran, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Turkey, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Russia, China, India, Qatar and Kuwait.

Ministry Reports Revision of Curriculum...

...The revision of academic curricula for the new generation, according to some university academics, would positively impact the development of the country.

"The department itself is a national body and has the right to make complete modifications in its related subjects, notably their specialized subjects," said Abdul Ghiyas Safi, director of Kabul University's geology department.

"The long-term growth of the country is related to the review of the academic curriculum of the nation," said Abedullah Arabzai, university lecturer.

According to figures from the Ministry of Higher Education, there are now about 160 study curricula in different fields across the country, and the process of revising academic curricula is underway.

Meeting with Iranian Diplomat, Muttaqi...

...said that Iran will attempt to help Afghanistan in trade and economic development.

"We will help in certain fields, especially in self-sufficiency and in the creation of job opportunities for the people of Afghanistan and in the activation of trade and economic areas in Afghanistan," Murtazavi said.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MoIC) said that Afghanistan's trade rate with Iran has surpassed more than \$350 million over the past six months.

"Our export to Iran has been \$5 million. We had imports worth \$351 million," said Akhundzada Abdul Salam, a spokesperson for the MoIC.

Afghanistan's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) said that the banking challenges need to be addressed to boost trade with regional countries.

Ministry Reviewing Proposals for...



...extraction of mines will create jobs for the citizens and increase the income of the country.

"The mines are both national assets and the main source of raw material for our industrial sector," said Mohammad Karim Azimi, a member of the ACIM.

"Afghanistan's mines, which are a national asset, can help the country if extracted set levels and exported with valuable currency worldwide," said Darya Khan, an economist. During the ceremony, five companies won the contract of five chromite mines located in the southeastern province of Paktia.

"The bidding has happened with transparency and we won a contract for mining in the Orjali areas of Tani district of Khost province," said Abdul Latif Waheedi, owner of a private company.

Earlier, the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum said that within the last year, contracts for more than 180 small mines were given to domestic companies.

Japan Gives Over \$106 Million in...

With the upcoming \$106.7 million, the cumulative Japanese assistance to Afghanistan since August 2021 will amount to \$335 million, the statement read.

This comes just days after US Special Envoy for Afghanistan Thomas West has held talks with Japanese officials in Tokyo on humanitarian related issues in Afghanistan.

"Japan has been a friend of the Afghan people and our partner there for over 20 years, and we deeply appreciate Japan's active diplomacy and continued generosity today," West said.