

Afghanistan has up to 20 pc increase in export this year, official

Officials asked for more government's support to private sector and industrialization



KABUL: Acting Minister of Commerce and Industries of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan officials from the Kam Air company and the Kabul International Airport, was held at the Kabul International Airport.

A number of businessmen and journalists also attended the ceremony, welcoming the efforts of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan for cooperation to ensure the flights to the world countries, Ambassador Younis Mohamed, the first deputy to the chamber of commerce and investment said this was a matter of pleasure to see the private airline company begin to normal flights in the world countries, especially in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, after three months of suspension.

He said it was important and in order to serve the people of the country, trade and business through the resumption of flights should be given.

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WFP provides 3,000 families with cash assistance

Officials for the World Food Program (WFP) has informed of providing cash assistance to nearly 3,000 families. According to the WFP, each family has received 1,000 AFG to purchase food and some clothes for winter.



Manarhala, a number of Afghan citizens are also all the people are living with increasing poverty and misery caused by the economic downturn in the country. They are asking the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) to address the challenges facing the people and find a way for solution of the economic crisis. Otherwise, a large of these people will be facing with severe poverty and will probably lose their lives in cold season of winter.

It should be said that during the previous government and the widespread corruption at that time, the lives of the Afghan people were deteriorated. Afghan people who live in remote area and villages due to increasing poverty and lack of access to health services. Increasing problems of lack of food and fuel, unemployment and poverty have made the people's concerns of future.

The people believe that all economic problems and concerns of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and that the people should not witness misery and insecurity in the country.

The IEA has also asked the IEA to early distribute aids provided by the international community organizations to that the people who are in need of financial support. The total amount of financial support is 500 million in exports, indicating that a 20 percent increase compared to last year.

Azezi replied that the recent efforts of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to solve trade and transport problems with neighboring countries and increase the country's industrialization and support for the private sector.

Manarhala, Chairman Jalili said he welcomed the start of Kabul flights and hoped for the great achievement in the current situation of the country.

He reminded of some challenges facing the country's aviation administration in the field of lack of security of the aviation services and safety of international flights and pledged to address the existing challenges through continuing and handling together with the international community.

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In his wonderful seminar, Dr. Jamshid Rana, psychologist and recovery professional and what has been described as "waking up" the people of the country through the existing challenges through continuing and handling together with the international community.

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Traditional wrestling continues as a Friday fixture in Kabul

KABUL: Through clouds of billowing dust, two men circle each other warily before one plunges forward, grabbing his rival's clothing and after a brief struggle, dilly tackling him to the ground.

The crowd, arrayed in a circle around them, some sitting on the ground, others standing or clambering onto the backs of rickshaws for a better view at a park in the Afghan capital, erupts in cheers.

Kick and vanquished smile good-naturedly, embracing briefly before some of the spectators press basketballs into the winner's hands.

The scene is one played out each week after Friday prayers in the sprawling Chah-e-Khadar park in downtown Kabul, where men mainly from Afghanistan's northern provinces — gather to watch and to compete in pahlawan, a traditional form of wrestling.

Although the Taliban, who took over Afghanistan in mid-August, had previously banned sports when they ruled the country in the 1990s, pahlawan had been exempt even then. Now, just over three months into their new rule of the country, a handful of Taliban police attended the Friday matches as security guards.

The matches are simple affairs. There is no arena other than the circular fence of the spectators.

The competitors, hunched in the dust, all use the same times, one blue and one white, passed from one athlete to the next for each match.

Each competitor represents his province, with the name and province announced to the spectators by the referee.

Each match has four rounds, and the winner is the first who can flip his opponent onto his back.

A referee officiates, while judges among the crowd declare their winners in cases when there is no obvious winner. Many end in ties.

"We provide this facility so our people can have some enjoyment," said Jamshid Rana, a 56-year-old judge and deputy director of last Friday's event.

A security guard at a market during the day, the former wrestling athlete has been judging competitions for the past 17 years, he said. Just like his father, and his grandfather, and his great-grandfather before him, "it's our culture."

Most athletes and spectators spend two to three months in the Afghan capital working — as manual laborers or in hotels, restaurants and markets — before heading back home to their families for a few weeks.

Pahlawan provides a few hours of much anticipated entertainment.

The men gather in the dust-blown field that is Chah-e-Khadar park at around 10 p.m. every Friday and stay until sunset, with around 100 to 200 young men coming forward from the country to compete.

Then, as the sun sets behind Tajikistan in the background, the competition is finished in the blink of an eye, as billowing dust washes around speeding rickshaws, their horns blaring, the crowd melts away for another week.

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