

Protecting public facilities Afghans' responsibility



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Kabul has failed in the walls have been built as powerful as to collapse. However the walls have been partially damaged. The National Water Management Authority of the country has also confirmed that the walls of the Salma Dam in Herat and that of Shaloo-Amin in Kabul province, have come under attack by the militants, but failed.

They have managed to destroy the security posts around the dams.

The vicious actions of the insurgents caused delay in the construction work of the project.

The office of the National Water Management Authority called on the Taliban to not attempt the destruction of the dams as they are the national assets.

Construction work of the Shaloo-Amin Dam in Shikar Dara district of Kabul province, has been completed and is due to be finished, the office said.

Guided by India, work on Salma has been completed three years ago in Herat province,

where insurgents have been reported to attack the dam during its work process.

Three bridges and small bridge, as have also been reported blown up by the Taliban in Sarkhsud district connecting three more suburban districts with Jalkabad, the provincial capital of Nangarhar province.

Locals at the two sides of the exploded bridges wait for hours to cross, over footpath, and then carrying their belongings to wait for several hours under the stringing, variant at the two sides of the destroyed bridges.

The people of Afghanistan ask the Taliban to not explode the bridges and to keep public facilities as the price will only be paid by the ordinary people.

Experts believe that all the country's national assets will ruin and the people will absolutely suffer heavy losses if the situation continues the same.

President Ghani has recently confirmed that the public facilities have suffered heavy loss of up to \$1 billion due to the Taliban attacks in few months.

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UK recovery still unsteady despite July job surge, finds report

The relaxation of lockdown rules in July pushed a surge of hiring among UK firms, but soft shortages caused by the pandemic is and how could still undermine the economy, the professional services group BDO reported on Monday.

BDO's latest business research report found that the jobs market strengthened last month, as hospitality venues such as restaurants and bars have been allowed to operate without Covid-related capacity limits.

But many firms reported late hour shortages, partly due to the pandemic – with workers being told to self-isolate by the NHS, Covid app – and Brexit, BDO said.

The critical constraint for the UK's economic outlook over the next 12 months, with more than half of firms expecting to expand their workforce.

But the SME barometer also found a regional split, with 71% of London and south-east small firms feeling positive about the UK's economic outlook, in comparison with 60% in Scotland and 59% in the north-east, north-west and Yorkshire and Humber.

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Pressure on global supply chains, and problems importing goods and materials, due to the UK's exit from the EU, both pushed up costs, BDO reported.

Along with rising wages as employers paid more to attract and retain staff.

Some companies have recently introduced agency workers of up to £10,000 to attract job applications.

Last week, the Bank of England predicted the uncertainty

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The government has declared a state of emergency, at least until August 31, for six prefectures including Tokyo and Osaka. Since the start of the emergency, which began in Tokyo on July 12, there have been lower opportunities to dine out and stay at hotels or other lodgings. Kuroki expects that the economic loss from the state of emergency could reach ¥32.19 trillion.

Yet the strong performance of Japanese athletes at the Tokyo Games stands poised to stimulate new consumption.

Katsuhiko Miyamoto, professor emeritus at Kansai University, has said that if major department stores and supermarkets were to hold post-Games sales in honor of the athletes for about a week or so in August, they could cash-in on a gold rush of their own, to the tune of ¥4.5-5.0 billion.

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