**NATIONAL OFFICIALS TO ENHANCE WOMEN’S JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**MolsAMD, USAID to Support Afghan Women's Employment**

KABUL - The US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Afghan Ministry of Economy have signed a joint agreement to enhance women’s job opportunities in Afghanistan. The agreement was signed by Dr. M. Abdukhayr, Director of MolsAMD, and Dr. Bahman Bakhshi, USAID's Mission Director in Afghanistan.

The agreement aims to promote equal opportunities for Afghan women in the labor market, particularly in the fields of education, health, and community development. USAID will provide technical assistance and funding to support women's entrepreneurship and job creation initiatives. The agreement is a part of the USAID’s broader commitment to promoting women's rights and gender equality in Afghanistan.

**Belarus Ambassador Presents Credentials to President Ghani**

Belarus Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the Republic of Afghanistan presented his credentials to President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani. The meeting was held at the Presidential Palace in Kabul.

During the meeting, the ambassador expressed his desire to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries. President Ghani welcomed the ambassador and highlighted the importance of reinforcing economic and cultural ties between Afghanistan and Belarus.

The ambassador pledged to promote Belarusian investment in Afghanistan and encourage Belarusian businesses to explore opportunities in the Afghan market.

**Afghan Women's Rights Activist Detained by Taliban**

Dr. Ayesha Mardan has been arrested by the Taliban in the north-eastern省份 of Kunduz. Dr. Mardan is a prominent women's rights activist and a Member of Parliament. She has been advocating for women's rights and has been involved in various human rights initiatives.

The Taliban authorities have not commented on the reasons for her arrest. The United Nations has expressed concern over the situation and has called for the immediate release of Dr. Mardan and all other detained journalists and activists.