Afghanistan’s Revenue up By 36% in the First Six Months of Current Fiscal Year

KABUL - Afghanistan’s Finance Ministry has collected Afs 35.5 billion through customs, Afs 21 billion through taxes and Afs 17.5 billion through non-tax revenues in the past six months. According to the officials, this year’s revenue has amounted to over Afs 70 billion, compared to last year’s Afs 52 billion.

“The hike in revenue is not due to increase in taxes. There are fines protestors behind the boost in revenues,” said Ministry’s spokesman Ahsan Ahsan Rahim.

He listed fight against corruption in the customs, appointment of experts in various departments and establishment of modern and computerized systems as the main reasons behind the increase in revenues. Meanwhile, Integrity Watch Afghanistan believes that billions of Afghans still go to waste in customs department in the capital and in provinces due to embezzlement and corruption.

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warned. Visa restrictions were slapped by Taliban to get legal travel documents for their entrance into Pakistan for the first time since June. According to Dawn, one of the ban's relaxation for entry into Pakistan via Torkham, displayed at various border points was that Afghans who had a valid visa did not need to travel to Kabul through air to discharge their stump work in Kabul.

The land routes were insecure, because the military and military empleado could not travel. (More on P4).

Afghan Drivers Asked to Get Legal Documents Till July 31

PESHAWAR - Afghan drivers have been given the last chance to get legal documents for entry into Pakistan, a newspaper reported on Tuesday.

The final deadline in travel documents for Afghan transportation into Pakistan via the Torkham border was given by the Frontier Corps (FC) licenses and pamphlets displayed at various border points asked the Afghans to complete the registration for entry into Pakistan via Torkham would expire on July 31. According to Dawn, none of the harm's end. This is the last time Afghan drivers are given the opportunity to get legal travel documents before their entry into Pakistan.

No further extension would be granted after expiry of the deadline, it was warned to Afghan drivers who stayed out. (More on P4).

KHALILZAD WANTS PAKISTAN SANCTIONED FOR SPONSORING TERRORISM

WASHINGTON - Due to its continued support to terrorist groups, Pakistan merits to be put on the State Department’s list of countries sponsoring terrorism, a US diplomat said on Tuesday.

"Pakistan is currently dealing with the problem of state-sponsors of terrorism," he said. Zalmay Khalilzad told Tolo News that the current policy and conduct would better merit its inclusion on the State Department’s list of countries sponsoring terrorism.

Afghanistan Parents Bans Import of Cherry from Afghanistan

MOSCOW - Russia bans import of sour cherry and cherry from Afghanistan and peaches and nectarine from Tajikistan because of suspected smuggling of such products, the Russian veterinary and phytosanitary watching Rosselkhoznadzor said on Tuesday.

Temporary restrictions are introduced on import of such products to Russia through third countries also. Measures are taken in connection with deliveries of quarantineable products not supplied earlier from Afghanistan and Tajikistan via EU member-states, Roselkhonadzor said.

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