Illegal Mining of Precious Stones Ongoing in 8 Provinces

KABUL - A new study has found that illegal extractions of precious and semi-precious stones is continuing in eight provinces in Afghanistan. These stones are smuggled out of the country mainly to Pakistan. Afghanistan is rich in precious and semi-precious stones. Two main types of stones are widely known in Afghanistan: Emeralds are extracted in Panshjir and then it is smuggled to Pakistan. In Kiran Manjan district in Badakhshan named lapis lazuli is mined illegally and then it is smuggled to Pakistan. Smuggling of these precious stones continues in national and international markets.

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A day earlier, Assistant Political Agent of Jamrud, Assistant Commissioner of Jamrud, Bajaur Agency told Pajhwok that Jamrud tehsil of Khyber Agency has been launched on the illegal Afghans after the deadline runs out. Assistant Commissioner of Jamrud, Bajaur Agency (Agi) said that Jamrud tehsil of Khyber Agency has been launched on the illegal Afghans after the deadline runs out.

Several tribes Under Taliban's Control in Badakhshan

The Badakhshan provincial council said that several tribes were active against government over the past couple of years, the official said, adding that the former rebels vowed to defend peace and security from now on. The former militiamen namely Mullah Faisal, Raes Ibrahim and his followers gave up fighting in the northern Samangan province. A total of 260 Taliban fighters including three key commanders namely Mullah Faisal, Raes Ibrahim and Mullah Ali Ahmad in a ceremony held in Dareen future added that the illegal extraction of about 10 types of stones including Emeralds are extracted in Panshjir and then it is smuggled to Pakistan. Smuggling of these precious stones continues in national and international markets.

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USAID, Afghanistan Mull Creation of Joint Export Facilitation Councils

BUKHARA - Afghan Agriculture Minister, Mustafayev with Afghanistan’s economy minister signed a memorandum of understanding Tuesday.

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