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War Crime Cases

ICC Set to Probe

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Turkmen MPs OK Agreement on Transport Corridor

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dment has ratified an agreement on transit and transport coopera
tion (Lapis Lazuli) among regional countries, a media report says. The agreement was signed on 30 November. The agreement is expected to connect Afghanistan to India.

India Pledges $2.87m to Repair 350 Public Buses in Afghanistan

LONDON - ICC, a member of the World Bank Group, is acquiring a 7.5 percent equity stake in the Afghanistan International Bank (AIB) to help the bank boost its commercial lending and enhance financial inclusion, especially for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). ICC envisions aiding the conflict-affected country’s recovery efforts by boosting financial inclusion. Afghanistan’s per capita income of $562 in 2016 was the lowest in Asia and among the 20 lowest in the world. According to World Bank Group estimates, 96 percent of the Afghan population does not have access to banking services. A 2016 Enterprise Survey found that only 5 percent of firms had a line of credit and just 2 percent used banks for their funding needs. Tony Barned, AIB’s Chief Executive Officer, said of the partnership: “Extending banking facilities to small and medium-sized enterprises is one of our strategic priorities. ICC’s expertise in the SME segment will help AIB to grow its existing loan portfolio, and enable AIB to increase its contribution to Afghanistan’s economic growth by boosting access to bank financing.” AIB will also make use of the comprehensive advisory services offered by ICC to help strengthen the bank’s operational capacity and support its future growth. Nadim Siddiqui, ICC’s Senior Country Manager for Afghanistan and Pakistan, said: “ICCs are critical for economic and social develop
dment, yet many still struggle to access banking. This project will help boost access to finance for such businesses and will also help strengthen and build confidence in Afghanistan’s financial sector at a challenging time, helping the government with its reform agenda.” AIB’s Afghanistan’s premier financial entity with numerous partnerships with international financial organizations.

IFC Invests in AIB to Strengthen Banking Sector

KARUL - The International Bank (AIB) under president Ashraf Ghani and CEO Abdulla Alikhil said to abide by their commitments regarding the investigation of war crimes. This decision by the court (ICC) has raised hopes among the victims of war crimes and crimes against humanity, human rights activists and the people of Afghanistan. We hope that with the engagement of this court, solid actions are taken to maintain justice, boost long-lasting peace and ensure just access for victims to their legitimate rights,” said Naeem Nazari, TECG member.

TAPI Project to Bring Helmand Security, Economic Prosperity

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