Ground Paved for Private Sector to Invest in Fiber Optic

KABUL - The implementation of a new policy has enabled the private sector to invest in Afghanistan’s fiber optic networks that would help extend access to internet for 15 million people over the next four years.

The project of fiber’s implementation began in 2007 and so far Afghanistan has been connected with Iran, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Pakistan. According to the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology (MoIT), around one million people in Afghanistan currently have access to internet services.

The government maintained monopoly over the project until recently, but now it would share the important scheme with the private sector.

Contract Signed for Kajaki Dam 2nd Phase to Produce 151.5mw of Electricity

KABUL - The contract for the second phase of Kajaki dam was signed during a ceremony in Arg. Presidential Palace today to further develop the dam for producing 151.5 megawatt of electricity.

The development work of the second phase of Kajaki dam will be carried out by a Turkish-American firm. The Ministry of Energy and Water of Afghanistan said the development work will further expand the reservoir capacity of the Kajaki dam to 9,000 billions of cubic meters and enabled to generate 151.5 megawatt of electricity.

Chinese Embassy Celebrates 67th National Da in Kabul

KABUL - Chinese ambassador to Afghanistan, Mr. Wang Jing, hosted a celebration to mark the 67th National Day of China on Saturday.

"The Chinese economy maintained a stable growth while making some progress. China’s GDP grew by 6.7 percent, and major progress has been made in structural adjustments, and the quality of economic growth has been improved," said the ambassador.

The ambassador looked back at the development of China-Afghanistan relations.

Both the countries have made major progress in the "Belt and Road" initiative. High level exchanges have become more frequent and people-to-people ties have been consolidated. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has sent a bouquet of flowers to convey his congratulations.

Angelina Jolie, Likely to Star in Afghanistan Drama ‘Shoot Like a Girl’

KABUL - The famous American film star Angelina Jolie is likely to star in a movie based on the story of female US Air Force Major who served for three years in Afghanistan, it has been reported.

The actress is in early talks for the film "Shoot Like a Girl" which is an adaptation of Air Force Major Mary Jennings Hegar’s "Shoot Like a Girl: One Woman’s Dramatic Fight for Afghanistan and the Home Front." The book follows Hegar’s experience as a member of the armed forces, serving three tours as a helicopter rescue pilot conducting search and rescue missions in some of the most dangerous parts of the world, which earned her a Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross, according to the local newspaper, the "Dawn on P.4."