
CHINA AND INDIA PLANNING JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN

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Afghanistans Ministry of Economy on April 29 said that China and India have agreed to implement joint development projects in Afghanistan and that a railway line between Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Iran and China is one of these projects, TOLONews reported.

Ministry officials said Indias Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping made the decision during their two-day summit in China that wrapped up on April 28.

Although no details have been released about the joint projects the ministry said the railway line between Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Iran and China is one of the projects.

The ministrys spokesman Suhrab Bahman said China is interested in giving Afghanistan more share in the Belt and Road project – which will connect China with Central Asia.

The Afghan government has lots of plans and if India and China invest in these plans, it will be very important for the region. One of these projects is the implementation of the railway project that involves five countries in the region, said Bahman.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a development strategy proposed by the Chinese government that focuses on connectivity and cooperation between Eurasian countries.

The Chinese government calls the initiative "a bid to enhance regional connectivity and embrace a brighter future.

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