
DUSHANBE AND KABUL ANNOUNCED THE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY BRIDGE

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Yesterday, on September 17, Dushanbe hosted a meeting of the delegations of Tajikistan and Afghanistan, which were headed by the foreign ministers Sirojiddin Muhriddin and his Afghan counterpart Hanif Atmar. The sides focused on the development of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries in various fields.

One of the main topics was the development of transport corridors. It was noted that Tajikistan seeks to build new transport corridors between countries and implement mutually beneficial regional projects, reported by the Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan.

In this regard, the country fully supports the creation of the KTAI transit corridor (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, and Iran) and creates all the necessary conditions for its effective functioning.

Within the framework of the Tajikistan - Afghanistan - Turkmenistan railway program, the project of the Jaloliddin Rumi - Nizhniy Panj railway and a bridge across the Panj River to Kunduz was agreed, the construction of which will begin soon. It will be part of the railway between Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Iran and will be linked to the North-South international transport corridor.

The heads of delegations expressed satisfaction with the high level of political ties, talked about the joint fight against terrorism, extremism, and drug smuggling, which is an important area of cooperation between the countries.

Sirojiddin Muhriddin also expressed the hope that the inter-Afghan peace talks will lay a solid foundation for restoring peace and stability in this war-torn country.

Following the meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation was signed between the Committee for Environmental Protection of Tajikistan and the National Agency for Environmental Protection of Afghanistan.

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