
Afghanistan's Trade volume approaches \$13 billion in 1403



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KABUL, March 23, Afghanistan's trade volume for the Persian year 1403, which ended on March 20, 2025, has reached almost 13 billion U.S. dollars, with a significant portion of the transactions consisting of imports. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry's spokesman, Akhundzada Abdul Salam Jawad, stated that Afghanistan's exports totaled 1.785 billion U.S. dollars, while imports were recorded at 11.164 billion U.S. dollars.

Afghanistan's main exports included cotton, figs, raisins, carpets, and precious and semi-precious stones, with these goods primarily being sent to Pakistan, Iran, China, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Iraq, Uzbekistan, and the United Arab Emirates. The country has a strong export market for agricultural products and traditional handicrafts, although these exports make up a relatively small portion of the total trade volume.

In contrast, Afghanistan's imports, valued at over 11 billion USD, consisted of essential goods such as petrol, diesel, flour, liquid gas, medicine, cooking oil, rice, machinery, and spare parts. These imports came primarily from countries like China, Turkmenistan, Russia, India, and Malaysia.

The trade balance reflects Afghanistan's dependency on foreign goods, particularly for fuel, food, and industrial products, highlighting challenges for economic self-sufficiency.