

### **Geneva Conference on Afghanistan formally announced**

At a formal event last month in Kabul, the Ministry of Finance and the UN officially announced the Geneva Conference on Afghanistan. The Government of Afghanistan and the United Nations will hold the Ministerial Conference on Afghanistan at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, 27-28 November 2018. The goal of the conference is to show the solidarity of the international community with the Afghan people and the government in their efforts for peace and prosperity, and for the Afghan government to renew its commitment to development and reform. [Read more...](#)



### **Reforms in Review Part 4: Cutting Corruption and Professionalizing the Security Sector**

Corruption in the security sector over the past decade has cost Afghanistan heavily in human and financial resources needed to protect citizens and enforce rule of law. Sweeping and unprecedented reforms have been on-going at the Ministry of Interior Affairs and Ministry of Defense since 2014 to cut corruption, install systems of accountability and transparency, and establish responsible and qualified leadership. The goals of reforms are to 1) create effective governance of the security sector by introducing transparent, civilian systems, called 'civilianization' or 'professionalization' of the security sector, and 2) end security sector corruption. [Read more...](#)

### **Reforms in the News**

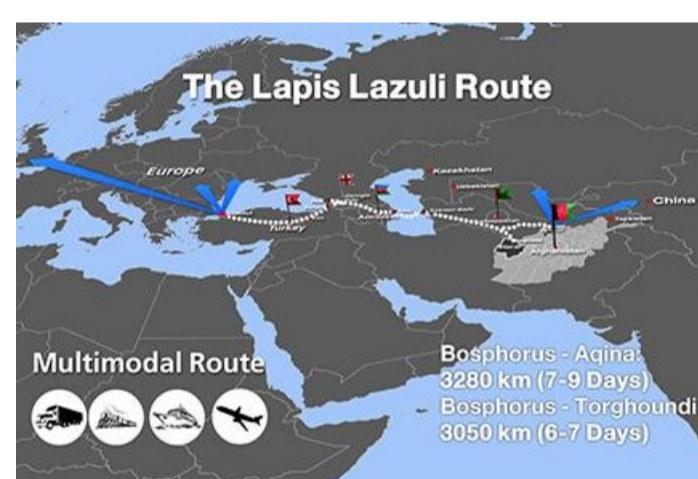
["The Hope Behind the Headlines: Public Administration Reforms in Afghanistan"](#)

Ilaria Vianello, Civil Service Commission, August 18, 2018



### **Afghanistan's air corridor programme will help boost economy**

Economic Times: The expansion of the air corridor programme marks significant importance for Afghanistan's economic development. The implementation of the first air freight initiative between Afghanistan and India in 2017 has given a major impetus to increase its footprint to other countries namely; Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Kazakhstan, and Dubai. [Read more...](#)



### **First Shipment will soon head for Europe via Lapis Lazuli Corridor**

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