

	<b>Mineral and Oil Extraction Projects</b>		<b>Business Initiatives</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>
	<b>Mes Aynak Copper Mine</b>	<b>Amu Darya Oil Fields</b>	<b>Chinatown Kabul, Chinatown Industrial Park &amp; Kabul New City</b>	<b>Claimed Road in Wakhan Corridor</b>
<b>Status</b>	Modest Progress	Modest Progress	Limited Progress	Limited Progress
<b>Description</b>	<p>A mining campus south of Kabul designed to extract copper.</p> <p>According to open reporting, a Chinese SOE has reacquired the project.</p> <p>Imagery analysis indicates mining preparations are taking place, but copper ore has not yet been extracted.</p>	<p>Three crude oil extraction blocks in northern Afghanistan where a Chinese SOE recently restarted extraction.</p> <p>Imagery analysis of two facilities associated with the project noted new infrastructure additions post-Taliban takeover.</p> <p>Open-reporting and financial documents confirm renewed activity.</p>	<p>GDIL assesses that Chinatown Kabul, though claiming affiliation with BRI, operates as an independent venture not officially recognized by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce within the BRI framework.</p> <p>Imagery analysis and open-source reporting indicate that the Chinatown Industrial Park, Phase One of a broader development initiative called Kabul New City, shows limited construction progress, with only one building to show after six months of work.</p> <p>The limited development observed suggests a disconnect between stated ambitions and actual on-ground activity.</p>	<p>Despite Taliban assertions of rapid development of 50 km of dirt grading and partial asphalt, GDIL finds these claims likely exaggerated.</p> <p>GDIL's analysis reveals primarily dirt roads and footpaths that abruptly end before reaching the border, with inconsistent patches of well-graded dirt roads but no asphalted sections.</p> <p>Historical data, including tourist reports from 2019, indicate that road construction activities predated Taliban involvement, further questioning the accuracy of their statements.</p>