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Kabul to host TAPI summit

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Kabul is scheduled to host the 21st summit of Turkmenistan-Afghanistan- Pakistan-India TAPI gas pipeline project.

Rafiullah Sediqi, spokesman for the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum of Afghanistan told Azadi Radio that officials from Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India are scheduled to organize the 21st summit of TAPI within two months in Kabul.

Sediqi said during this meeting the authorities of the countries involved in the project will fix the start date of the project.

Sediqi further said that this is a project for 30 years and every year Afghanistan will get millions of dollars for Transit.

He added that thousands of Afghans will find job through this project.

Turkmenistan-Afghanistan- Pakistan-India TAPI is an 18, 00 kilometers gas pipeline project that will deliver Turkmenistan's gas to Pakistan and then to India through Afghanistan.

The project is developed by the Asian Development Bank with a cost of eight billion dollars.

Asian Development Bank in the meantime warns that the cost could go high if the project is not started and completed at the scheduled time.

TAPI project is scheduled to be completed around 2017.