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İlgide kayıtlı yazında, Güney Sudan Cumhuriyeti'nde hayata geçirilmesi planlanan "Lamu Port-Güney Sudan-Etiyopya (LAPSSET) Ulaştırma Koridoru Projesi" hakkında bir örneği ekte sunulan bilgi notu iletilmekte ve bahse konu projenin Doğu Afrika Bölgesi'nin en büyük altyapı projeleri arasında yer aldığı ifade edilmektedir.

Bilgilerinizi ve söz konusu notun ilgili üyelerinize iletilmesini rica ederim.

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LAPSSET PROJESİ HAKKINDA BİLGİ NOTU

1. Lamu koridoru olarak da bilinen Lamu Port-Güney Sudan-Etiyopya (LAPSSET) Ulaştırma Koridoru, Juba Büyükelçiliğimiz ve Güney Sudan'da mukim iş insanlarımız tarafından yakından takip edilmektedir. Proje Doğu Afrika bölgesinin en büyük altyapı projesi olarak değerlendirilmektedir. Söz konusu proje bölge ülkelerinde ilgi uyandırmış olup, özellikle Güney Sudan'ın en büyük sorunlarının başında gelen karayolu ve demiryolu altyapı yetersizliği sebebiyle Güney Sudan yöneticileri ve halkı da projeyi yakından izlemektedir. LAPSSET projesi hakkında City Review isimli gazetede 11 Mart 2022 tarihinde yer alan haberde göze çarpan kayda değer hususlar takip eden maddelerde özetlenmiş ve söz konusu haber kesiti ilişikte takdim kilinmiştir.

2. Haberde, söz konusu mega projenin Lamu'ya 32 rihtimli yeni bir liman, bölgelerarası otoyollar, Lamu-Juba ve Lamu-Addis Ababa arasında ham petrol boru hattı, standart hat açılığı demiryolu, üç uluslararası havalimanı, üç tatil kenti ve Tana Nehri boyunca kurulması planlanan hidroelektrik santral (High Grand Falls Dam) inşasını kapsayan 7 önemli altyapı projesinden müteşekkil olduğu belirtilmiş, Kenya'nın Güney Sudan ve Etiyopya'yı Lamu Limanı'na bağlayacak kara ve demir yollarını inşa etmesi, Güney Sudan ve Etiyopya'nın da sınırlarına gelen söz konusu kara ve demiryolu ağlarını kendi ülkeleri içinde devam ettirecekleri aktarılmıştır.

Proje hakkında adı geçen gazeteye mülakat veren Güney Sudan Ulaştırma Bakanlığı'nda Karayolu Ulaşımı ve Güvenliği Müdürü Vekili Lado Togo, söz konusu proje ile Lamu Limanı'nın Güney Sudan'ı dış dünyaya bağlayacak alternatif bir güzergâh olacağını, şimdije kadar yalnızca Mombasa Limanı'nın kullanıldığı, bu rotanın çok uzun ve meşakkatli olduğunu, uzmanlar heyetinin ziyaretinin hükümeti kendileri üstüne düşen işleri yapmaya teşvik edeceğini, bu işlerin ivedilikle tamamlanmasının ülkenin çıkarına olacağını, Güney Sudan'ın yükümlülüklerini yerine getirmeye başladığını, ancak yol projelerinin artık tamamlanmaya yaklaşması ve somutlaşmasıyla Güney Sudan hükümetinin de süreci hızlandıracığını belirtmiştir.

3. Söz konusu haberde ayrıca, Lamu Limanı'nın LAPSSET'in bir bileşeni olduğu, bu limanın Güney Sudan ve Etiyopya'yı Kenya'ya bağlanacağı bir üs olacağı, karayolu altyapısının ise projenin Lamu Limanı ayağının önemli bir parçası olduğu, söz konusu yol altyapısının iki ülkenin anılan limana erişimini sağlayacağı; Kenya otoritelerinin karayolu işlerinin %80'ini tamamladıklarını ve Etiyopya'nın ise tamamen karayolu inşasını bitirdiğini, ancak Güney Sudan tarafından henüz bir ilerleme katedilmediğini; LAPSSET'in bölgeler bir amiral projesi (flagship project) olduğu, projenin Doğu Afrika ülkeleri arasında bağlantı kurmayı hedeflediği, projenin sırasıyla liman, karayolu, demiryolu inşası ve ham petrol aktarımı şeklinde tamamlanacağı, 1975 yılında da söz konusu projenin hayatı geçirilmeye çalışıldığı, ancak başarılımadığı, günümüzde somut adımlar atılabildiği, Lamu Limanı'nın 2021 Mayıs ayında operasyonel hale geldiği ve tüm projenin 22 ila 23 milyar ABD Doları kadar bir maliyetinin olduğu aktarılmıştır.

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South Sudan pins hope on LAPSSET project



Ship parked at Lamu Port project site in Kenya. [Keji Janefer/The City Review]

By Keji Janefer

As African countries embark on improving infrastructural development, the government of South Sudan says the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) corridor project will be implemented adding that it will benefit the country in many ways.

The LAPSSET Corridor Program, one of Eastern Africa's largest and most ambitious infrastructure projects, brings together Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan.

The mega project consists of seven key infrastructure projects that include a new 32-berth port at Lamu (Kenya), interregional highways, crude oil pipelines from Lamu to Juba, and Addis Ababa, interregional standard gauge railway lines, three international airports, three resort cities, and the multipurpose High Grand Falls Dam along the Tana River.

Kenya implements Lamu port, roads linking South Sudan and Ethiopia to the port, and a standard gauge railway while South Sudan and Ethiopia are tasked with implementing the project's road network and railway line.

Speaking at the project site of Lamu port late last month, Eng. Lado Togon, the Acting Director General for Road Transport and Safety in the National Ministry of Transport in South Sudan sounded an impression with the progress made by the Kenyan government on the construction of Lamu port.

Eng. Lado said the visit of a South Sudanese delegation to the project site of Lamu port to see for themselves would encourage the government of South Sudan to expedite the process of implementing the road network project connecting the country to the northern corridor.

He said the port will provide another alternative transport to open South Sudan to the world to access outside market and another opportunity that opens to travellers and transporters to address the long distance hurdle through crossing two borders using Mombasa port.

"Lamu port is important to South Sudan in the sense that this is another way, another transport opportunity because South Sudan is only using Mombasa as a way to the world. But now by having this facility, it is now

another opening of South Sudan to the world," Eng. Lado noted.

"This is another opportunity which actually opens to our traders, our people, and our transporters as an alternative," said Eng. Lado.

The LAPSSET Corridor Program is a regional flagship project intended to provide transport and logistics infrastructure aimed at creating seamless connectivity between the Eastern African Countries of Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan.

The project would connect a population of 160 million people in the three countries. Additionally, the LAPSSET Corridor is part of the larger land bridge that will connect the East African coast from Lamu Port to the West coast of Africa at Douala Port in Cameroon.

Lamu port is one of the components of the LAPSSET project, which is the base from which South Sudan and Ethiopia will be connected to Kenya, and the second important component of the port is the road construction, which Ethiopia and Kenya have implemented except for South Sudan.

However, to make the port functional and beneficial, the three states involved in the LAPSSET project, Kenya, South Sudan, and Ethiopia, must all take the responsibility of doing the road infrastructure.

The authorities in Kenya said the country has completed 80% of the work of road construction and Ethiopia has completed its except for South Sudan.

Eng. Lado said the visit by a delegation of experts from South Sudan to Lamu port would encourage the government to move faster than before in expediting the process of constructing the highway that will connect South Sudan to Kenya, pointing out that "if you see a facility like this and you are not able to benefit from it, why, because you have not done your obligation, you will definitely run faster than before."

"The project is now a reality and we should now hurry up to do our part to make this project useful and operational to South Sudan because each and every country now is doing its obligation and am sure my government will do its obligation because it is not that we have not started. We have started," Eng. Lado explained on behalf of the government of South Sudan.

percent of the work on the second and third berths has been completed.

"We now have ships that are docking within the port of Lamu. If you had a truck today, you could comfortably drive all the way from Lamu to Ethiopia through Moyale" said Mr. Stephen.

"We are still working on the stretch to join Turkana, but basically in terms of the road network, we can say the Kenyan side is eighty percent complete," he added.

The project is about interconnectivity, starting from the port, then the road, the railway, and the business of evacuating the crude oil, which comes in and all the auxiliary of the port.

Lamu port was operationalized on May 20th, 2021 by Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, according to the port authority. The port began receiving consignments destined for the island satellite countries, basically Zanzibar and those that go back to the mainland of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

"So far we have handled an average of two vessels per month, majorly Transurban consignments. Basically, these are the few businesses we have handled and we are very happy that we have so far secured another market that is a transit market to Ethiopia," he explained.

The LAPSSET Corridor Project is the first single integrative infrastructure project the government has initiated and prepared under the Vision 2030 Strategy Framework without external assistance.

For various reasons, the project was initially conceived in 1975 but never took off. The project was later revived and included in the vision of Kenya 2030. In 2009, the cost of LAPSSET was estimated at \$16 billion. Recent estimates arrived after studies now put the cost of the project at between US \$22 billion and US \$23 billion.

The timeline of the project is not clear, including when it started and when it should be finished. At the peak of the project, between 2013 and 2018, it is expected that the Kenyan government will be spending about 6% of the country's Gross Domestic Product or 16% of its annual budget on the project.

In 2013, Kenya's government announced the setting up of a government agency, the LAPSSET Corridor Development Authority, to manage the project on behalf of the Kenyan government. The cost of the project was also put at KSh. 2.5 trillion (\$29.24 billion).

Kenya is spearheading the development of the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia-Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor Project to strengthen the country's position as a gateway and a transport and logistics hub to the East African sub-region and the Great Lakes region to facilitate trade and promote regional economic integration and interconnectivity between African countries. The project is managed by the LAPSSET Corridor Development Authority (LCDA), which is domiciled under the Presidency.

The project studies that were completed in 2011 on the LAPSSET Corridor project components showed great economic viability, with most of the project components registering high economic internal rates of return of between 17% and 23.4% compared to the acceptable industry minimum standard of 10% for infrastructure projects.