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Climate Change and Environment

New trends in Turkmen poultry farming 09/01/2021

Maksada Okgunly company for the production of turkeys uses IT-technology, Turkmen newspaper Rysgal says. The complex has an area of 23 hectares – separate workshops for incubation, keeping turkeys, gestation of turkey hens and cocks, forage conservation, as well as killing and sausage rooms equipped with technology of Aviagen French company.

The company has been producing turkeys since 2013. On the territory of the complex, different species of these birds are grown with proper observance of the housing conditions. Employees of the poultry farm for a long time selected turkeys that are perfectly adapted to local climatic conditions.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/new-trends-in-turkmen-poultry-farming/>

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FAO launches the UN's International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021 10/01/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), QU Dongyu, today launched the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021 (IYFV) with an appeal to improve healthy and sustainable food production through innovation and technology and to reduce food loss and waste.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/62921>

EU-UNESCO encapsulated preliminary results of the project to support the agricultural sector in Uzbekistan 11/01/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – A two-day National Workshop within the context of the “Skills development for employability in rural areas of Uzbekistan” project was launched today with the participation of national experts from across the country. The workshop is hosted by the European Union, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan (MHSSE) and the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/62944>

Herbal medicine against coronavirus 11/01/2021

To combat the coronavirus, doctors and scientists have been working since the beginning of the pandemic not only to create a vaccine and anti-aids drugs, but also to study various ways to strengthen human immunity. After all, namely the state of the immune system significantly affects the probability of infection and the severity of the course of a new disease.

Therefore, it was quite logical to turn to herbal medicine, absorbed thousand years' experience of traditional medicine and showed good results in the prevention and treatment of respiratory diseases.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/herbal-medicine-against-coronavirus/>

FAO built and donated 14 greenhouses for rural people of Kashkadarya region 14/01/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The rural people of Kamashi district of Kashkadarya region now have new opportunities to increase their livelihoods by increasing crop production in their bakyards. The FAO Representation in Uzbekistan donated 14 small greenhouses to the owners of households in the district.

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Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63004>

Water resources

First Deputy Minister of Water Resources dismissed from office 13/01/2021

In accordance with a relevant presidential decree, First Deputy Minister of Water Resources Bakhodir Ruziboyev has been dismissed from office.

Read more: <https://kun.uz/en/news/2021/01/13/first-deputy-minister-of-water-resources-dismissed-from-office>

Energy sector

Two new solar power plants to be commissioned in Uzbekistan in 2021 07/01/2021

In 2021, two new solar power plants will be built in Samarkand and Navoi. It is also planned to build 3 more SPPs by 2024.

Until October 2021, it is planned to build solar power plants in the Karmana district (Navoi region) and Nurabad district (Samarkand region) on the basis of public-private partnership. The power generation capacity of both projects is 100 MW and the total investment is expected to be \$210 million. This is stated in the Investment Program for 2021-2023.

Read more: <https://kun.uz/en/news/2021/01/07/two-new-solar-power-plants-to-be-commissioned-in-uzbekistan-in-2021>

Construction of the Uzbekistan GTL plant enters final stage – Energy Ministry 09/01/2021

The plant was planned to be commissioned by the end of 2020 but due to the coronavirus pandemic, the site was virtually empty during the summer and many foreign specialists had to return home.

Read more: <https://kun.uz/en/news/2021/01/09/construction-of-the-uzbekistan-gtl-plant-enters-final-stage-energy-ministry>

ACWA Power building wind farms in Bukhara and Navoi 12/01/2021

The Ministry of Energy had earlier signed three agreements with ACWA Power for a total of \$2 billion. Works on one of them – the construction of wind power plants with a total capacity of 1,000 MW, is being carried out in the Peshku and Gijduvan districts of the Bukhara region and the Konimekh district of the Navoi region, Spot [writes](#) with reference to the Energy Ministry.

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Read more: <https://kun.uz/en/news/2021/01/12/acwa-power-building-wind-farms-in-bukhara-and-navoi>

Energy Minister holds a meeting with the heads of diplomatic missions of Uzbekistan 14/01/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 14 January 2021, Minister of Energy Alisher Sultanov met with the heads of diplomatic missions of Uzbekistan in foreign countries at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan to discuss the implementation of current projects in the country's fuel and energy complex with the participation of international investments, as well as new opportunities.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/62988>

Ministry of Energy: how the growing energy supply in Uzbekistan is ensured 15/01/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- As the President of Uzbekistan noted in his Address to the Oliy Majlis, "as the economic activity and incomes of the population grows, the demand for energy resources also increases." In this regard, the Ministry of Energy is implementing projects to increase capacity, including for a stable power supply.

1.74 billion kWh of electricity was sold to the population of Uzbekistan in December 2020 alone, while in December 2018 (before the creation of the Ministry of Energy) - 1.57 billion kWh. That is, the supply growth was 11%.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63025>

CNPC ready to expand oil and gas cooperation with Turkmenistan 15/01/2021

The commissioning of a new gas compressor station at the Malay field marked the beginning of the second stage of its development, which will contribute to the growth of the production capacity of the industry and strengthening of Turkmenistan's position in the global oil and gas market, said Li Shuliang, general director of CNPC International Turkmenistan.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/cnpc-ready-to-expand-oil-and-gas-cooperation-with-turkmenistan/>

New gas compressor station to ensure reliable supplies of Turkmen gas to China 15/01/2021

A new gas compressor station was put into operation today at the Turkmen Malay gasfield, which is one of the sources of natural gas supplies to the Turkmenistan-China pipeline.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/new-gas-compressor-station-to-ensure-reliable-supplies-of-turkmen->

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

The Afghan mass-media: Turkmenistan takes first place in volumes of deliveries of gasoline to Afghanistan 08/01/2021

One of the key vectors of the foreign policy of Turkmenistan is the strengthening of friendly relations with neighbouring states in which number is the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, write the Afghani mass-media.

According to the data of the National Statistics and Information Authority (NSIA) of Afghanistan, Turkmenistan takes first place in the volume of deliveries of gasoline to Afghanistan and also enters into number of three largest suppliers of diesel fuel and liquefied natural gas.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/the-afghan-mass-media-turkmenistan-takes-first-place-in-volumes-of-deliveries-of-gasoline-to-afghanistan/>

U.S. Special Envoy for Afghanistan Reconciliation will visit Turkmenistan 08/01/2021

The US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation, Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, left for Afghanistan, Pakistan, Qatar and Turkmenistan, U.S. Department of State reports.

Information about the visit of a high-ranking American diplomat is published on the website of the US State Department. Meanwhile, Mr. Khalilzad arrived in Kabul on Tuesday morning and has already managed to meet with one of the prominent military and political figures of Afghanistan, Abdul Rasul Sayyaf.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/u-s-special-envoy-for-afghanistan-reconciliation-will-visit-turkmenistan/>

Special Representative of the President of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan meets with the Indian envoy 09/01/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 8 January 2021, the Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan Ismatulla Irgashev met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India Manish Prabhat.

During the conversation, the parties noted the successful holding of a virtual Summit in December 2020 between the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the Prime Minister of the Republic of India Narendra Modi, and also discussed certain aspects of bilateral cooperation in the Afghan direction.

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Uzbekistan resumes electricity supply to Afghanistan after disruptions 12/01/2021

Uzbekistan has increased its electricity supply to Afghanistan to 400 MW, Tolonews [reports](#) with reference to Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DAB).

Earlier, DAB reported that Uzbekistan had reduced its electricity supply from 300 MW to 150 MW after a power breakdown.

Read more: <https://kun.uz/en/news/2021/01/12/uzbekistan-resumes-electricity-supply-to-afghanistan-after-disruptions>

Turkmenistan and Afghanistan open new border infrastructure facilities 14/01/2021

Today, three important facilities, built by the joint efforts of Turkmen and Afghan specialists, were simultaneously put into operation, namely, a 30-kilometer railway line on the territory of Afghanistan, between Akina and Andkhoy stations, a 153-kilometer power transmission line from the Kerki substation in the Lebap region to the Turkmen-Afghan border and the border fiber-optic communication lines Imamnazar – Akina and Serhetabat – Turghundi.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/turkmenistan-and-afghanistan-open-new-border-infrastructure-facilities/>

Uzbekistan, Pakistan discuss current situation in Afghanistan 15/01/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 15 January 2021, the Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan Ismatulla Irgashev met with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Pakistan Sayyid Ali Asad Gilani.

A thorough exchange of views took place on the current situation in Afghanistan and the efforts of the international community, as well as the two countries to expand cooperation in the Afghan direction, in particular, to launch a peace negotiation process in this country.

The Ambassador of Pakistan especially emphasized the significant role of Uzbekistan in establishing long-term and sustainable peace in Afghanistan, as well as involving the country in regional integration processes.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/63029>

President of Turkmenistan on new projects with Afghanistan: We are at the beginning of a long journey 15/01/2021

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“We are aimed at creating a reliable energy, transport and communications system in this part of the Earth as an important and integral part of modern world economic relations”, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov said at the ceremony of commissioning new facilities – power transmission and fiber-optic communication lines to Afghanistan and the railway in the IRA.

The development of energy and cross-border transport and communications systems is a pre-condition for the economic growth of our states, an important basis for improving the people’s wellbeing, creating additional jobs, attracting large foreign investments, the head of state specified.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/president-of-turkmenistan-on-new-projects-with-afghanistan-we-are-at-the-beginning-of-a-long-journey/>

The President of Afghanistan thanked Turkmenistan for its assistance in creating development corridors 15/01/2021

Taking part in large-scale events dedicated to the commissioning of a number of new border infrastructure facilities, Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani noted for his country the importance of resuming partnership relations with the Central Asian countries.

Mr. Ghani spoke about the centuries-old friendship of the Turkmen and Afghan peoples and expressed gratitude to Turkmenistan for establishing strong relations and invaluable assistance in the implementation of major programs and projects.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/the-president-of-afghanistan-thanked-turkmenistan-for-its-assistance-in-creating-development-corridors/>

Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev: “The sacred basis of our nation is Independence” 08/01/2021

The main goals of the fourth decade of Kazakhstan’s independence are a strong state and a competitive nation. This opinion was expressed by President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev in the article “Independence is dearest of all”.

“Today, the contemporaries of Independence are 30 years of age. They were born and raised in a sovereign country, have an open mind. They have a completely different worldview and lifestyle. For them, Independence is an axiom. This is a normal phenomenon, testifying to the entrenchment of the concept of sovereignty in the minds of young people. However, so that the understanding of the value of Independence to be forever branded on the memory of younger generations, they must know at what cost we had gained it”, the head of Kazak state writes.

Read more: <https://orient.tm/en/kassym-jomart-tokayev-the-sacred-basis-of-our->

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[nation-is-independence/](#)

Shavkat Mirziyoyev congratulates Sadyr Japarov on his election as President of Kyrgyzstan 11/01/2021

Shavkat Mirziyoyev congratulated Sadyr Japarov on his convincing victory in the presidential election, as well as the successful holding of a referendum on amendments to the Constitution of Kyrgyzstan, the presidential press service reported.

Read more: <https://kun.uz/en/news/2021/01/11/shavkat-mirziyoyev-congratulates-sadyr-japarov-on-his-election-as-president-of-kyrgyzstan>

President Emomali Rahmon Congratulates Japarov on Winning Kyrgyzstan Presidential Election 12/01/2021

DUSHANBE, 12.01.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon sent a message of congratulations to the president elect of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Japarov.

Read more: <https://eng.khovar.tj/2021/01/president-emomali-rahmon-congratulates-japarov-on-winning-kyrgyzstan-presidential-election/>

ISMI, CAREC experts discuss bilateral interaction 14/01/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (ISMI) hosted a meeting with Deputy Director of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute Iskandar Abdullayev.

According to ISMI, the parties exchanged views on the current situation in Central Asia, the impact of the consequences of the pandemic on socio-economic development of the region's countries, as well as considered current areas of mutually beneficial scientific and practical cooperation between research institutions, designed to contribute to solving the most urgent tasks facing the Central Asian states in the post-pandemic period.

Read more: <http://uzdaily.uz/en/post/62986>

EBRD Covid-19 response in Uzbekistan in 2020 15/01/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) responded to the coronavirus pandemic challenges in Central Asia's most populated country by pledging US\$521 million (€429 million) through 18 projects in various sectors of the national economy. The EBRD resources were used to support the country's banking sector and SMEs access to finance, upgrade key infrastructure and promote the development of renewable energy.

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Tajikistan and Kazakhstan Expand Economic and Trade Cooperation 15/01/2021

DUSHANBE, 15.01.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – The next meeting of the Tajik-Kazakh Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation is expected to take place in the near future. This issue was discussed by the Chairman of the State Committee for Investments and State Property Management of Tajikistan Saadi Kodirzoda with the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Tajikistan Askar Tajibayev.

The meeting also focused on the issues relating to the development of trade, economic and investment relations between Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, as well as the promotion of joint projects in various economic sectors.

While considering the wide range of opportunities and resources available, both parties stressed their readiness to strengthen and expand cooperation.

Read more: <https://eng.khovar.tj/2021/01/tajikistan-and-kazakhstan-expand-economic-and-trade-cooperation/>

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