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Climate Change and Environment

Permanent Rep of Kyrgyzstan to UN meets with President of 75th session of UN General Assembly 11/05/2021

Bishkek, May 11, 2021. / Kabar /. Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the UN Mirgul Moldoisaeva met with President of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly Volkan Bozkyr, the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

During the meeting, Permanent Representative Moldoisaeva informed President Bozkyr about the priorities and initiatives of Kyrgyzstan, in particular about the unanimous adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution initiated by the Kyrgyz Republic "Nature knows no boundaries: transboundary cooperation is a key factor in the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity", the work conducting within the Group of Friends of Mountain Countries, established at the initiative of the Kyrgyz Republic and on other topical issues.

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Kazakhstan, Finland to step up cooperation in ecological sphere 14/05/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Co-chairmen of the Kazakh-Finnish Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation held a meeting during which they signed the Protocol of the 11th session of the Commission and a joint statement on the activation of the cooperation, Kazinform has learnt from the press service of the Ministry of Ecology of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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Kyrgyzstan has high chance of winning lawsuit against Centerra: Environment Committee 17/05/2021

Bishkek, May 17, 2021 . / Kabar / Kyrgyzstan has sufficient documentary evidence proving the damage caused by Centerra Gold Inc. to the environment of Kyrgyzstan, and, accordingly, has a high chance to win a lawsuit in an international court, chairwoman of the State Committee on Environment and Climate Dinara Kutmanova said at an extraordinary session of the Jogorku Kenesh.

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Water resources

The Judicial Collegium of the Supreme Court announces a verdict in the of Sardobin reservoir case 10/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Judicial Collegium of the Supreme Court of Uzbekistan for Criminal Cases issued a verdict in the case of the breakthrough of the Sardobin reservoir.

According to the court decision, the former deputy general director of UE Uztemiryulkurilishmontazh, head of the Directorate for the construction of hydraulic structures, M. Kholmatov, was sentenced to 10 years in prison with deprivation of the right to hold materially responsible positions for a period of 3 years.

Read more: [here](#)

Mudflows Result in Several Deaths 11/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 11.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Due to heavy rain on May 11, a number of districts of Khatlon region and districts of the republican subordination were flooded, which resulted in a number of casualties, destruction of housing, and washing of roads. According to preliminary data, three people died as a result of the natural disaster in the Shamsiddin Shohin district. The victims were in a car at the time of the mudflow.

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Kazakhstan keen to cooperate with Spain in water resources management 14/05/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Kazakhstan is interested in cooperation with Spain in the sphere of water resources management, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Yerlan Alimbayev said Friday, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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Energy sector

Kazakhstan, France debate scope for coop in fuel and energy complex

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NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Kazakh Energy Minister Nurlan Nogayev has met with Franck Riester, Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and Yves-Louis Darricarrere, MEDEF International representatives, Kazinform cites the press service of the Energy Ministry of Kazakhstan.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Kazakh President sends telegram of condolences to President of Afghanistan 11/05/2021

Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev was deeply saddened to learn the horrific news about the terrorist attacks in Puli Alam of Logar province and Kabul, which resulted in numerous casualties, mostly innocent children, and caused serious injuries to many.

Read more: [here](#)

President Tokayev had telephone conversation with President of Afghanistan 13/05/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev had a telephone conversation with his counterpart President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan, Kazinform has learnt from the Akorda press service.

During the conversation, which was initiated by the Afghan side, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and Ashraf Ghani exchanged congratulations on the Eid-al-Fitr. The Head of State expressed warm wishes for peace and prosperity to the friendly people of Afghanistan.

Read more: [here](#)

President of Kyrgyzstan holds phone call with Afghan counterpart 13/05/2021

Bishkek, May 13, 2021. / Kabar /. A phone call took place on Thursday between Presidents of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov and Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani.

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The press service of the Kyrgyz president reported that current issues of Kyrgyz-Afghan bilateral cooperation and the prospects for its development were discussed during the phone conversation.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

The project "Modern Innovation Centers - 2022" launched 10/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 10 May 2021, an official ceremony of signing a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Country Director of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) Joerg Pudelka and the Minister of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan Ibrohim Abdurakhmonov was held to launch the technical assistance project "Modern Innovation Centers - 2022" for a total amount of 250 thousand euros.

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Kyrgyz, Turkmen FMs consider preparation issues for top-level visits 11/05/2021

Bishkek, May 11, 2021 . / Kabar / . Kyrgyzstan's Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Ruslan Kazakbaev met with Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov.

The press service of the Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry reported that the meeting of the two ministers took place in Xi'an, China on the margins of the second China + Central Asia (C+C5) foreign ministers' meeting.

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Tajik and Kyrgyz FMs Discuss Early Implementation of the Agreements Reached by Presidents 12/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 12.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday in Xi'an, on the sidelines of the Central Asia — China ministerial meeting, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhridin met with his Kyrgyz counterpart Ruslan Kazakbaev.

The parties discussed issues of the early implementation of the agreements reached by the heads of state, protocols of government delegations and working groups of the parties on the border delimitation and demarcation.

The ministers noted the importance of further development of cooperation between the

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countries in trade, economic, transport, energy and other spheres.

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PM and Chairman of Khatlon Brief President About Natural Disasters 12/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 13.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Prime Minister Kohir Rasulzoda and the Chairman of Khatlon Province Kurbon Hakimzoda briefed President Emomali Rahmon in a telephone conversation about the natural disasters that effected a number of cities and districts of Khatlon.

The heavy rains that resulted in mudflows in May 11 destroyed multiple residential houses, roads and other important economic facilities.

Read more: [here](#)

Prime Minister Rasulzoda Visits Areas Impacted by Natural Disaster 12/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 12.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, per President Emomali Rahmon’s instructions, Prime Minister Kohir Rasulzoda visited the disaster-affected areas in Yovon and Abdurahmoni Jomi districts of Khatlon region.

Yesterday’s heavy rains in Yovon district caused floods which damaged houses and agricultural lands in the villages of Obshoron and Sitorai Surkh.

Due to heavy rain and mudflows on May 7 and May 8, 19 houses have been completely destroyed and about 100 hectares of agricultural land has been damaged in Navobod 4 and Navobod 5 villages of Abdurahmoni Jomi district.

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Over 39 thsd citizens of Batken Oblast return to home after armed conflict 12/05/2021

Bishkek, May 12, 2021 . /Kabar / . According to statistical data, more than 39,000 citizens of Batken Oblast have returned to their native villages, Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan Urmatbek Shamyrganov said during a press conference at Kabar News Agency on Wednesday.

He added that a result of the armed conflict on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border, 40,649 residents were evacuated, 1,693 of them were placed in temporary detention centers, 38 thousand 956 were accommodated in relatives’ hoses.

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Kyrgyzstan’s economy to rebound in 2021 and 2022 despite risks — ADB

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Bishkek, May 12, 2021. / Kabar / The Kyrgyz Republic's economy is expected to recover slowly in 2021 before accelerating in 2022 as borders reopen and supply chains reactivate, according to a new Asian Development Bank (ADB) report.

In its *Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2021*, ADB forecasts the Kyrgyz Republic's gross domestic product (GDP) growth to be 3.5% in 2021 and 5.0% in 2022. ADO is ADB's flagship annual economic publication.

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Countries participating in China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway construction project continue negotiations 12/05/2021

Bishkek, May 12, 2021. / Kabar / The countries participating in the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway construction project continue negotiations on the gauge standard, the location of the transshipment station and the determination of the route for the railway through the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Ministry of Transport of Kyrgyzstan reported.

The ministry noted that the transit potential of Kyrgyzstan is underdeveloped due to the lack of an integrated railway system of international railway communication through the territory of the country. Therefore, within the framework of the One Belt, One Road project, it is planned to build a China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway.

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Kyrgyzstan's foreign trade amounted to USD 1.4 bln – statistics 12/05/2021

Bishkek, May 12, 2021. / Kabar / According to preliminary data, in January-March 2021, the volume of foreign and mutual trade in goods amounted to \$ 1.4 billion, and decreased by 3.9% compared to January-March 2020, head of the Department of Economic Statistics and National Accounts of the National Statistics Committee of the republic Elvira Isenkulova told a press conference on Wednesday.

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Presidents of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Hold Phone Call 13/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 13.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon had a telephone conversation with President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

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In an atmosphere of friendship the heads of state exchanged warm Eid al-Fitr greetings and wishes each other well-being, peace, stability, and prosperity.

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Sadyr Zhaparov has telephone conversation with Kassym-Jomart Tokayev 13/05/2021

Bishkek, May 13, 2021. / Kabar / President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov held today a telephone conversation with his Kazakh counterpart Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the press service of the Kyrgyz president reported.

The heads of states warmly congratulated each other on the Orozo-Ait holiday, wishing the peoples of the two countries peace, prosperity and well-being.

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Kyrgyz, Uzbek leaders hold phone conversation 13/05/2021

Bishkek, May 13, 2021. / Kabar / President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov talked over phone with his Uzbek counterpart Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

The leaders of the two countries exchanged warm congratulations on the occasion of Orozo Ait holiday, wishing each other good health, success in state activities, and to the people of the two countries - well-being and development, the press service of the Kyrgyz president reported.

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Zhaparov had phone talk with Berdimuhamedow 13/05/2021

Bishkek, May 13, 2021. / Kabar / President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov held a phone conversation with President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimukamedow.

The press service of the Kyrgyz president reported that the heads of state discussed current areas of Kyrgyz-Turkmen bilateral cooperation, issues of joint regional agenda.

In addition, Sadyr Zhaparov and Gurbanguly Berdimukamedow exchanged congratulations on the Orozo Ait holiday.

The leaders noted with great satisfaction the high level of established brotherly relations between the two countries and expressed willingness to increase joint cooperation.

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Presidents Emomali Rahmon and Tokayev Discuss Future Summit Meeting in Phone Call 13/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 13.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon had a telephone conversation with the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev. At the outset of the conversation, the officials wished each other a happy Eid al-Fitr while to the people of the two countries they wished well-being and peace.

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Kazakhstan, France sign roadmap for cooperation until 2030 13/05/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - Kazakhstan and France signed a joint roadmap for economic and investment cooperation until 2030. The document was signed during the visit of the Minister-Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness under the Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France Frank Riester to Kazakhstan, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, KAZAKH INVEST, together with the Embassies of the two countries and the Association of French Entrepreneurs MEDEF, Kazinform cites the press service of KAZAKH INVEST.

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ADB official speaks about importance of CAREC projects for Uzbekistan in a special interview for Kun.uz 14/05/2021

The ADB official explained the importance of regional cooperation and the role of CAREC projects for Uzbekistan, spoke about the impact of COVID-19 on the country's economy and commented on monitoring of funds allocated by ADB for different projects in the republic.

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Uzbek-German intergovernmental negotiations on cooperation for development takes place 14/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Intergovernmental negotiations on cooperation for development between Uzbekistan and Germany were held in the format of a video conference, Dunyo news agency reported.

The Uzbek delegation at the talks was headed by the Deputy Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Shukhrat Vafayev, the German one - by the authorized representative of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development Gisella Hammerschmidt.

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Prime Minister of Tajikistan arrives in Uzbekistan 14/05/2021

The Prime Minister of Tajikistan Qohir Rasulzoda has arrived in Tashkent to participate in the 8th meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

The event will be held on May 14-15, Uza said.

At the Tashkent International Airport named after Islam Karimov, the high-ranking guest was met by the Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and Tajikistan discuss the development of trade and economic ties 16/05/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The 8th meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan was held in Tashkent under the co-chairmanship of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan Kokhir Rasulzoda.

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Shavkat Mirziyoyev to visit Khujand 17/05/2021

As part of his visit to Tajikistan on June 10-12, the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev will visit the city of Khujand.

President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon will accompany Shavkat Mirziyoyev in his visit to the city, Asia-Plus reports.

It is expected that the heads of the two countries will travel to the administrative center of Sogd after the completion of negotiations and the signing of over 30 intergovernmental agreements in Dushanbe.

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Business Forum of Tajik and Kazakh Entrepreneurs Opens Today in Dushanbe 17/05/2021

DUSHANBE, 17.05.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, Tajik and Kazakh entrepreneurs will meet in Dushanbe.

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A large-scale business forum organized by the Center for the Development of Trade Policy QazTrade and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tajikistan (CCI), will take place as part of the upcoming visit of the President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev to Tajikistan.

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Transport ministers of Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan to meet today 17/05/2021

Bishkek, May 17, 2021. / Kabar /. Minister of Transport and Communications of Kyrgyzstan Gulmira Abdraliyeva will make a working trip to Osh Oblast of the republic today.

Following the visit of Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov to Uzbekistan, as part of agreements to develop and expand cooperation between the two countries, Abdraliyeva will meet with Uzbek Minister of Transport Ilhom Makhamov at Dostuk checkpoint at the border with Uzbekistan, the press service of the Ministry of Transport of Kyrgyzstan said Monday.

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