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Climate Change and Environment

Prosecutors General of the Caspian states sign declaration on the protection of the Caspian Sea ecology 07/07/2021

As reported by RIA Novosti, Prosecutors General of Russia, Iran, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan signed the declaration on environmental protection and the use of natural resources of the Caspian Sea in St. Petersburg.

This is the first interstate document on this topic.

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Central Asia Climate Change Conference 2021: from ambitious goals to action 07/07/2021

On July 26-27, 2021, in Dushanbe (Tajikistan), at the Fourth Central Asia Conference on Climate Change (CACCC-2021), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan will gather to discuss the achieved results and exchange the experience of the climate policy implementation in Central Asia.

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Civil society presented its position on climate change 08/07/2021

Bishkek, July 8, 2021. / Kabar I. A discussion was held on the public position of the Kyrgyz Republic prepared on the occasion of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), which will be held on November 1-12, 2021 in Glasgow, Great Britain. The discussion was held with the aim of presenting the position of civil society to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic regarding the country's preparedness to participate in international processes on climate change within the framework of the upcoming COP26, as well as the need for new ambitious initiatives in the field of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reflected in the document Nationally Determined

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Contributions to the Paris Agreement (NDC), which is currently being finalized.

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Official news 09/07/2021

By the Resolution of the President of Turkmenistan Atayev Serdar Orazmyradovich was appointed Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Environmental Protection for Environmental Protection and Land Resources.

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The Advisory Committee for Sustainable Development to develop an Integrated Roadmap for the Aral Sea region 09/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The third meeting of the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Development of the Aral Sea region, organized by the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the United Nations Organization (UN), was held in the format of a videoconference.

The purpose of the event is to consider and approve the Multilateral Roadmap for sustainable development of the Aral Sea region, as well as expand partnership and coordinate donor assistance to support the socio-economic development of the Aral Sea region.

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Environmental management in the oil and gas sector 10/07/2021

The seminar organized by the OSCE Center in Ashgabat in the videoconference format focused on the best practices of environmental management in the oil and gas sector.

Representatives of the State Concerns “Turkmengaz”, “Turkmenneft”, “Turkmengeologiya”, “Turkmenhimiya”, as well as the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection and other relevant state agencies took part in the seminar.

The seminar familiarized participants with the sustainable management of environmental impact of the oil and gas industry in a sustainable way, and highlighted the importance of energy conservation and energy efficiency in the oil industry.

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Water resources

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FAO introduces GIS technologies into water management 07/07/2021

From June 28 to July 11, 2021, a training course is being held at Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers for specialists from regional departments of the Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “Application of geoinformation technologies (GIS) in maintaining the state cadastre of hydraulic structures and the state water cadastre”.

FAO together with the Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan initiated this training course under the FAO/GEF CACILM-2 project (Integrated Natural Resources Management in Drought-prone and Salt-affected Agricultural Production Systems in Central Asia and Turkey). The training course involves professors of the university who have great experience in educating specialists for water management.

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Energy sector

Kyrgyzstan to take from Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan 1.6 billion kWh of electricity and return in parts 06/07/2021

Bishkek, July 6, 2021. / Kabar /. Head of the Electricity Department of the Ministry of Energy and Industry of Kyrgyzstan Marat Jeenbekov told at a press conference how the country plans to successfully pass the upcoming heating-winter period in conditions of low water.

He said that in order to provide the population of the country and the economy with uninterrupted electric power, electricity has been generating at the existing hydroelectric power plants, the load on the thermal power plant is underway.

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Prospects for expanding cooperation with Japanese Business Alliance for Smart Energy Worldwide were discussed in Japan 07/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In order to attract advanced Japanese technologies in the implementation of joint projects in the field of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and the introduction of new technologies and developments for the development hydrogen energy, the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Japan held negotiations with representatives of the Japanese Business Alliance for Smart Energy Worldwide (JASE-W).

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TORC automates the accounting of power energy resources 09/07/2021

Turkmenbashi oil refineries complex intends to automate completely the accounting of power energy resources at the enterprise. For it TORC has announced the international tender for designing and fulfillment of a full complex of work on creation of corresponding computer system.

One can familiarize with the technical assignment in the near future on the site tngizt.gov.tm/tenders. Application forms for participation in the tender will be received within 60 working days from July 9, 2021.

More detailed information can be obtained with downloading the announcement of the tender [here](#).

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Emomali Rahmon discuss the development of situation in Afghanistan 05/07/2021

[According to](#) the presidential press service, the leaders considered topical issues of bilateral relations and exchanged views on aspects of regional interaction.

Particular attention was paid to the development of the situation in Afghanistan.

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Russia's 201st Military Base ready to help resolve tense situation on Tajik-Afghan border 06/07/2021

Russia's military base in Tajikistan is fully equipped to assist the Central Asian country in resolving the situation on its border with Afghanistan, Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko told reporters when replying to a question from [TASS](#) on Tuesday, [Trend](#) reports.

"Everything will depend on how the situation unfolds in northern Afghanistan. As far as we understand, the tensions are quite high because, according to some reports, the Taliban (outlawed in Russia) controls 70% of the border. As you know, we have the 201st Military Base in Tajikistan, which is fully equipped to provide assistance to the country if the need

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arises," Rudenko emphasized.

"If the situation requires additional efforts, they will be undertaken," the Russian deputy foreign minister pledged.

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Mirziyoyev, Putin talk over the phone to discuss issues arising from the conflict in Afghanistan 06/07/2021

The parties discussed the issues of further strengthening the Uzbek-Russian relations of strategic partnership and alliance.

Mirziyoyev and Putin noted with satisfaction the current dynamics of the development of multifaceted cooperation between the two countries, primarily in the trade and economic sphere.

The presidents separately considered the development of the situation in the Central Asian region in connection with the growing tension in northern Afghanistan.

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Foreign ministers of Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan hold online talks 07/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 7 July 2021, on the initiative of the United Nations Center for Preventive Diplomacy, virtual negotiations were held between the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan.

The meeting noted the importance of consolidating regional efforts to peacefully resolve the Afghan crisis, restore the country's economy, and respect the principle of the leading role of the Afghan people in the development of the political process in the country.

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Kyrgyz Gov't considers assistance issues to ethnic Kyrgyz in Afghan Pamirs 07/07/2021

Bishkek, July 7, 2021 . / Kabar / . Deputy Chairwoman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Zhyldyz Bakashova held a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the provision of humanitarian assistance to the ethnic Kyrgyz of the Great and Little Afghan Pamirs.

The meeting discussed the socio-economic situation of the ethnic Kyrgyz of the Afghan

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Pamir and organizational and technical issues of delivering humanitarian aid to them, the press service of the Cabinet of Ministers reported.

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UNODC Regional Office Expresses Readiness To Provide Technical Assistance to Tajik Border Guards 07/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 07.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday in Tashkent, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Uzbekistan Abdujabbor Rahmonzoda met with the Regional Representative of the United Nations Department of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Central Asia Ashita Mittal.

The parties expressed satisfaction with the development of cooperation between Tajikistan and UNODC, as well as discussed issues of interaction in the field of combating drug trafficking, border management and building national capacity.

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SCO Foreign Ministers to adopt statement on situation in Afghanistan 08/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), following the talks in Dushanbe on 13-14 July, will adopt a joint statement on the situation in Afghanistan. Bakhtiyor Khakimov, special envoy of the Russian president for SCO affairs, ambassador-at-large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, announced this in an interview with TASS.

“It is clear that, taking into account the current situation in Afghanistan, first of all it is necessary to consider how events are developing in this country. The discussion will be both in the format of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers and a separate meeting of the foreign ministers of the SCO member states and Afghanistan in the format of the SCO-Afghanistan contact group. As a result, we plan to adopt a statement on the situation in Afghanistan,” he said.

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Kyrgyzstan may be in danger due to aggravated situation in Afghanistan - head of Security Committee 08/07/2021

Bishkek, July 8, 2021. / Kabar /. Kyrgyzstan may be in danger due to the aggravated situation in Afghanistan, chairman of the State Committee for National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic Kamchybek Tashiev told at a press conference in Bishkek.

He said that today a difficult situation is developing on the border of Tajikistan and

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Uzbekistan from Afghanistan side.

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U.S. military mission in Afghanistan to end on Aug. 31: Biden 09/07/2021

Bishkek, July 9, 2021 . / Kabar / . U.S. President Joe Biden said on Thursday that U.S. military mission in Afghanistan will conclude on Aug. 31, days ahead of his original Sept. 11 deadline, [Xinhua](#) reported.

"In this context, speed is safety," Biden said in his remarks at the White House. "Conducting our drawdown differently would have certainly come with an increased risk of safety to our personnel."

Biden in April ordered all U.S. troops to leave Afghanistan before Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that drew the United States into its longest war.

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Foreign Ministers of Uzbekistan and Russia hold a telephone conversation 09/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 9 July 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov held a telephone conversation with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergei Lavrov.

During the conversation, issues of bilateral cooperation were discussed. An exchange of views took place on regional security, including the situation in Afghanistan.

Special attention is paid to the participation of the Russian side in the International High-Level Conference "Central and South Asia: Regional Interconnectedness. Challenges and opportunities" (Tashkent, on 15-16 July 2021).

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Tajikistan and OSCE Discuss the Situation in Afghanistan 10/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 10.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhridin held an online meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Sweden — the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Ann Linde.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

New road bridge to be built across Garabogazgol Strait 07/07/2021

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov ordered to announce an international tender for the construction of a new bridge across the Garabogazgol Strait in the Balkan region, as well as the reconstruction of the road leading to it, the official Turkmen press writes today.

The head of state got acquainted with the state of the existing infrastructure at Garabogazgol on Tuesday as part of a working trip to the western region of the country. The new bridge, the plans for the construction of which were [announced](#) in April 2019, should become part of the Turkmenistan-Kazakhstan highway with a length of 225 kilometers.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajik border guards attack equestrian border detachment of Kyrgyzstan 08/07/2021

Bishkek, July 8, 2021. / Kabar / Tajik border guards attacked the equestrian border guard detachment of Kyrgyzstan, the Border Service of the State Committee for National Security of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

On July 8 at about 17:00 at the Kyrgyz-Tajik section of the state border, a shootout took place between the servicemen of the border departments of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

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Statement by the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan 08/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 08.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today at 14:55, 4 Kyrgyz border guards illegally crossed the state border of Tajikistan at the Rosrovut section of Devashtich district, reports the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan.

The Kyrgyz servicemen were dressed in a combination of civilian and military uniforms, and were armed with AK firearms. They intended to steal 9 horses, belonging to residents

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of the Devashtich district, and to take them to the Kyrgyz Republic.

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Ambassador of Tajikistan Meets Plenipotentiary Representative of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany 09/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 09.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Germany Sohibnazar Ghayratsho met with the Plenipotentiary Representative of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Eastern European, the Caucasus and Central Asian countries Matthias Lüttenberg.

The parties exchanged views on expanding bilateral cooperation amid the upcoming political consultations, on the current situation in region, as well as other issues of mutual interest, taking into account the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Tajikistan's border guards take Kyrgyz serviceman hostage: Border Service 09/07/2021

Bishkek, July 9, 2021 . / Kabar / . At the Kyrgyz-Tajik section of the state border near the Chashmagildan pass in Batken Oblast, a soldier of the Border Service of Kyrgyzstan's State Committee for National Security was detained by Tajik border guards and taken to the territory of Tajikistan.

The press service of the National Security Committee reported that at the moment, border guards of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan are on the site of the exchange of fire and are investigating the case.

Kyrgyzstan's border representative for the Batken section Kyyalbek Tolonbayev demanded that the Tajik side return the Kyrgyz soldier detained in the incident.

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