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Climate Change and Environment

Saksaul - the keeper of the desert 08/06/2021

The forestry collective of the Dashoguz velayat is consistently working to protect and increase the haloxylon forests. Tens of thousands of seedlings of this valuable plant are grown in specialized nurseries located in the region's etraps every year. So, this spring,

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haloxylon was planted in them on a total of eight hectares.

The specialists of the team collect haloxylon seeds every autumn to provide nurseries with planting material. The seedlings grown in nurseries are planted in various desert areas of the velayat, including on the Botendag Upland, where, at the initiative of the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, on an area of 20 thousand hectares, a buffer green zone is created that can prevent the transfer of dust and salts to the country and contribute to the enrichment of local flora and fauna.

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World Oceans Day is celebrated on Tuesday 08/06/2021

World Oceans Day is celebrated on Tuesday: the United Nations established it in 2008 to draw the world's attention to the issues related to the hydrosphere. These are climate change, depletion of fish resources and plastic pollution of waters.

Portugal, presiding over the Council of the EU, has big plans in this regard, called the "Blue Agenda within the Green Deal". It should highlight the importance of the oceans for rebuilding sustainable economies in Europe and the world.

Read more: [here](#)

Legal basis to environmental protection 08/06/2021

The Mejlis of Turkmenistan adopted the law "On environmental safety" four years ago in June. In this regard, the editorial board of the "Golden Age" interviewed Chief Specialist of the Department of Environmental Protection and Hydrometeorology of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan, Mergen Kepbanov.

- Mergen, before the adoption of the law "On environmental safety" in June 2017, other legal acts were in force that regulated legal problems in this area. What caused the need to adopt a new legal act and what is its relevance?

Read more: [here](#)

UN chief urges globe to 'end our war on nature' 09/06/2021

Bishkek, June 9, 2021 . / Kabar / . UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on the international community on Tuesday to "end our war on nature" on World Oceans Day, [AA](#) reported.

Guterres pointed to a glut of plastic waste filling seas "from the remotest atolls to the deepest ocean trenches" as overfishing results in mass waste, heightening "the

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vulnerability of women, who are vital to the survival of small-scale fishing businesses."

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Challenges and opportunities for climate policy in Kazakhstan 09/06/2021

On the 3rd of June 2021, the first International Congress "ECOJER" - "Shape a sustainable future" took place in Nur-Sultan. The agenda covers a wide range of issues, including Kazakhstan's international cooperation in the fight against climate change. Several high-ranking officials spoke on this issue.

Read more: [here](#)

The first subnational dialogue with the participation of interested government agencies takes place 12/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- As part of the preparation of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the UN Summit on Food Systems, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the UN Development Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) held the first subnational dialogue with the participation of interested government agencies, as well as representatives of international and public organizations in the city of Nukus, Republic of Karakalpakstan.

Read more: [here](#)

Eco tourism festival takes place in Chimgan 12/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan, khokimiyat of Tashkent region, Republican School of Higher Sports Skill in Winter and Technically Difficult Sports, Federation of Extreme and Mountain Tourism of Uzbekistan, Ecological Party of Uzbekistan, NGO "Rodnichok" and OC "Chimgan-Oromgohi" with the support of PE "EI Mobil", LLC "Azem Food", JSCB "Kapitalbank" organized the eco-tourism festival Chimgan-ECHO, which will take place on 11-13 June.

Read more: [here](#)

Water resources

China delivers equipment for Toktogul HPP to Khorgos checkpoint 08/06/2021

Bishkek, June 8, 2021. / Kabar /. The Chinese Embassy in Kyrgyzstan commented on the situation with the delay of equipment for the Toktogul HPP at the Chinese-Kazakh

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border.

The Chinese Embassy said that a couple of months ago, at the request of the Kyrgyz authorities, the Chinese side, having overcome the great difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic, timely delivered equipment for the reconstruction of the Toktogul hydroelectric power station to the Khorgos checkpoint at the Chinese-Kazakh border. Currently, this equipment is at the Khorgos checkpoint, waiting for transportation by the receiving party to the territory of Kyrgyzstan.

“In the development of bilateral relations with Kyrgyzstan, China is always guided by the spirit of good-neighborliness and comprehensive strategic partnership, provides support and assistance to the Kyrgyz side in the socio-economic development and improvement of the well-being of the people of Kyrgyzstan,” the Chinese embassy said.

Read more: [here](#)

Sectoral Working Group on improving the efficiency of donor assistance takes place 08/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A regular meeting of the Sectoral Working Group (SWG) on improving the efficiency of donor assistance in the water resources management sector has been held today.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implementation of water sector reforms, particularly, the Governments vision towards the Water Strategy 2021-2023, priorities and challenges.

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EBRD to allocate \$70 million to improve water supply infrastructure in Namangan 08/06/2021

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development will allocate \$70 million to improve the water supply infrastructure of the Namangan region. The project will improve access to drinking water for 170 thousand people.

According to the press service of the organization, the EBRD will finance a project to improve water supply infrastructure in rural areas of Uzbekistan.

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Water shortage may affect autumn harvest in Kyrgyzstan- Ministry of Agriculture 11/06/2021

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Bishkek, June 11, 2021. / Kabar /. Water shortages could affect the autumn harvest in Kyrgyzstan, the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Regional Development said.

Today there is an acute problem of lack of irrigation water in the country. This is due to the fact that there is a lack of water and not only in our country, which can affect the autumn harvest of all agricultural and forage crops, the report said.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan to build 39 new water reservoirs 14/06/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM «Kazakhstan plans to build 39 new water reservoirs in 9 regions,» Kazakh Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources Minister Magzum Mrzagaliyev said. 41 hazardous water reservoirs are to be restored the countrywide. Out of which 10 facilities were put into service in 2017-2019, 2 completed in 2020. 8 more facilities will be put into operation in 2021, the rest will be completed until 2025. Kazakhstan plans to build 39 new water reservoirs in 9 regions up to 3.6 bln cubic meters a year. The Kensay-Koskorgan reservoir will be built in Turkestan region. Construction of water reservoirs will help mitigate threat of high flows in 70 rural settlements, start using 394,000 ha of irrigated lands, create more than 129,000 rural jobs, and avoid dependence on trans-boundary waters.

Read more: [here](#)

UAE Minister of State for Food and Water Security concludes 5-day visit to Kazakhstan 14/06/2021

ABU DHABI. KAZINFORM The UAE has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS), at the close of the visit of Mariam Almheiri, UAE Minister of State for Food and Water Security, to Kazakhstan, which took place from June 10 to 11.

Read more: [here](#)

Energy sector

President Zhaparov replaces minister of energy and industry 08/06/2021

Bishkek, June 8, 2021. / Kabar /. Doskul Bekmurzayev has been appointed Minister of Energy and Industry of Kyrgyzstan. The relevant decree was signed Tuesday by President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov.

According to the press service of the Kyrgyz president, another presidential decree dismissed Kubanychbek Turdubayev from the post of minister of energy and industry of

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the Kyrgyz Republic.

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“Uzbekistan and Tajikistan will build two hydropower plants on the Zarafshan River” – Alisher Sultanov 11/06/2021

During Shavkat Mirziyoyev’s visit to Dushanbe, a number of documents were signed, including cooperation agreements in the energy sector. Kun.uz correspondent covering the visit spoke with Energy Minister Alisher Sultanov.

- Alisher Saidabbosovich, what energy agreements have been signed with Tajikistan with the participation of heads of state?

- We all know that energy cooperation with Tajikistan is very important. Our joint projects are also huge. In particular, an agreement was signed between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the construction of hydropower plants in the Zarafshan river basin.

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UAE allocates USD100 mln towards airport development, hybrid power plant projects in Turkmenistan 11/06/2021

ABU DHABI, 10th June, 2021 (WAM) -- Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) today signed two agreements worth AED367 million with the Government of Turkmenistan. The first agreement includes the allocation of AED275 million (US\$75 million) towards the construction of an airport in Jebel in Balkan Region, whereas the second agreement aims to finance the development of a 10 megawatts hybrid power plant at a cost of AED92 million (US\$25 million), [WAM](#) reported.

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Afghanistan’s multilateral relationship with CA countries

Deputy FM of Kyrgyzstan meets with ambassador of Afghanistan 11/06/2021

Bishkek, June 11, 2021. / Kabar /. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Aibek Artykbaev received Ambassador of Afghanistan to the Kyrgyz Republic Bismillah Vaziri.

The press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic said that during the meeting, the sides discussed topical issues of the development of Kyrgyz-Afghan

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relations. In particular, on the need to develop bilateral cooperation in trade, economic, cultural and humanitarian spheres, including attracting investment, tourism, education, as well as promoting the early oncoming of peace and security in Afghanistan.

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Uzbekistan sends humanitarian cargo to Afghanistan 12/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – On 11 June 2021, in the city of Hairaton (Afghanistan), a solemn ceremony of handing the Afghan side of humanitarian cargo consisting of oxygen cylinders in the amount of 1,000 pieces took place. This was reported by the press service of the Uzbek Foreign Ministry.

Read more: [here](#)

Tashkent to host an international business forum "Economic empowerment of women in Central Asia and Afghanistan on the path of sustainable development" 12/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 11 June 2021, a briefing was held at the Agency for Information and Mass Communications on the details of the events of the international business forum "Expanding the Economic Empowerment of Women in Central Asia and Afghanistan on the Path of Sustainable Development", which will be held on 15 June this year in Tashkent.

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President Tokayev receives U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan 14/06/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - The President received the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad, who arrived in Kazakhstan on a working visit, Kazinform has learnt from the Akorda press service.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Uzbekistan may simplify conditions of stay for Tajikistani citizens 08/06/2021

The governments of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan plan to supplement the agreement on mutual trips of citizens of both countries of March 9, 2018.

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[According](#) to Asia-Plus, the draft protocol to this agreement, published on the legal information portal of the Ministry of Justice of Tajikistan, states that citizens of the two countries are exempted from registration and temporary registration within 10 working days from the moment of crossing the state border.

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Bilateral cooperation with Tajikistan in the textile sector is expanding 09/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- As part of the stay of the delegation of the Uztekstilprom Association in Dushanbe, a number of bilateral meetings are held to discuss issues of further development of mutually beneficial cooperation between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Republic of Tajikistan in the textile sector.

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The 1st Uzbek-Tajik Interregional Investment Forum takes place in Bokhtar 09/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - On 9 June, in the city of Bokhtar, on the eve of the visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Republic of Tajikistan, the 1st Uzbek-Tajik Interregional Investment Forum was held.

The event was attended by the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan Davlatali Said, Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov, heads of ministries, departments, industry associations, commercial banks, chambers of commerce, heads of border regions of two countries, as well as about 300 entrepreneurs from various regions of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

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Delegation from Uzbekistan's Namangan arrives in Jalal-Abad 09/06/2021

Osh, June 9, 2021. / Kabar / . A delegation from Uzbekistan's Namangan Region arrived in Jalal-Abad Oblast of Kyrgyzstan.

The delegation, headed by Head of the region Shavkatzhan Abdyrazakov, was solemnly met by local authorities and local residents.

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Jalal-Abad - Namangan 2021 business forum kicks off in Kyrgyzstan

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Bishkek, June 9, 2021. / Kabar /. The Jalal-Abad - Namangan 2021 business forum has started in Jalal-Abad today, USAID wrote on its Twitter page.

Representatives of neighboring regions of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan will discuss the development of beekeeping, dairy production, processing of meat products, etc. Signing of contracts between the companies is expected.

USAID supports the forum under the #Agrosooda project, which aims to develop agriculture in southern Kyrgyzstan and improve cross-border trade in the Fergana Valley.

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In Central Asia, economic growth is forecast to recover to 3.7% in 2021: WB report 10/06/2021

Bishkek, June 10, 2021 . / Kabar /. The World Bank says that Europe and Central Asia continue to grapple with containing the coronavirus pandemic, which is clouding the economic outlook for the region, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported.

The Bank [said](#) in its latest *Global Economic Prospects* report, released on June 8, that economic growth for the 23 countries it groups in the region is projected to reach 3.9 percent in 2021, with firming external demand and elevated industrial commodity prices offsetting the negative impact of recent resurgences in new COVID-19 cases.

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President of Uzbekistan arrives in Dushanbe 10/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev arrived on an official visit to the Republic of Tajikistan.

At the Dushanbe international airport, the head of our state was met by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon.

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Dushanbe hosts the official welcoming ceremony of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan 10/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Dushanbe's Qasri Millat Residence hosted the

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official welcoming ceremony of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A guard of honor was lined up in honor of the distinguished guest. The national anthems of the two countries were played.

The Presidents introduced the members of the official delegations to each other. The guard of honor marched in front of the Leaders of the two countries.

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Presidents open social facilities in Samarkand and Khatlon regions 10/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Following the extended talks, the official opening ceremony of social facilities built in Uzbekistan's Samarkand and Tajikistan's Khatlon regions took place.

Presidents Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Emomali Rahmon, pressing a symbolic button, launched their activities.

The medical complex in Khatlon region's Qubodiyon district was built by Uzbekistan. The modern multi-specialty hospital with 250 beds can serve 7,5 thousand patients a year. The complex has departments of surgery, urology, otolaryngology, eye diseases, intensive care and resuscitation, pediatrics, traumatology, gynecology, pregnancy pathology, postpartum recovery and therapy.

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Priority areas of strengthening Uzbekistan – Tajikistan cooperation discussed 10/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon continued negotiations in an expanded format.

The meeting was attended by members of official delegations, heads of ministries and agencies, hokims of border regions of the two countries.

It was noted that thanks to the political will and joint efforts of the Leaders of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, the relations of fraternal countries have moved to a qualitatively new level of equal and mutually beneficial practical cooperation.

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Presidents of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan sign Joint Statement and

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express satisfaction with the results of the talks 10/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A ceremony of signing documents took place following the negotiations.

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon signed a Joint Statement, which sets out the main agreements and defines long-term tasks for further building and deepening the multifaceted mutually beneficial cooperation and strategic partnership between the two countries.

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Tajikistan-Uzbekistan Sign Documents 10/06/2021

DUSHANBE, 10.06.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Following the talks, the two presidents signed a Joint Statement of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Then, President Rahmon and President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mirziyoyev witnessed the signing of following agreements:

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Uzbekistan proposes expanding air traffic and restore bus service between Uzbek and Tajik cities 10/06/2021

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon held negotiations at the Kasri Millat residence in Dushanbe. 10/06/2021

Members of official delegations, heads of ministries and large companies, heads of border regions also attended the negotiations.

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted that despite the positive growth in the exchange of goods, the countries plan to double it next year.

“To this end, it is important to complete the coordination of issues on the cancelling exceptions in the free trade regime and the elimination of non-tariff barriers,” the President of Uzbekistan said.

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Tajikistan sponsors construction of comprehensive school in Urgut 10/06/2021

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Today, a new school, which was built with the sponsorship of Tajikistan, was put into operation in the Mergancha mahalla, Urgut district, Samarkand region.

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Production of UzAuto Motors cars to be established in Tajikistan 11/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - Production of UzAuto Motors cars will be organized in Tajikistan. The project cost is US\$2 million.

On 9 June 2021, on the eve of the visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Republic of Tajikistan, in Bakhtar, Tajikistan, the first Uzbek-Tajik interregional investment forum was held.

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The head of Uzbekistan arrives in Khujand 11/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 11 June, on the second day of his official visit to Tajikistan, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev arrived from Dushanbe to Khujand.

Here the distinguished guest was met by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon.

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Tajikistan, Uzbekistan plan to increase their bilateral trade to US\$1 billion next year 11/06/2021

Bishkek, June 11, 2021 . / Kabar / . Addressing a joint press conference with Tajik President Emomali Rahmon in Dushanbe after their one-on-one meeting and a ceremony where various cooperation documents were signed, Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev said that his country supports Tajik leader's initiative to declare 2025 as the "International Year of Glaciers Preservation" and set up the International Fund for Glaciers Preservation, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported.

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The heads of states familiarized themselves with the exhibition of agricultural products of Tajikistan 11/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and

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President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon visited the Vakhdati Millat (National Unity) garden in the Gafurov district of Sughd region.

The Syrdarya river flows through Sughd region, due to which agriculture is widely developed in the region, especially the production of fruits and vegetables. The region accounts for almost 43 percent of the total agricultural production of the country.

Read more : [here](#)

Uzbek, Tajik Presidents visit a carpet factory in Qayroqqum 11/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, accompanied by President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, visited Qayroqqum Carpets enterprise.

The carpet factory was commissioned in 1957. In 2019, the enterprise underwent modernization. Technological equipment from Germany, Italy, Japan, China and other countries was introduced here. It is capable of manufacturing 3 million square meters of products per year.

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Presidents of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan pay visit to Arbob Palace of Culture 11/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon visited the Arbob Palace of Culture near Khujand.

A meeting was held with representatives of the older generation, as well as the creative and scientific intelligentsia of Sughd region.

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President of Uzbekistan receives the highest state award of Tajikistan – Zarrintoch 11/06/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President Shavkat Mirziyoyev laid flowers at the monument to Ismail Somoni on Dusti Square in Dushanbe.

A concert was held at Kokhi Borbad Art Palace with the participation of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan artists.

The Decree of the President of Tajikistan on awarding the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev with the highest state award of Tajikistan – Zarrintoch

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(Golden Crown) Order of the first degree for outstanding services in the development of cooperation between the two countries was readout. President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon solemnly presented this award to the President of Uzbekistan.

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Uzbekistan builds a modern hospital in Tajikistan 11/06/2021

During Shavkat Mirziyoyev's visit to Tajikistan, a multidisciplinary hospital for 250 beds built by Uzbekistan was inaugurated in Qubodiyon district of Khatlon region.

Currently, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev is in Dushanbe at the invitation of the President of Tajikistan. During the visit, the head of state is accompanied by a delegation of several ministers and central agencies, as well as two regional khokims.

Among the events taking place in Dushanbe, Kun.uz correspondent spoke with the Health Minister of Uzbekistan Abdukhakim Khadjibayev.

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84th meeting of Kazakh-Uzbek Demarcation Commission took place in Almaty 12/06/2021

Bishkek, June 12, 2021 . / Kabar / . The 84th meeting of the government delegations of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan's Demarcation Commission took place on June 7-11, 2021, in the city of Almaty, Kazakhstan [Kazinform](#) cites the website of the Kazakh Foreign Ministry.

The sides continued the preparation of draft outcome documents on state border demarcation and discussed the draft agreement between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan on the demarcation of the Kazakh-Uzbek state border.

The next meeting is set to take place in Uzbekistan.

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