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## **Climate Change and Environment**

### **For the benefit of nature and man 29/06/2021**

Turkmenistan has approved the National Forestry Program for 2021–2025 and the Action Plan for its implementation. Being closely linked with the implementation of the tasks of the National Strategy of Turkmenistan on Climate Change, the document provides for the planting of deciduous, coniferous and fruit trees, grape seedlings and desert plants, based on the characteristics of natural ecosystems and soil and climatic conditions of the country. The National Forestry Program of Turkmenistan serves as the basis for plans for the preparation of regulatory legal acts and research work, organizational measures for the development of forestry in the country, as well as identifying key areas for the development of international cooperation in the forestry industry and its development based on the best world experience.

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### **A seminar on the application of adaptation measures to the risks of**

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## **climate change in agriculture was held in the cities of the Ferghana Valley 01/07/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 27-29 June 2021, a seminar on climate change and its impact on agricultural development was held in the cities of the Ferghana Valley for farmers. The event was organized within the framework of a joint project of UNDP and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Increasing the resilience and adaptation of farmers of the Ferghana Valley to the risks of climate change", carried out with the financial support of the Russian Federation.

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## **The United Nations in Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Agriculture Convened the National and Sub-National Food Systems Sustainability Dialogues 01/07/2021**

**TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** - The United Nations in Uzbekistan and Uzbekistan's Ministry of Agriculture jointly hosted a series of national and sub-national dialogues as part of mobilizing countrywide support and response to the United Nations Food Systems Summit called by the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres.

With support from the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Ministry of Agriculture served as the national convenor in four key dialogues. The first dialogue on 26 May was in Tashkent. The two subsequent sub-national dialogues were in Nukus on 9 June and in Namangan on 17 June. The dialogues culminated in Tashkent on 29 June 2021.

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## **UNDP Regional conference on Climate Change 01/07/2021**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has conducted Third Regional Conference titled "Education and Awareness of Climate Change in Europe and Central Asia" with participation of more than 136 representatives from government, non-governmental and international organizations from different countries.

The conference was attended by representatives of such renowned international organizations as UNESCO, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the European Union, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, well-known scientists and researchers on climate change, and others who noted that young people also strive and have the rights to participate in the planning and

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implementation of climate change measures.

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## Water resources

### **Road and water infrastructure to be allocated more money from state budget expenditures 28/06/2021**

Expenditures of the state budget will be increased by 13.1 trillion soums. More funds will be allocated to improve land, water and road infrastructure around tourism facilities. At the sixteenth plenary session of the Senate of Oliy Majlis, the Law “On Amendments to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the State Budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan for 2021” was considered and adopted, the Senate press service [reports](#).

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### **Around 1 in 4 people lack safe drinking water at home in 2020: report 02/07/2021**

GENEVA. KAZINFORM - Around one in four people lacked safely managed drinking water in their homes in 2020 and nearly half the world's population lacked safely managed sanitation, said a joint report released by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) this week, Xinhua reports.

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### **Vozrozhdenie company: a new stage in the construction of mudflow protection 03/07/2021**

The branch of the Vozrozhdenie company in Turkmenistan has completed a large volume of basic earthworks on the construction of a complex of mudflow protection structures in the capital and has begun concrete work. He will have to create a system of canals and pipelines (including the device of selenium accumulators, pumping stations, transfer, filtration and head structures), to reconstruct the existing canal, to complete road works and the power supply.

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## Energy sector

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## **IAEA: Uzbekistan is ready to build its first nuclear power plant**

**03/07/2021**

In June, a group of experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) paid a 12-day visit to Uzbekistan. Inspectors comprehensively assessed the infrastructure development process for the nuclear power program and came to the conclusion that everything is going according to plan and in compliance with all regulatory requirements.

The members of the group stated that “Uzbekistan has made significant progress in developing the nuclear power plant project and has taken steps to improve the regulatory framework and strengthen the capacity of the regulator”. They added that the country’s nuclear power program enjoys strong government support.

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## **Turkmenistan in regional energy trade 03/07/2021**

Strengthening cooperation in the energy sector by expanding opportunities for energy trade and stimulating the development of modern energy infrastructure is one of the important trends in regional cooperation in Central Asia. According to authoritative international experts, the region has an ideal set of complementary regional energy sources and generation structures that will help realize the benefits of regional energy cooperation to achieve sustainable economic growth.

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## **Afghanistan’s multilateral relationship with CA countries**

### **47 Afghan troops and militias violated the border of Uzbekistan**

**28/06/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 26 and 27 June, several groups of Afghan border troops and militias violated the state border of Uzbekistan. This was stated in the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

The statement notes that on 27 June, a group of 44 Afghan border troops and militiamen violated the state border of Uzbekistan in the area of Shortepa district.

A day earlier, on this section of the border, the fact of penetration into the territory of Uzbekistan by 3 representatives of the power structures of the neighboring country was

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### **CSTO to provide assistance to Tajikistan in connection with situation on border with Afghanistan 29/06/2021**

**Bishkek, June 29, 2021. / Kabar / .** The Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) will provide Tajikistan with all necessary assistance that will be requested by it in connection with the situation on its common border with Afghanistan, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported with the reference to *RIA Novosti*.

In case of Tajikistan's request for assistance, it will be provided with all the necessary assistance provided for by the Collective Security Treaty and the CSTO Charter," CSTO spokesman Vladimir Zainetdinov was quoted as saying.

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### **Furkat Sidikov and Mirwais Nab discuss the situation in Afghanistan 01/07/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) --** On 30 June 2021, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Furkat Sidikov held a meeting with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mirwais Nab. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

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### **Bloomberg: US asks Uzbekistan to take several thousand Afghans 02/07/2021**

The US administration has asked three Central Asian nations to temporarily house some 9,000 Afghan citizens who worked with the U.S. as they look to flee the Taliban before NATO forces withdraw by September 11, Bloomberg reports.

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### **President of Afghanistan to arrive in Tashkent 02/07/2021**

President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani will arrive in Tashkent to participate in a conference of Central and South Asian countries, the Deputy Foreign Minister of the IRA Mirwais Nab said at a regular meeting of the European Union – Central Asia High-level Political and Security Dialogue, Sputnik reports.

According to the diplomat, the parties will discuss at the conference the current

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development of the situation in Afghanistan.

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### **Uzbek FM and US Special Representative discuss prospects for resolving the Afghan conflict 03/07/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- A delegation of Uzbekistan led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulaziz Kamilov has held talks with the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad, in Washington.

The parties discussed the current state and prospects of resolving the Afghan conflict, as well as measures that will contribute to the establishment of peace in the region.

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### **Statement by the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan 03/07/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 03.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Today at 18:30, the situation in the Ovez village of Khwahan County, Shahribuzurg County and Ziraki Village of Raghistan County of the Afghan Badakhshan Region became more complicated. These areas were completely taken over by the Taliban movement. During the clashes, the Taliban also took over the Ovez border commandant's office in Hohon County, reports the Tajik Border Troops Press Center.

Over 300 servicemen of the Afghan Armed Forces, after fierce resistance, in order to save personnel, crossed the state border of Tajikistan through the guarded section of the border between the 5th frontier post "Istiklol" and the 6th frontier post "Sarigor" of the Shamsiddin Shohin frontier detachment.

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### **Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan Reports 04/07/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 04.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Today at 18:00, an armed group of the Taliban movement occupied the Khwahan County of Afghan Badakhshan Province without a fight, reports the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan.

In order to save their lives, 94 servicemen of the Afghan Armed Forces retreated, crossed the state border and entered into Tajikistan through "Shohon" area of the "Shamsiddin Shohin" border detachment.

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## **President Emomali Rahmon Holds Phone Talk with Afghan Counterpart Mohammad Ashraf Ghani 04/07/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 04.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Today, the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon held a telephone conversation with the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani.

The conversation focused on the alarming development of the military-political situation in Afghanistan.

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## **ABOUT THE SITUATION ON THE BORDER WITH AFGHANISTAN. Statement by the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security 05/07/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 05.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – On the night from July 4 through July 5, the militants of Taliban movement took full control of the Khwahan, Shekay, Nusay, Maimay, Sheghnan and Sultan Ishkashim counties of the Afghan Badakhshan Province, which have a common border in this direction with Tajikistan with a length of 910 kilometers, reports the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan.

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## **Cooperation between Central Asian countries**

### **Turkmen companies signed agreements for supplies of their products to Kyrgyzstan 28/06/2021**

Members of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Turkmenistan, who took an active part in the Turkmen-Kyrgyz economic forum held today in Ashgabat, signed 15 agreements during it.

The documents will stimulate trade cooperation between the countries and will contribute to development of contacts between Turkmen entrepreneurs and the Kyrgyz business.

The agreements were signed for the Turkmen part by economic societies “Deryaplastik”, “Taze ay”, “Yigit”, “Balkandag”, “Ishgar”, “Nur onumchilik sovda gurlushyk”, individual

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enterprises “Mahriban-Merv”, “Altyn burgut”, the “Miwe” Open Joint-Stock Company and a number of individual entrepreneurs.

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## **Sadyr Japarov invited Turkmen companies to establish their enterprises in Kyrgyzstan 28/06/2021**

President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Japarov, who arrived on a visit to Ashgabat, visited the exhibition of export goods of Turkmenistan and took part in an economic forum that brought together the business circles of the two countries.

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## **Happy Birthday congratulations come to the address of the President of Turkmenistan 29/06/2021**

Congratulation messages come to address of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on occasion of his birthday. President of Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, Chairman of the People’s Republic of China Xi Jinping, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kasym Jomart Tokayev, President of the State of the United Arab Emirates Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the Republic of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon addressed the best wishes to Turkmen leader on occasion of his 64th birthday.

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## **Turkmenistan proposed Kyrgyzstan to develop partnership 29/06/2021**

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, during negotiations with President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Japarov, who paid an official visit to Ashgabat, proposed developing bilateral partnerships in energy and transport.

Determining the key areas of Turkmen-Kyrgyz cooperation, the leader of the nation noted that energy is his most important area.

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## **Tajikistan — Kyrgyzstan Summit Talks 29/06/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 29.06.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon held talks at the Palace of the Nation with the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Japarov who is in Dushanbe on an official visit.

The official welcoming ceremony was followed by talks. The counterparts met in the restricted format before continuing talks with the participation of delegations.

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## **Number of documents signed within framework of Sadyr Zhaparov's official visit to Tajikistan 29/06/2021**

**Bishkek, June 29, 2021. / Kabar /. Within the framework of the official visit of President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov to Tajikistan, a number of documents were signed in Dushanbe, which are aimed at building up Kyrgyz-Tajik bilateral cooperation.**

Sadyr Zhaparov and Tajik President Emomali Rahmon adopted a Joint Statement.

In addition, the following documents were signed:

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## **President of the Kyrgyz Republic Lays a Wreath at the Ismoil Somoni Monument in Dushanbe 29/06/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 29.06.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Today, President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Japarov, as part of his official visit to Tajikistan, visited the main square of Dushanbe.

Japarov laid a floral wreath at the monument of the founder of the first Tajik state Ismoil Somoni.

In this ceremony, President of the Kyrgyz Republic was accompanied by the Deputy Prime Minister Davlatshoh Gulmahmadzoda and other officials.

Japarov's official visit to Tajikistan continues.

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## **The first batch of cargo delivered to Bishkek 30/06/2021**

The first consignment of goods from Turkmenistan, an agreement on the supply of which was reached during the official visit of President Sadyr Japarov to Turkmenistan, was

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delivered to Kyrgyzstan. About 20 tons of sanitary products, several tens of tons of tomatoes, carrots and confectionery were sent to Bishkek from Turkmenabat on an IL-76 aircraft (Turkmen Airlines). In addition, several tons of petrochemical products (polypropylene and polyethylene granules), tissue samples, etc. were delivered. Thus, the Turkmen businessmen began to implement the contracts signed a few days ago.

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### **Berdimuhamedov and Mirziyoyev discussed the upcoming meeting of the heads of Central Asian state in Turkmenistan 30/06/2021**

Presidents of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev discussed by phone the organization of the next Consultative Meeting of the heads of Central Asian state, the presidential press service of the Republic of Uzbekistan reports.

The Presidents of the two countries agreed on the need for thorough preparation of the upcoming event's programme, which is scheduled for this year in Turkmenistan.

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### **Turkmen leader invited the President of Kazakhstan to visit Turkmenistan 30/06/2021**

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov invited by telephone the head of Kazakhstan Kassym-Zhomart Tokayev to pay an official visit to Turkmenistan this year to sign a number of important agreements, the press service of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan reported.

Tokayev accepted the invitation, and also expressed his readiness to take part in the forthcoming VI Caspian Summit in Ashgabat in the fall of 2021. The head of Kazakhstan supported the initiative of the Turkmen leader to organize the next Consultative Meeting of the Heads of State of Central Asia in Turkmenistan.

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### **The Turkmen-Kirghiz Development Fund will strengthen interaction of**

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## **businessmen of the two countries 02/07/2021**

The Turkmen-Kirghiz Development Fund, establishment of which [was agreed](#) by heads of the countries at negotiations in Ashkhabad on Monday, can start to work already till the end of the year, as the Kirghiz mass-media referring to the Ministry of Economics and Finance of Kyrgyzstan writes.

The purposes of creation of financial structure include goods turnover increase between the countries by 10-20 %. Means for the fund's creation, the authorized capital of which will make up 100 million dollars, will be allocated by the Turkmen party, as the Kirghiz editions inform.

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## **Kyrgyzstan considers the possibility of transit of goods to Afghanistan through Turkmenistan 02/07/2021**

Turkmenistan is a transit country through which Kyrgyzstan can enter the Afghan market. This was stated by chairman of the Association of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Kyrgyzstan, Jyrgalbek Sagynbaev, on the air of the "Ala-Too 24" TV channel.

According to him, Kyrgyzstan needs a market for the sale of electric bulbs. "We have the Mailuu-Suu lamp plant, Turkmenistan buys a lot of incandescent lamps, and as a transit country can transport them to the Afghan market," Sagynbayev said.

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## **Government delegations of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan discuss border issues 04/07/2021**

**Bishkek, July 4, 2021. / Kabar /. A meeting of government delegations of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan took place in Fergana ( Uzbekistan).**

According to the press service of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, during the negotiations, the sides exchanged proposals on the location of the junction of the state borders of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

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## **Parliament of Kyrgyzstan approves bill on creation of Uzbek-Kyrgyz**

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## **Development Fund 05/07/2021**

**Bishkek, July 5, 2021 . / Kabar / .** The Jogorku Kenesh (Kyrgyz Parliament) Committee on International Affairs, Defense and Security considered and approved in the third reading a draft law "On ratification of an Agreement between the Governments of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan on the establishment of the Uzbek-Kyrgyz Development Fund, signed on March 11, 2021 in Tashkent", the press service of the Parliament reported Monday.

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