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Climate Change and Environment

Ministry of Agriculture and CIP launch a five-year food safety program 14/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Ministry of Agriculture of Uzbekistan and the International Potato Center (CIP) are launching a five-year program “Improving food security and resilience to climate change in Uzbekistan through breeding and seed production of potatoes and sweet potatoes.” This year, the Potato Advanced Research and Development Center is being launched.

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Water resources

WHO launches Guidelines for Recreational Water Quality 18/07/2021

The World Health Organization has launched Guidelines for Recreational Water Quality as extreme heat events occur.

They outline health-based water quality targets and best practice for monitoring and surveillance, pollution control and communication efforts to let the public know if it is safe to use water bodies.

The latest Guidelines include several general recommendations based on scientific evidence and best practice from around the world to better protect recreational water users. In particular, these recommendations are to: set national health-based targets for recreational water bodies; develop recreational water safety plans (RWSPs); conduct regular epidemiologic surveillance of recreational water areas (from Latin recreation ‘restoration’).

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Measures on improving the water supply of agricultural lands identified 19/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 19 July, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev chaired a meeting on improving the infrastructure of agriculture through the modernization of pumping stations.

There are 1,687 pumping stations in the country. 299 of them have become obsolete, as a result of which 80 thousand hectares of land had gone out of circulation, water supply has deteriorated on 607 thousand hectares. The modernization of these stations will require 700 million euros.

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Energy sector

Agreements for two solar power plants signed with Masdar 12/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 12 July 2021, a ceremony of signing project agreements with Masdar (UAE) for two solar power plants to be built in Samarkand and Jizzakh regions was held in Tashkent. This was reported by the Ministry of Energy.

During the ceremony, Mohamed Jamil Al Ramahi, CEO of Masdar, said: "These projects highlight that Uzbekistan is playing a real leadership role in clean energy projects in the region and contributing to global action to combat climate change. This is a vital mission and we will help you with it."

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Uzbek Energy Minister meets with Masdar delegation 14/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 13 July, the Minister of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan held a meeting with a delegation of Masdar (UAE), headed by Director General Mohamed Jamil Al Ramahi.

The delegation is in the country in connection with the signing of agreements with the Government of Uzbekistan on two solar photovoltaic power plants (FES), the signing ceremony, which took place the day before.

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About 8.1 million kWh of electricity was generated from associated gases combusted in the flare 15/07/2021

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Economic policy on the use of secondary energy resources has become a matter of national importance in many countries of the world, including Uzbekistan.

Uzbekneftegaz also applies innovative technologies for the rational use of secondary energy resources.

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Ways to scale-up deployment of renewable energy in Uzbekistan discussed 15/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- International roundtable with government and international financial institutions to discuss ways to scale-up deployment of renewable energy in Uzbekistan.

The goal of an international roundtable organised today by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank Group and the Government in a virtual format is to discuss taking the energy mix transformation in Uzbekistan to the next level.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Some 150 Afghans crossed the border of Uzbekistan 12/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Since 23 June, Afghan armed men have repeatedly tried to illegally cross the border of Uzbekistan. Their total number has reached 150 today. This was reported by the Press Secretary of President Sherzod Asadov.

He noted that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan on 24 June expressed an official position on the violence in Afghanistan.

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ISMI expert: conference “Central and South Asia: regional interconnectedness. Challenges and Opportunities” will allow “synchronizing watches” on the implementation of the Trans-Afghan corridor project 13/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- For millennia, Central and South Asia have closely interacted politically, economically and culturally. In the past, the regions were connected by the Great Silk Road, through which there was rapid trade in both directions. However, due to objective historical

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processes, the mutual ties between Central and South Asia have somewhat weakened. At some point in time, the regions developed separately, which did not correspond to the established practice of intensive exchanges between the peoples of Central and South Asia.

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Border Troops Press Center: Nearly 350 Afghan Citizens Crossed the Border in Two Days 14/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 14.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – From July 13 through July 14, 347 Afghan citizens, including 91 men, 77 women and 177 minors (64 boys and 113 girls), who are of Kyrgyz origin of the Andemin village of the Wakhan district of Badakhshan province, fearing persecution by the Taliban crossed the state border in the area of Kyzyl-Rabot rural community of the Murgob district and entered Tajikistan. While crossing the state border, two babies died, reports the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security.

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Joint Statement by SCO Foreign Ministers on the Results of the Meeting in the Format of the SCO-Afghanistan Contact Group 14/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 14.07.2021. (NIAT Khovar) — We, the Foreign Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States, *advocating* Afghanistan's emergence as an independent, neutral, unified, peaceful, democratic and prosperous state, *Aware that* achieving peace and stability in that country is a major factor in ensuring security in the SCO region, *Convinced* of the need to continue to assist the Afghan people in their efforts to rebuild their country and return to the path of peace and national harmony,

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Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security Reports 14/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 14.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday at 16:00 local time, 77 Afghan citizens, including 26 men, 20 women and 31 minors, who were mostly Kyrgyz origin residents of the Andemin village of the Wakhan district of Badakhshan province, fearing persecution by the Taliban and in order to save their lives, crossed the state border in the area of Kyzyl-Rabot rural community of the Murgob district and entered Tajikistan, reports

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the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security.

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Uzbek FM attends SCO – Afghanistan Contact Group Meeting 14/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 14 July 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov attended SCO – Afghanistan Contact Group Meeting in Dushanbe, the Uzbek Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Foreign Ministers of Afghanistan and the SCO Member States, the Organization's Secretariat, the Executive Committee of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure discussed aspects of joint actions of the parties in the Afghan direction, measures to support the promotion of the comprehensive peace process, the return of Afghanistan to the path of stable development and economic revival.

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The principle of President of Uzbekistan regarding the stabilization of Afghanistan - "from instability and destruction to peace and creation" - determines the logic of joint regional cooperation in the Afghan direction 14/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - The recent dynamic development of the situation in Afghanistan has attracted the attention of the entire international community. On the one hand, the ongoing peace talks in Qatar between the Afghan government and the Taliban may end the long-standing conflict and give rise to an era of peaceful and constructive development of the country. However, the sharp escalation of violence following the announcement of the withdrawal of international forces from Afghanistan in the coming months postpones the prospects for an early restoration of stability and promises the Afghan people, if not a new round of civil war, then at least even greater chaos and aggravation of the socio-economic crisis. The current situation has actualized the issue of finding ways to resolve the conflict as soon as possible by peaceful means.

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Tajikistan Supports the Brotherly People of Afghanistan in Today's Difficult Conditions 15/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 15.07.2021. (NIAT Khovar) — Yesterday, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhridin met with his Afghan counterpart Mohammad Haneef Atmar. The meeting focused on the situation in the region and Afghanistan, the process of inter-

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Afghan negotiations, relations between Tajikistan and Afghanistan in various fields.

The ministers noted that the joint fight against terrorism, extremism and drug trafficking is an important area of cooperation between the two countries.

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President of Uzbekistan meets with the President of Afghanistan 15/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 15 July, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev met with the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani, who arrived in Uzbekistan to attend the International Conference “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity. Challenges and Opportunities”.

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Shavkat Mirziyoyev calls on the conflicting parties in Afghanistan to compromise 16/07/2021

Afghanistan is at a turning point in its newest history, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev said at the international conference “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity. Challenges and Opportunities.”

“We are confident that the wise Afghan people will show readiness towards compromises for the good of reaching a national accord. It is of fundamental importance that the international community fully supports the political settlement of the conflict for the long-awaited peace on the Afghan land. This will open up the new prospects for the integration of Afghanistan into the region-wide processes,” said the President of Uzbekistan.

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President Emomali Rahmon: Tajik-Afghan State Border Is an Important Buffer Zone for the CIS and EU Member States 16/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 16.07.2021. (NIAT Khovar) – “The state border between Tajikistan and Afghanistan is very important not only for our country, but also for the member states of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the European Union (EU) as it acts as a buffer zone,” said President Emomali Rahmon at a meeting with the servicemen of the Hamadoni border detachment.

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Border Troops Press Center: Nearly 350 Afghan Citizens Return to

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Their Permanent Residence in Two Days 18/07/2021

DUSHANBE, 18.07.2021. (NIAT Khovar) – On July 17-18 this year, 345 Afghan refugees of Kyrgyz origin, residents of the Andemin village of Wakhan district of the Afghan Badakhshan Province, together with their 4,000 small and large horned livestock, as well as personal vehicles, who had crossed the state border line into Tajikistan on July 13-14, were returned to their permanent residence in Afghanistan, reports the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Over 600 guests to take part in an international conference in Tashkent 12/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- About 600 guests will take part in the international conference “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity. Challenges and Opportunities”, which will be held from 15 to 16 July in Tashkent. This was announced by the press secretary of the President of Uzbekistan Sherzod Asadov.

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Abdulaziz Kamilov holds meetings with foreign counterparts in Dushanbe 14/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 13 July 2021, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov, who arrived in Dushanbe to attend the regular meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the SCO member states, met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan Shah Mahmood Qureshi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan Haneef Atmar and the Minister of External Affairs of India Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.

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IFMR: interconnectedness of Central and South Asia - a new trend of economic development in Eurasia 14/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A joint expert group from among the staff of the Institute for Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research (IFMR) and Uzbekiston Temir Yullari assessed the importance of the International Conference: “Central and South Asia: regional interconnectedness. Challenges and Opportunities”, which will be held on 15-16 July 2021 in Tashkent.

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An opening ceremony of the International Institute of Central Asia takes place 15/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 15 July, within the framework of the international conference “Central and South Asia: regional interconnectedness. Challenges and Opportunities”, an opening ceremony of the International Institute of Central Asia (IICA), created on the initiative of the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, took place.

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President of Uzbekistan addresses the International Conference 16/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 16 July, the International Conference “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity. Challenges and Opportunities” kicked off in Tashkent.

The conference, organized at the initiative of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, is attended by the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the ministers of foreign affairs of Central and South Asian countries, delegations of 44 countries and about 30 international organizations, heads of authoritative research and analytical centers.

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Joint Statement of the C5+1 on the International Conference “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity. Challenges and Opportunities” 17/07/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The text of the following statement was adopted by the Governments of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, and the United States of America, on the occasion of the International Conference, “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity. Challenges and Opportunities,” held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan July 15-16, 2021.

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