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## **Climate Change and Environment**

### **President Zhaparov instructs to strengthen measures to prevent natural disasters 21/07/2021**

**Bishkek, July 21, 2021 . / Kabar / .** Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zaparov instructed the Cabinet of Ministers to strengthen the complex of measures to prevent natural disasters in the country's regions, his press service said Wednesday.

The president noted that due to growing likelihood of various natural disasters - mudslides, landslides and flooding, employees of the involved state agencies and services should be transferred to a high readiness mode.

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### **Strategic goals of the Ramsar Convention 23/07/2021**

On July 23, 2021, representatives of the Ramsar Regional Initiative for Central Asia (RRI-

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CA) participating nations held a meeting entitled 'Wetlands: The Cradle of Biodiversity in Central Asia' to review the RRI-CA's overall performance over the last five years in the countries, parties to the international treaty. The event was held in an online format because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## **Climate change: Israel to cut 85% of emissions by mid-century 26/07/2021**

**Bishkek, July 26, 2021 . / Kabar / .** Israel will cut carbon emissions by 85% from 2015 levels by the middle of the century, its government says, [BBC](#) reported.

Its prime minister said the decision would help the country gradually shift to a low-carbon economy.

Targets include cutting the vast majority of emissions from transport, the electricity sector and municipal waste.

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## **Water resources**

### **Uzbekistan increases water flow to Kazakhstan through the Dostyk canal 22/07/2021**

**Uzbekistan increased the water flow through the Dostyk interstate canal from 80 to 90 m<sup>3</sup>/s for farmers of the Maktaaral and Zhetisay districts of the Turkestan region of Kazakhstan.**

The Minister of Ecology, Geology, and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan Magzum Mirzagaliyev and the Minister of Water Management of Uzbekistan reached the relevant agreement at the meeting on July 19.

The ministries also agreed to continue joint measures to increase inflow to the Shardara reservoir and discussed the draft agreement between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan on the joint management and use of transboundary water bodies.

The parties reaffirmed their intention to complete the draft agreement by the end of this year.

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### **The Turkmen leader signs Resolutions 23/07/2021**

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In order to further develop cooperation between Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as to implement the tasks set by the Agreement between the Government of Turkmenistan and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the Joint Turkmen-Uzbek Intergovernmental Commission on Water Management Issues, the President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution, approving the membership of the Intergovernmental Commission for the Turkmen side.

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## Energy sector

### **The winners of the Save Energy competition are awarded 19/07/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- An award ceremony for the winners of the Save Energy - 2021 competition, held by the Ministry of Energy of Uzbekistan jointly with LUKOIL, was held. The competition was aimed at popularizing the topic of energy saving and energy efficiency. In total, over 50 works were submitted in three nominations.

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### **Delegation of Uzbekistan studies Turkish experience in gas supply 19/07/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- A delegation of Uzbekistan led by the Deputy Minister of Energy paid a working visit to Turkey on 1-10 July 2021 to study the gas transportation system, the progress of reforms in the energy sector in Turkey.

During the trip, the members of the delegation got acquainted with the activities of the leading Turkish companies operating in this area. During the working visit, the delegation visited a number of cities, was, in particular, familiarized with the algorithm of work of one of the gas supply operators in the city of Duzche, including the system of accounting and quality of the main indicators of the gas distribution station. The structure of connection of subscribers to gas supply, the design process, construction of internal networks, execution of contracts, taking readings from gas meters has been studied.

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### **International cooperation promotes energy transition in Central Asia 19/07/2021**

Energy-rich Central Asia is open to international cooperation towards a cost-effective, low-carbon, climate-resilient economy through increased use of renewable energy sources

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and improved energy efficiency. In adapting national energy strategies to new realities and modern requirements, in expanding regional cooperation in the field of energy and realizing the huge potential of renewable energy sources, the countries of the region cooperate, in particular, with USAID, the world's leading agency for international development of the United States.

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## **IAEA declares Uzbekistan ready to build a nuclear power plant 21/07/2021**

The International Atomic Energy Agency commission has completed its investigation. The commission concluded that Uzbekistan was ready to build the first nuclear power plant.

During the inspection, the inspectors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) commission comprehensively assessed the process of infrastructure development of the nuclear energy program, reviewed the preparation of project documents, and inspected security measures to protect the facility and prevent nuclear proliferation.

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

### **Former Afghan President Karzai Welcomes the Attention of President Emomali Rahmon to His Country 24/07/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 24.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Former Afghan President Hamid Karzai welcomed the attention of the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon to Afghanistan. Karzai wrote on his official Facebook page that during fourteen years of his service he had very good and fraternal relations with Tajikistan, and especially with the President Emomali Rahmon himself.

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### **Tajikistan ready to accept about 100,000 Afghans seeking refuge: Tajik emergencies official 25/07/2021**

**Bishkek, July 25, 2021. / Kabar /** .Tajikistan today is able to accept about 100,000 Afghan seeking refuge and place them in training grounds of the Tajik Ministry of Defense, which are located near the border with Afghanistan, the deputy chief of the Emergencies Committee under the Government of Tajikistan, Colonel Emomali Ibrohimzoda, told reporters in Dushanbe on July 23, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported.

“In case of necessity, the country can accept even more refugees from Afghanistan,” Tajik

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emergencies official noted.

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## Cooperation between Central Asian countries

### **President Emomali Rahmon Tests the Readiness of the Armed Forces, Law Enforcement Agencies, Personnel of Mobilization Reserves Combat and Attends Military Parade of Officers and Soldier of the Armed Forces 22/07/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 22.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – At four o'clock in the morning today – July 22, 2021 by order of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Leader of the Nation, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Tajikistan, Army General, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, in order to verify the combat readiness of military units for the first time in the history of the independent state of Tajikistan throughout the country, 100 thousand officers and soldiers of the Armed Forces and 130 thousand officers and soldiers of the mobilization reserve were assembled and their combat readiness was checked.

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### **President Emomali Rahmon: Tajikistan Will Never Use Its Armed Forces Against Neighboring Countries 22/07/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 22.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Tajikistan will never use its armed forces against neighboring countries. This was resolutely stated today by the President, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Army General Emomali Rahmon in his speech before the servicemen of the Armed Forces, law enforcement agencies, officers and soldiers, who are in the reserve of the Armed Forces.

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### **Speech of the President Emomali Rahmon Before the Members of the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies 22/07/2021**

Dear generals, officers, warrant officers and soldiers!

These days, the glorious Tajik people is preparing for the sacred and great national holiday — the 30th anniversary of the State Independence of the Republic of Tajikistan.

In honor of this historic fateful date, I sincerely congratulate you, dear officers and soldiers of the Motherland, all the personnel of the Armed Forces and law enforcement agencies

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of sovereign Tajikistan.

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### **Presidents of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan hold a phone call 24/07/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 24 July, a telephone conversation was held between the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov.

President Sadyr Zhaparov cordially congratulated President Shavkat Mirziyoyev on his birthday, expressing sincere wishes for wellbeing and prosperity to the brotherly people of Uzbekistan.

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### **Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security Reports 24/07/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 24.07.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Today, according to the previous bilateral agreement between the chairmen of the Chorkuh rural community of Isfara of Tajikistan and Aksay rural community of Batken district of the Kyrgyz Republic, residents of Isfara began cleaning work in the Kummazor site in the I. Fayzulloev settlement of the Chorkukh, reports the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security.

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