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Climate Change and Environment

Tuyamuyun Hydro Complex: Risks, Vulnerabilities and Solutions 31/08/2021

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The seminar “Assessment of Climate Risks and Vulnerabilities in the territory of Tuyamuyun Hydro Complex (Turkmenistan – Uzbekistan)” was held online on August 27, 2021.

The event brought together the experts and government representatives of Turkmenistan, representatives of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) and international consultants on climate change assessment.

The participants reviewed the results of the assessment of climate risks and vulnerability under three components: (1) overall impact, (2) geographical sensitivity, and (3) socio-economic component. They also learnt approaches to increase investments in climate change adaptation and ways and measures to adapt climate change in the territory to Tuyamuyun Hydro Complex.

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Improved China-U.S. ties needed for climate change cooperation: Chinese FM 02/09/2021

BEIJING, Sept. 1 (Xinhua) -- Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Wednesday met with the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry via video link upon invitation, urging the U.S. side to work with China and take active steps to bring ties back on track.

China-U.S. cooperation on climate change serves interests of both sides and the world, and enjoys broad development prospect, but such cooperation cannot sustain without an improved bilateral relationship, Wang said.

For China and the United States, as two major countries in the world, cooperation is the only right choice and the keen expectation of the international community, Wang told Kerry, who is in Tianjin for the China-U.S. negotiations on climate change.

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Kazakh Ecology Minister elected Chairman of CIS Interstate Ecological Council 03/09/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – The 7th meeting of the Interstate Ecological Council of the CIS countries took place online today, Kazinform cites the Ministry of Ecology, Geology, and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan.

During the meeting Magzum Mirzagaliyev, Kazakh Ecology, Geology, and Natural

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Resources Minister elected new Chairman of the CIS Interstate Ecological Council. Delegations of the member States of the CIS Interstate Ecological Council – Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan as well as reps of the Secretariat of the Board of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the CIS States, Executive Committee of the CIS Energy Power Council, and CIS Executive Committee – joined the event

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Kyrgyzstan's highlands allure nature lovers 04/09/2021

Highlands, located in the Issyk Kul region of the Tian Shan Mountains in the north of Kyrgyzstan, attracts nature lovers.

The Grigorievka, Ananyevo and Semenovka highlands, at the foot of the North Tian Shan Mountains, fascinates visitors with their unique beauty. They are considered one of the important natural beauties in Kyrgyzstan.

While the plateaus offer a unique view and opportunity to rest in the fresh air, they also provide a suitable environment for mountain hiking and camping.

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Water resources

Water shortage may lead to a decrease in GDP of Central Asian countries by 11% 02/09/2021

Water shortages in Central Asia can lead to a drop in regional GDP by 11%, said Obid Khakimov, director of the Center for Economic Research and Reforms

“A serious problem for sustainable development of the Central Asian region is the lack of water resources. According to the calculations of the World Bank, by 2050, water resources in the Syr Darya basin are expected to decrease by 5%, and in the Amu Darya basin – by 15%. By 2050, a shortage of fresh water in Central Asia could lead to a drop in GDP by 11%,” Khakimov said, speaking at a panel session at the annual meeting of the IDB Board of Governors in Tashkent.

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Energy sector

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UAE company interested in investing in construction of solar power plants in Kyrgyzstan 04/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 4, 2021. / Kabar /. Representatives of the Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic and energy companies met with a delegation from the United Arab Emirates, the press service of the energy ministry reported.

The meeting participants discussed issues of cooperation in the field of energy. The Kyrgyz side provided information on energy projects in the country.

During the meeting, representatives of the UAE noted that Kyrgyzstan has a high potential for renewable energy sources and that MASDAR is interested in investing in solar power plants. It should be noted that this company has invested USD 110,000 in the construction of a solar power plant in Uzbekistan.

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In Lebap a power plant with innovative Japanese turbines was put into operation 04/09/2021

The 432 MW new gas-turbine power plant joined operating ones in Lebap. It was a part of the Lebap state power plant located in the Charjev district. The large electrical power project was realized by Turkmenenergo State Corporation in cooperation with Japanese Sumitomo Corporation and Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems with assistance of the Turkish Construction Holding Rönesans. For participation in the opening ceremony of this status object in Turkmenistan arrived the Japanese delegation headed by State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan of Ejima Kiyoshi.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Turkmenistan resumes construction of the «Akina-Andkhoy» railway in Afghanistan 31/08/2021

The construction works at the railway segment «Akina-Andkhoy» in Afghanistan have resumed.

As is known, the construction of the railway line «Kerki – Ymamnazar – Akina – Andkhoy» had started on June 6, 2014. The opening ceremony of the 30 kilometers railway segment «Akina-Andkhoy» was held on the 14th of January 2021 in Afghanistan.

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Currently, the technical and commissioning works at the given railway section continue which are planned to be completed in the near future.

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Serhetabat-Turgundi Turkmen-Afghan border crossing to increase cargo traffic 31/08/201

The Turkmen delegation held a meeting on Tuesday with authorized representatives of the Afghan province of Herat. The negotiations took place at the Serhetabat-Turgundi border checkpoint.

The meeting was attended by representatives of banking and financial structures, medical organizations, other specialized and law enforcement agencies of the two countries. The parties considered issues of interaction in the field of border, customs and phytosanitary supervision in border areas in accordance with sanitary and epidemiological requirements.

Representatives of the two neighboring countries agreed to increase the volume of cargo passing through the Serhetabat-Turgundi checkpoint, including through the provision of assistance in the form of installing special medical equipment for checks.

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President Emomali Rahmon Awards National Hero of Afghanistan Ahmad Shah Massoud 01/09/2021

DUSHANBE, 02.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – President Emomali Rahmon signed an executive order awarding Order of Ismoili Somoni in 1st degree to former Minister of Defense of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, national hero of Afghanistan Ahmad Shah Massoud.

According to the document, the Order of Ismoili Somoni in 1st degree was awarded for Ahmad Shah Massoud 's facilitation and mediation to inter-Tajik negotiations in 1993-1996 and his significant contribution to the peace process in the Republic of Tajikistan.

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Turkmenistan sent humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 01/09/2021

Turkmenistan sent humanitarian aid to Afghanistan today by order of President

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Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov. This was the first humanitarian delivery of the Turkmen side to Afghanistan after the certain events in this state, the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan specifies.

In particular, medicines, protective clothing for medical personnel and other medical products, disinfectants, medicinal solutions, protective masks, surgical gloves, drugs for the treatment of coronavirus infection were sent to the Afghan people.

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Taliban movement wishes to build fruitful and friendly relations with Uzbekistan 01/09/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Taliban movement wants to build fruitful and friendly relations with neighboring Uzbekistan. This was announced by a member of the negotiating group of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and spokesman for the political office of the Taliban Mohammad Suheil Shahin.

Uzbekistan takes an active part in the peace process in Afghanistan. The constructive role of our country is also recognized by the current leadership of Afghanistan. This is evidenced by the fact that a member of the negotiating group of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and press secretary of the political office of the Taliban Mohammad Suheil Shahin, on behalf of his leadership, sent a congratulatory message to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan in connection with the 30th anniversary of the State independence of our country.

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Taliban spokesman sends congratulatory message to Uzbekistan's Foreign Ministry 02/09/2021

On September 1, the spokesman of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan sent a congratulatory message to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

[According](#) to the press service of the Foreign Ministry, Zabihullah Mujahid congratulated Uzbekistan on Independence Day.

“We congratulate the government and people of neighboring Uzbekistan on the 30th anniversary of independence and express our most sincere wishes. We ask Almighty Allah to protect the honor and high dignity of the people and government of Uzbekistan,” the message says.

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UK to help Uzbekistan accommodate refugees from Afghanistan 03/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 3, 2021. / Kabar /. The UK will provide \$ 41 million to states bordering Afghanistan to help accommodate refugees, [Trend](#) reports via western media outlets.

UK's foreign minister Dominic Raab noted that helping Afghans is 'vital' for regional stability.

London said that of this amount, \$14 million will be immediately sent to humanitarian organizations, including the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

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Satellites show Afghan refugee camp in Uzbekistan 04/09/2021

Reuters showed satellite images of an Afghan refugee camp in Uzbekistan. Pilots from Afghanistan told about the situation in the camp. The former US ambassador expressed his opinion.

According to Reuters, Afghan military pilots are afraid to return to their homeland. However, Uzbek soldiers who guard the camp say Afghans cannot stay here forever.

The agency's correspondents spoke with some of the people who are being held in the camp. One of the pilots, on condition of anonymity, said that they were being held as in a prison. They spend a lot of time under the sun, movement is very limited, food and medical services are not up to par. Many have already lost weight.

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Uzbekistan, Italy to cooperate in delivery of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 04/09/2021

According to the MFA press service, the talks focused on cooperation in political, diplomatic, trade-economic and other spheres. The sides also exchanged views on the forthcoming second ministerial meeting "Italy – Central Asia", which is scheduled to be held in Tashkent at the level of foreign ministers.

The Italian side also thanked Uzbekistan for its assistance in organizing the evacuation of citizens of European countries and other countries in Afghanistan. In addition, Uzbekistan and Italy expressed readiness to continue cooperation in this area, including in the delivery of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan.

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Trans-Afghan highway to reduce transportation costs by almost three times 04/09/2021

The implementation of the project for the construction of the Mazar-i-Sharif – Kabul – Peshawar railway will significantly reduce the delivery time of goods to Central Asia, the CIS and Europe. This was announced by the director of the Center for Economic Research and Reforms Obid Khakimov.

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Special representatives of the countries-neighbours of Afghanistan held negotiations 06/09/2021

Special representatives of Turkmenistan, Iran, China, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan carried out on Sunday a videoconference on Afghanistan, having discussed the situation in the neighbouring country.

Participants of the meeting exchanged opinions on the current situation in Afghanistan and to efforts of international community, and also the countries of the region in expansion of cooperation on the Afghan perspective, reports the site of foreign policy department of Turkmenistan.

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Special Representatives of 6 neighboring countries discuss the situation in Afghanistan 06/09/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 5 September, at the initiative of the Pakistani side, virtual talks of the Special Representatives of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan, Iran and China for Afghanistan (“Group-6”) were held.

According to Uzbek Foreign Ministry, the parties noted the importance of consolidating regional efforts for a peaceful settlement of the Afghan crisis, the creation of an inclusive government in the country based on broad representation, ensuring human rights, including women and national minorities.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

President Emomali Rahmon hold Phone Conversation with Kyrgyz

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President Japarov 31/08/2021

DUSHANBE, 31.08.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon had a telephone conversation with the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Japarov.

At the outset of the conversation, President Rahmon sincerely congratulated the President and the friendly people of Kyrgyzstan with the historic 30th anniversary of state independence and wished all them peace, stability, and sustainable development.

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Agitation campaign to parliamentary elections to start on Oct. 29 01/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 1, 2021 / Kabar / Pre-election campaigning to parliamentary elections will begin in Kyrgyzstan on October 29, according to the website of the Central Election Commission of the country.

According to the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, pre-election campaigning begins on the day of the end of the registration period for all candidates, lists of candidates and ends 24 hours before the start of voting.

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There are 290 political parties registered in Kyrgyzstan 02/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 2, 2021. / Kabar / The Ministry of Justice of Kyrgyzstan submitted a list of registered political parties to the country's Central Election Commission.

The press service of the CEC reported that, as of September 1, 2021, the list contains 290 political parties, indicating the leaders and the date of registration (re-registration). (For a complete list of political parties, follow the link: <https://shailoo.gov.kg/ru/news/5363/>).

According to article 60 of the constitutional Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On elections of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic and deputies of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic", political parties that have passed state registration and / or re-registration in accordance with the established procedure have the right to nominate lists of candidates for deputies of the Jogorku Kenesh.

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15 parties intend to participate in parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan

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Bishkek, Sept. 2, 2021. / Kabar /. By 18:00 on September 1, the Central Election Commission received notifications from 15 political parties about their intention to participate in the parliamentary elections, which will be held on November 28, 2021.

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**75 parties intend to participate in parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan
03/09/2021**

Bishkek, Sept. 3, 2021. / Kabar /. At 18:00 on September 3, the Central Election Commission of Kyrgyzstan received notifications from 75 political parties about their intention to participate in the parliamentary elections, which will be held on November 28, 2021

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