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Climate Change and Environment

Climate change could force 216 mln to migrant within countries by 2050: World Bank 14/09/2021

WASHINGTON. KAZINFORM - Climate change could force 216 million people across the world to move within their countries by 2050, the World Bank said in a report released on Monday, Xinhua reports.

Read more: [here](#)

GREEN ECONOMY IN ACTION! 14/09/2021

The 12th Central Asian Leadership Programme on Environment for Sustainable Development (CALP) will be held on September 20-24th 2021.

The upcoming event is organized by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) in cooperation with the European Union SWITCH-ASIA Programme, the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan, the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, the EU Delegations in Central Asia, and the World Bank. The Leadership Programme is taking place virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Read more: [here](#)

World Cleanup Day. Kyrgyzstan to host global cleanup day 15/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 15, 2021 . / Kabar / . Kyrgyzstan will host on Sept. 18 a global cleanup day as part of the World Cleanup Day celebration, head of the Eco Demi Public Foundation Aizhan Chynybayeva said during a press conference at Kabar News Agency.

According to her, the campaign is planned to involve people from all regions of the country.

"Traditionally, the campaign is initiated by Eco Demi Public Fund. 2021 World Cleanup Day is supported by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, many state bodies, businesses, international and public organizations, and just concerned citizens," Chynybayeva added.

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Kazakhstan's Kolsai kolderi National Park declared UNESCO Biosphere

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NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – The State National Natural Park Kolsai kolderi has been included into the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves. Such a decision was made at the 33rd session of the International Coordinating Council of the UNESCO Programme «Human and Biosphere,» Kazinform cites the press service of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan.

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SESSION 2. GREEN GROWTH IN A POST-COVID WORLD – PRESENTING THE GREEN TRANSITION FRAMEWORK 16/09/2021

TASHKENT, September 9, 2021 – The second round table meeting, Green Growth in a Post-COVID World – presenting the green transition framework is held within 11 Green Growth and Climate Change in Uzbekistan policy dialogues and stakeholder consultations that will continue through December 2021, with the aim of accelerating Uzbekistan's transition to a green economy.

The policy dialogue series is held jointly by the Republic of Uzbekistan Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction (MEDPR), the World Bank, and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC).

Read more: [here](#)

The books about the climate change will be available in the educational institutions of Turkmenistan 16/09/2021

The British Embassy in Ashgabat provided to the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan over 7 thousand copies of book about the climate change «Ladybird Expert-Climate change», translated to English and Turkmen. The books will be distributed in the schools and educational centers of our capital.

The illustrated edition, issued by the popular publishing company «Ladybird Books», presents a simple, and at the same time the informative introduction for adults and youth to the one of most important problems of mankind. The edition in the interest for reader form, explains the risks and challenges related to the global warming, causes and consequences of climatic upheaval, thermal waves, floods and other extreme weather conditions, describes the disappearing wild nature and explores the possible problem solving.

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Kazakh Head of State hails signing of SCO's 'Green Belt' program 17/09/2021

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NUR-SULATN. KAZINFORM – Kazakhstan has hailed the signing of the «Green Belt» program of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization aimed at greater implementation of resource-saving and environmentally clean technologies, Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev told a meeting of the Council of the Heads of the SCO Member States, Kazinform correspondent reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Climate-related disasters killed 17,000 since COVID-19 began: report 17/09/2021

ANKARA. KAZINFORM Climate-related disasters have affected the lives of at least 139.2 million people and killed some 17,242 since the beginning of COVID-19, according to a report published Thursday.

An additional 658.1 million people have been exposed to extreme temperatures, said the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre in a release, Anadolu Agency reports.

Read more: [here](#)

World on 'catastrophic pathway' to hit 2.7-degree temperature rise

WASHINGTON. KAZINFORM UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres issued a dire warning on Friday, saying the world is on a «catastrophic pathway» to surpass negotiated caps on temperature increases meant to mitigate the ravages of climate change.

Read more: [here](#)

Developing nations get \$79.6B to address climate change issues 19/09/2021

ANKARA. KAZINFORM Climate finance provided and mobilized by developed countries for developing countries totaled \$79.6 billion in 2019, 2% up from \$78.3 billion in 2018, according to new data released by Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on Friday.

Read more: [here](#)

Water resources

Bishkek may apply Czech technologies in wastewater treatment 15/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 15, 2021 . / Kabar / . Mayor of Bishkek Aibek Dzhunushaliyev met with

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Czech Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan Rudolf Hykl.

During the meeting, the sides discussed the potential of Czech technologies in the field of wastewater treatment and the possibility of organizing a joint Kyrgyz-Czech Business Forum entitled "Green Technologies" in Bishkek in 2022, the press service of the capital's Mayor's Office reported Wednesday.

"In conclusion, the mayor of the capital expressed readiness to cooperate and assist in holding the forum," the report said.

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FAO helps rehabilitate a well in arid region of Kashkadarya region 17/09/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - According to experts, overuse of pastures, like undergrazing, is undesirable. Therefore, it is important that drinking wells for livestock are distributed evenly throughout the area.

However, many wells and wells in desert and semi-desert pastures fail over time, and their restoration is a rather complicated and costly process.

Read more: [here](#)

Energy sector

Kyrgyz Energy Ministry promises uninterrupted electricity supply in winter 15/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 15, 2021 . / Kabar / . During the heating period the population will be uninterruptedly provided with electricity, Minister of Energy and Industry of Kyrgyzstan Doskul Bekmurzayev said Wednesday during a round table.

The event, organized on the initiative of public organizations, discussed issues relating to the current state and prospects of the energy sector.

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The 26th International Conference "Oil and Gas of Turkmenistan" (OGT-2021) 17/09/2021

The 26th International Conference "Oil and Gas of Turkmenistan" (OGT-2021) dedicated

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to the 30th anniversary of the independence of Turkmenistan will be held on October 27-28, 2021 in Ashgabat. The Conference is organized by the State Concerns “Turkmengaz”, “Turkmennebit” and State Corporation “Turkmengeology” in partnership with Turkmen Forum and UK-based GaffneyCline.

OGT is a prestigious business forum, which is held annually with the aim to develop and strengthen international partnership between Turkmen state organizations and leading oil and gas institutions, companies of the world.

During the conference Turkmen and international experts in the oil and gas sector will discuss important topics such as the future of energy in the world, onshore and offshore investment projects, new investment opportunities in Galkynysh gas field, consider update on its geological model, modernization of production facilities of Turkmenbashi Complex of Oil refineries.

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«Smart cities and renewable energy sources» is the main topic of the international seminar in Turkmenistan 18/09/2021

This week, the OSCE Center in Ashgabat hosted an international online seminar to promote best practices and standards, discuss the prospects and challenges of Smart cities and the development of the renewable energy sector.

At the OSCE Center in Ashgabat the GA correspondent was told that representatives of the Ministry of Energy, as well as teachers and students of the State Energy Institute of Turkmenistan, took part in the three-day seminar.

Two international experts from Belarus presented their program on standardization and implementation of the «smart city» concept. In their reports, they demonstrated modern energy-saving technologies, methods of monitoring and forecasting infrastructure, as well as maintaining an alternative and sustainable energy supply. The event also discussed the development of smart energy grids in the region, the introduction and promotion of "green" certificates.

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Turkish state energy exchange company to operate in Uzbekistan 19/09/2021

The Turkish state energy exchange company (EPIAS) enters the energy market of Uzbekistan, Turkey’s Energy Ministry told [Trend](#).

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According to the ministry, EPIAS will cooperate with the government of Uzbekistan to manage the energy market of this country.

"Currently, negotiations are underway to create a roadmap for further cooperation," the ministry said.

Reportedly, EPIAS will also cooperate with the government of Uzbekistan in the field of renewable energy sources.

The company was established in Turkey in 2012.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan sends humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 14/09/2021

The government of Uzbekistan has sent a large consignment of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan on Tuesday, through the recently reopened Hairatan border crossing in northern Balkh province.

The consignment of 1,300 tons of aid included food, medicine and clothing, Ariana News reported.

Read more: [here](#)

Ministerial meeting on the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan held in Geneva 14/09/2021

On September 13, 2021, a high-level meeting on the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan was held in Geneva in a hybrid format. The Turkmen side was represented at the meeting by the delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan. The high-level meeting was attended by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, as well as representatives of reputable international organizations.

Turkmenistan, following the traditions of good-neighborliness and friendship, systematically provides humanitarian assistance to neighboring countries, including Afghanistan. In particular, implementing social facilities in the neighboring country, Turkmenistan regularly sends humanitarian aid to Afghanistan in the form of medicines and medical supplies.

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Tajik president, Putin discussed developments in Afghanistan 14/09/2021

DUSHANBE, 14.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – 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 Russian Federation Vladimir Putin.

During the conversation, the sides focused on pressing issues concerning the Tajik-Russian strategic partnership, including in trade, economic, cultural, humanitarian, military and technical aspects of bilateral relations.

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European Union brings relief to displaced Afghans in Tajikistan 15/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 15, 2021 . / Kabar / . In response to increased violence in Afghanistan that has triggered a new wave of Afghan refugees fleeing into Tajikistan, the European Union is providing €160,000 in humanitarian aid funding to assist the most vulnerable. The aid will benefit up to 5,000 displaced Afghans in the provinces of Khatlon and Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported.

Read more: [here](#)

Germany thanks Turkmenistan for help in evacuating citizens from Afghanistan 15/09/2021

A telephone conversation took place between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany Heiko Maas.

Minister on behalf of the Government of Germany expressed deep gratitude to Turkmenistan for cooperation in the issues of ensuring the flights of aircrafts with the aim of evacuating citizens from Afghanistan. At the same time, it was emphasized that the immediate granting of permission by Turkmenistan to use its airspace has become a decisive factor in the effective evacuation of people.

In the course of the talk, the heads of foreign affairs agencies exchanged views on the issues of bilateral collaboration in political-diplomatic, trade-economic and cultural-humanitarian spheres.

In particular, it was noted the close interaction of Turkmenistan and Germany in the

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process of “Green Central Asia”, as well as bilateral cooperation in the field of education between the governments of the two countries.

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Zhaparov voices Kyrgyzstan's position on situation in Afghanistan at CSTO summit 16/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 16, 2021 . / Kabar / . President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov expressed the position of the Kyrgyz Republic on the situation in Afghanistan during a session of the Collective Security Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on Sept. 16.

Read more: [here](#)

Taliban official assures safety of Afghans' bank deposits 16/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 16, 2021 . / Kabar / . The acting governor of Da Afghanistan Bank, the country's central bank, has assured the safety of Afghans' deposits in commercial banks, the bank confirmed in a statement on Thursday, [Xinhua](#) reported.

"Da Afghanistan Bank assures our countrymen that all commercial banks operating in the country are under serious supervision and are conducting their operations better than before. The banks are completely secure," governor Mohammad Idrees was quoted in the statement as saying.

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Emomali Rahmon: Tajikistan Is Firm in Its Position and Calls for the Establishment of an Inclusive Government in Afghanistan 17/09/2021

President Emomali Rahmon called on the international community, in particular the UN and the International Committee of the Red Cross to provide immediate assistance to Afghanistan and the people of Panjshir, which has been in a complete blockade for about two months.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakh President urges to initiate informal dialogue with new authorities of Afghanistan 17/09/2021

DUSHANBE. KAZINFORM – During the joint session of the Council of CSTO and SCO Heads of State in the Tajik capital, Dushanbe, President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev urged both organizations to initiate an informal dialogue with the new authorities

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of Afghanistan, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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Kazakh President suggests building SCO humanitarian hub in Almaty to help Afghanistan 17/09/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev suggested creating a SCO humanitarian hub in the city of Almaty for delivering international assistance to Afghanistan, Kazinform reports.

The Head of State noted that Kazakhstan sees future Afghanistan as a truly independent and integrated country living in peace. He believes that the SCO with its huge potential may and should take an active role in achieving peace and accord in Afghanistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Following Negotiation with President Rahmon, Pakistan PM Opens Dialogue with Taliban Over Inclusive Government in Afghanistan 20/09/2021

DUSHANBE, 0.04.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Pakistan’s Prime Minister Imran Khan says he has initiated the dialogue with the Taliban (banned in Tajikistan) to try to persuade them to form an “inclusive” government in Kabul, to ensure peace and stability in the war-torn

Khan disclosed the initiative Saturday via Twitter, saying it stemmed from his meetings this week in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, with the leaders of Afghanistan bordering countries.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

The Capital of Tajikistan Will Host a Session of the CSTO Collective Security Council 13/09/2021

DUSHANBE, 13.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – A session of the Collective Security Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) will be held in Dushanbe on September 16, under the chairmanship of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon. This was reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan.

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President of Uzbekistan receives Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of

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Ministers of Turkmenistan 14/09/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 14 September, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev received Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan Esenmyrat Orazgeldiyev, who arrived in Uzbekistan within the framework of meetings of bilateral intergovernmental commissions.

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Zhaparov: EU-CA Forum is positive signal for expanding cooperation with Kyrgyzstan 15/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 15, 2021 . /Kabar/ . Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov received on Wednesday Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Luxembourg Muktar Dzhumaliyev, his press service said.

The president was briefed on preparations for the upcoming First "European Union - Central Asia" Bishkek Economic Forum, scheduled for Nov. 5 this year.

Muktar Dzhumaliyev presented information on current aspects of bilateral and regional cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the European Union (EU).

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Emomali Rahmon Meets Kazakhstan President Tokayev 15/09/2021

DUSHANBE, 15.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) –The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon met with President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, who is in Dushanbe to take part in a meeting of the CSTO Collective Security Council and SCO Council of Heads of State.

The discussion focusing on further expansion and development of strategic partnership between the two countries. The conversation also covered matters related to regional and global problems.

At the outset of the talks, President Rahmon expressed satisfaction over the level of developments of bilateral relations between Tajikistan and Kazakhstan in all aspects.

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Dushanbe Hosts Joint Meeting of CSTO Foreign Ministers Council, Defence Ministers Council, Committee of Secretaries of Security Councils 15/09/2021

DUSHANBE, 15.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today under the chairmanship of Tajikistan's

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Foreign Minister Sirojiddin Muhridina joint meeting of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation Foreign Ministers Council, Defence Ministers Council, Committee of Secretaries of Security Councils and the session of the Collective Security Council will take place in Dushanbe. This was reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan.

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Preparation of a draft agreement on the Turkmen-Uzbek zone of border trade is underway 15/09/2021

In the near future, the approval of the draft Agreement on the establishment and regulation of the activity of the Turkmen-Uzbek zone of border trade will be completed.

This information was announced during a regular meeting of the Turkmen-Uzbek intergovernmental commission on trade-economic, scientific-technical and cultural-humanitarian cooperation in Tashkent.

The parties outlined joint actions to ensure the stability of supplies of products of Turkmen and Uzbek production in the markets of the two countries. In the near future, the trade turnover between the states is planned to reach USD 1 billion.

Read more: [here](#)

The issue of renewal of flights between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan was considered 15/09/2021

Issues of strengthening of transport connectivity and gradual renewal of flights between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan were considered during the next meeting of the Turkmen-Uzbek inter-governmental commission in Tashkent.

The parties came to a consensus that it is necessary to take joint efforts on further development of transport corridors that provides aircraft service restoration, providing mutual tariff preferences for 2022 and others.

Prospects of use of infrastructure of the international seaport in the city of Turkmenbashi and other directions of cooperation urged to strengthen transport connectivity between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan were also considered.

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The meeting of the Turkmen – Uzbek Intergovernmental Commission was held in Tashkent 15/09/2021

The 16th meeting of the Joint Turkmen-Uzbek Intergovernmental Commission on the commercial and economic, scientific-technical and cultural cooperation was held in Tashkent.

The delegation of Turkmenistan was headed by Esenmyrat Orazgeldiyev, a Deputy Prime Minister on agro-industrial complex, and the Uzbek delegation was headed by Sardor Umurzakov, a Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Investments and Foreign trade.

In the course of meeting the parties underlined the progress of the Turkmen-Uzbek negotiations at top level and their effect on further development of bilateral relations. In particular, the parties discussed the issues on broadening of the commercial and economic cooperation, industrial cooperation, as well as enhancing interaction in the energy, transport and transit spheres.

Special attention was paid to the partnership in the agriculture, in particular, water management in the region. Besides, the issues on environment protection, scientific-technical and cultural-humanitarian cooperation were discussed.

Upon the outcomes of the work the of the Joint Turkmen-Uzbek Intergovernmental Commission the parties signed the Protocol.

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What to expect from upcoming SCO summit? 15/09/2021

The SCO summit will take place this week. This will be a jubilee meeting, during which it is planned to discuss the results of 20 years of cooperation. It is worth recalling that last year's meeting was held online in connection with the coronavirus pandemic. Last year the coronavirus pandemic, the fight against the consequences and prospects for the future became the key agenda. This year everything has returned to its place, the summit will be held in a classic format in Tajikistan. As for the upcoming agenda , now the most pressing issue is the security of the region in connection with the events in Afghanistan.

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ODIHR opens its 400th election observation mission ahead of presidential election in Uzbekistan 15/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 15, 2021 / Kabar/. The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) today opened an election observation mission (EOM) for the 24 October presidential election in Uzbekistan, its 400th mission since ODIHR was

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established 30 years ago.

The mission is led by Eoghan Murphy and consists of a core team of 11 experts based in Tashkent and 28 long-term observers, who will be deployed throughout the country from 24 September. In addition, ODIHR plans to request OSCE countries to send 250 short-term observers, who would arrive several days before election day.

Read more: [here](#)

CSTO summit results in final declaration and number of multilateral documents 16/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 16, 2021 . / Kabar / . Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov took part in a session of the Council of Collective Security of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) in Dushanbe on Sept. 16, his press service reported.

During the meeting, heads of CSTO member states reviewed regional security and international cooperation issues, as well as the situation in Afghanistan and issues related to the work of the association.

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CSTO and SCO Member Officials Attend Reception Showcasing Tajik Cuisine and Agricultural Products 16/09/2021

An official reception was held in the government residence on President Emomali Rahmon's behalf in honor of the leaders of delegations participating in the CSTO and SCO summits.

The reception was preceded by the official welcoming ceremony for the heads of state of the participating countries, in particular President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev of Kazakhstan, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan of Armenia, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Imran Khan, President Sadyr Japarov of Kyrgyzstan, among other officials.

The high – ranking guests toured the garden and visited the exhibition of national cuisine and local organic and natural products.

The products of Tajik orchards and vineyards and dried fruits, which were exhibited, are mainly for export. Tajikistan is ready to cooperate with the CSTO, SCO and other countries to provide high quality agricultural products.

The high-ranking guests expressed their love for the beautiful nature of Tajikistan and Tajik national cuisine and hospitality.

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CSTO Summit: Kyrgyz president raises issue on Kyrgyz-Tajik state

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border 16/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 16, 2021 . / Kabar / . During a session of the Collective Security Council of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) in Dushanbe on Sept. 16, President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov raised an issue of the Kyrgyz-Tajik state border, his press service reported.

He noted that the continuing tension on the Kyrgyz-Tajik state border obliges the Kyrgyz side to focus the special attention of all member states of the Organization on this issue.

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Emomali Rahmon Meets President Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan 16/09/2021

The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon met with the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who is in Dushanbe to take part in a session of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

Pressing issues related to bilateral cooperation and the course of implementation of agreements reached during the official visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Tajikistan were the main items of the agenda.

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President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon Chairs CSTO Heads of State Council Session 16/09/2021

The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan, Chairman of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) Emomali Rahmon chaired the session of the Collective Security Council of the CSTO.

Taking part in the session were Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan, President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko, President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Japarov, and the Secretary-General of the CSTO, Stanislav Zas.

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A Package of Agreements Signed Following Tajikistan-Pakistan Talks 17/09/2021

Tajikistan-Pakistan talks took place in Palace of Nation in Dushanbe, following which a package of cooperation agreements was signed.

President Emomali Rahmon and Imran Khan adopted the Joint Declaration of the

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President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Pakistan.

Then, President Rahmon and Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan witnessed the signing of an following agreements:

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President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon Chairs SCO Jubilee Summit in Dushanbe 17/09/2021

The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon chaired the session of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State marking the organisation's 20th anniversary.

President Rahmon, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Imran Khan, President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Japarov attended in person.

The President of Russia Vladimir Putin, President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping, President of Mongolia Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, and Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, as well as the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres participated online.

The heads of SCO observer states, President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko, and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi were also present. Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedow was invited as an honorary guest.

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Joint Meeting of SCO and CSTO Heads of State Takes Place in Dushanbe 17/09/2021

The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon chaired the joint meeting of the Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) which focused on the latest developments in Afghanistan.

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President Emomali Rahmon Meet President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on Sidelines of SCO Summit 17/09/2021

The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon met with the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, who is in Dushanbe to take part in the session of the Council of Heads of State of the

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Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as an honorary guest.

The discussion focused on the current state and prospects of Tajik — Turkmen cooperation.

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A Package of Agreements Signed Following Tajikistan-Iranian Talks 18/09/2021

Tajikistan-Iranian talks took place in Palace of Nation in Dushanbe, following which a package of cooperation agreements was signed.

President Emomali Rahmon and President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi adopted the Joint Declaration of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan and the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran today.

Read more: [here](#)

ADB will help Tajikistan's economy grow in quality 20/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 20, 2021 . / Kabar / . The Asian Development Bank has adopted a partnership strategy with Tajikistan for 2021-2025, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported with the reference to a press release from the ADB Resident Mission in Dushanbe.

It is noted that the new strategy aims to improve the quality of the country's economic growth by supporting the government's efforts to increase productivity and mobilize private investment.

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Election campaign of presidential candidates kicks off in Uzbekistan 20/09/2021

Volume and time of free airtime of the National Television and Radio Company of Uzbekistan and radio channels, volume and time of free airtime on local TV and radio channels, free space for local newspapers “New Uzbekistan”, “Pravda Vostoka”, “Khalk Suzi”, “Narodnoe Slovo”, “Ovozi Tojik” and “Nurly Jol” have been approved.

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