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## **Climate Change and Environment**

### **World Bank: Dushanbe expects an influx of "climate" migrants 21/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 21, 2021 . / Kabar / .** Climate change could trigger the resettlement of more than 2.4 million people in Central Asia by 2050, says World Bank update Groundswell, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported.

The influx of "climatic" migrants is predicted to the Fergana Valley (territories of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan), the lowlands in the south of Tajikistan, including Dushanbe, as

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well as Tashkent and relatively densely populated areas in the north of Kazakhstan.

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## **We will initiate resolution on preservation of mountain glaciers this year, says Kyrgyz leader 22/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 22, 2021 . / Kabar / .** "The centuries-old glaciers, rivers and biodiversity of Kyrgyzstan's mountain ecosystems are at risk of extinction. This year at UNESCO, we will initiate a resolution "On the Preservation of Mountain Glaciers", President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov said Wednesday in his video message at the 76th session of the UN General Assembly.

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## **Climate change requires global response: Chinese envoy 24/09/2021**

**UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 23 (Xinhua) --** Climate change is a common challenge facing humanity, and requires a global response, said a Chinese envoy on Thursday in the context of climate and security.

The relationship between climate and security is very complex. The Security Council, on the basis of its mandate emanating from the UN Charter and its existing agenda, needs to get it right in terms of the manner and extent of its engagement in discussing and addressing issues related to climate and security, said Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations.

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## **Bishkek mayor discusses environmental problems of capital with British ambassador 27/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 27, 2021 . / Kabar / .** Mayor of Bishkek Aibek Dzhunushaliyev held a meeting with British Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan Charles Garrett.

The press service of the capital's Mayor's Office reported that during the meeting, the sides discussed the development of bilateral relations in various directions, including environmental problems of the city and ways to resolve them.

"The ambassador also informed that Glasgow (Scotland) will host on Oct. 31-Nov. 12 the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change," the report runs.

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## Water resources

### **Uzbekistan-Latvia: implementation of investment projects in the field of water supply and sewerage in Uzbekistan 21/09/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 21 September this year, the opening ceremony of a training course on the project "Capacity Building in the Implementation of Investment Projects in the Field of Water Supply and Sewerage in Uzbekistan" was held.

The project is implemented with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia within the framework of the grant project "Supporting cooperation projects in the beneficiary countries designated by the Republic of Latvia" for the development of partnerships in Central Asia.

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## Energy sector

### **Kazakhstan to host World Energy Week Live 2021 22/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 22, 2021 /Kabar/.** World Energy Week Live 2021 will be hosted for the first ever from Kazakhstan on October 5-7, Kazinform reported.

World Energy Week is the World Energy Council's largest annual gathering dedicated to global energy issues. It is a powerful platform that connects regional realities and priorities with the global energy agenda. World Energy Week brings together the entire energy+ community to address whole energy systems challenges and opportunities, drive practical action and create impact, the official website of the World Energy Council reads.

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### **EAEU energy ministers to discuss formation of common natural gas market on 24-25 September 23/09/2021**

MOSCOW. KAZINFORM The energy ministers of the Eurasian Economic Union member states will discuss the formation of the common market of natural gas on 24 September, BelTA learned from Iya Malkina, a spokeswoman of the Eurasian Economic Commission, on 22 September.

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### **Foreign Minister of Tajikistan Attends the High-level Dialogue on Energy 25/09/2021**

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On the sidelines of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly in New York, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan Sirojiddin Muhridin participated and addressed the High-level Dialogue on Energy.

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### **Kyrgyz FM Kazakbaev takes part in High-Level Dialogue on Energy 25/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 25, 2021 . / Kabar /** A High-Level Dialogue on Energy took place on Friday on the margins of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly.

The event was attended by UN Secretary-General António Guterres, President of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly Abdulla Shahid, UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner, as well as heads of state and government and heads of various ministries of UN member states.

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### **Tajikistan drew the attention of UN structures to its hydropower resources 27/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 27, 2021 . / Kabar /** . Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan Daler Juma has designated the development of renewable energy sources as a priority area of cooperation with the relevant UN agencies, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported with the reference to the press service of the Ministry of Energy.

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

### **Expert assessment of danger of situation in Afghanistan for Central Asian region 21/09/2021**

*The situation in Afghanistan has been under the supervision of the public and experts around the world for the second month. The withdrawal of the US military gave a free hand of the Taliban, and in a matter of days the situation in the region changed dramatically. Now, it is not entirely clear how events will develop not only in Afghanistan, but also in the Central Asian region. What is clear is that now more than ever it is necessary to think about security, and not only for individual countries, but also for all players interested in stability.*

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### **Uzbekistan intends to restore transport links with Afghanistan 21/09/2021**

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Ismatulla Irgashev, special representative of the President of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan, stated [about it](#).

“Of course, we will restore road and rail links with Afghanistan, which are delivering food and medical supplies to this country. Afghans now really need them during the pandemic, this will be done for reasons of humanism,” Irgashev said on the sidelines of the conference “Russia and Uzbekistan facing the challenges of development and security at a new historical stage of interaction”, organized by the Valdai International Discussion Club and the Institute for Strategic and Interregional Studies under the President of Uzbekistan.

Read more: [here](#)

### **Taliban asks to speak at General Assembly 22/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 22, 2021. / Kabar /.** The representatives of the Taliban (outlawed in Russia) have asked to speak at the UN General Assembly and offered Muhammad Sohail Shahin's candidacy for approval as Afghanistan's permanent representative to the organization, the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General of the United Nations Stephane Dujarric told [TASS](#) on Tuesday.

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### **The Voice of the President of Tajikistan. The World Has Heard It and Should Collectively Support It! 23/09/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 23.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) –** Tajikistan is the first country to clearly and unequivocally outline its position regarding the recent developments in Afghanistan. Its position was stated on August 25 at a meeting with the Foreign Minister of Pakistan in Dushanbe by the respected President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon.

He had also spoken about the situation in Afghanistan earlier this year on July 22. At that time he highlighted the fact that the situation in that country, unfortunately, was even more difficult and tragic, engendering serious concern in the countries in the region and the world.

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### **President Emomali Rahmon to Address the UN During GA Session Today 23/09/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 23.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) –** Today, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon's pre-recorded video message will be played during the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, which is

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taking place in New York. The recording will present his views on international events, focusing on Afghanistan.

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### **Camp for Afghan refugees to be built in southern Tajikistan 23/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 23, 2021 . / Kabar / .** With the help of the European Union, the Tajik side will build a camp for Afghan refugees in the Khirmanjo area of the Shamsiddin Shokhin district (formerly Shuroabad), which closely borders on Afghan territory, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported with the reference to [radio "Ozodi"](#).

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### **Kyrgyz delegation delivers humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 24/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 24, 2021. / Kabar / .** On behalf of President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov, a Kyrgyz delegation headed by Deputy Chairman of the Security Council Taalatbek Masadykov delivered a cargo of humanitarian aid to Kabul on behalf of the people of Kyrgyzstan.

The humanitarian cargo was officially handed over to Acting First Deputy Prime Minister Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar of the newly established Government of Afghanistan.

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### **Afghanistan wants friendly relations with international community: acting FM 24/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 24, 2021. / Kabar / .** The acting foreign minister of the newly-formed administration of Afghanistan said here Thursday that Afghanistan wants to have friendly relations with the international community, including the neighboring and regional countries, [Xinhua](#) reported.

"The Islamic Emirate wants to have friendly relations with the international community and co-exist with all the nations including the neighboring states. This is our message," Amir Khan Muttaqi said in his address at a ceremony to introduce the acting minister of commerce and industries.

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### **Emomali Rahmon: We Will Not Interfere in the Internal Affairs of Afghanistan 24/09/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 24.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) –** President Emomali Rahmon noted that to properly address

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the political and security problems of the neighboring Afghanistan, it is necessary to form an inclusive government. He states this during his address at the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly in a pre-recorded message.

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## **Tajik President Strongly Condemns Lawlessness, Murder, Looting and Oppression of Afghan People 24/09/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 24.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – In a prerecorded message that was heated during the 76<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly, speaking about Tajikistan's position regarding the developments in Afghanistan, President Emomali Rahmon strongly condemned all forms of lawlessness, murder, looting, and oppression of the people of Afghanistan.

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## **Uzbekistan and Afghanistan discuss issues of transit of goods imported to Afghanistan 27/09/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 27 September 2021, a working meeting of representatives of the border authorities of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, headed by the governor of Balkh province and the khokim of Surkhandarya region, was held in the city of Termez. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

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## **Governors of Uzbekistan's Surkhandarya region and Afghanistan's Balkh province hold talks in Termez 27/09/2021**

On September 27, Termez hosted a working meeting of representatives of the border authorities of Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, headed by the governor of the Balkh province and the khokim of Surkhandarya region.

According to the press service of the Foreign Ministry, the meeting was organized at the request of the Afghan side in order to resolve issues related to the transit of goods -- mainly food, medicine, clothing, fuels and lubricants -- imported to Afghanistan.

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## **“Rule of law prevails in Uzbekistan” – President 27/09/2021**

**During a meeting with voters in Namangan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev also touched upon the situation on the border with Afghanistan.**

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“The situation in Afghanistan should be a lesson to all of us. The situation at the border is in the center of our attention every day. We will not allow anyone to encroach on our borders. Because in Uzbekistan, the rule of law prevails, punishment is inevitable.

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## Cooperation between Central Asian countries

### **President of Uzbekistan put forward important initiatives at the 76th session of the UN General Assembly 21/09/2021**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com)** -- On 21 September, at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York, within the framework of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, a general political debate began, in which the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev made a video message.

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### **Gov't to allocate over \$4 billion for development of Karakalpakstan 21/09/2021**

The government will allocate 43 trillion soums (more than \$4 billion) for the development of Karakalpakstan. It is planned to build the Nukus City complex in the region.

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### **Tajikistan's Delegation Participates in the Opening of the General Debates of the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly 22/09/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 22.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – On Tuesday, the 76th session of the UN General Assembly began its work with General Debates chaired by its newly elected President Abdullo Shahid who is representative of the Republic of Maldives.

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### **“We have reached agreements with Turkmenistan on the establishment of cross-border trade zone and opening of border checkpoint” – President 22/09/2021**

**The distance to Ashgabat will be reduced by 400 kilometers, and transportation costs will be reduced by 1.5 times. This was stated by Shavkat Mirziyoyev.**

“Over the next five years, Khorezm region's exports will increase by 2.5 times, amounting

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to \$500 million a year. For example, while exports of fabrics and finished textile products increased by 10 times compared to 2016, they will increase at least by another 5 times until 2026.

To this end, we have recently reached agreements with Turkmenistan on the establishment of a cross-border trade zone and the opening of a border checkpoint in Shavat. As a result, the distance to Ashgabat will be reduced by 400 kilometers, and transportation costs will be reduced by 1.5 times.

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### **President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov made an online speech at the session of the United Nations General Assembly 23/09/2021**

Today President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov made an online speech at the 76<sup>th</sup> session of General Assembly of the United Nations, which opened last week in the UN headquarters in New York.

It should be noted that in the current year actions take place both in online and offline formats that is caused by COVID-19 pandemic proceeding in the world. This week in the UN - week of general discussions of the regular session of General Assembly with participation of heads of states and governments.

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### **Speaker of the National Assembly Rustam Emomali Meets with Speaker of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan 23/09/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 23.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar)** – Within the framework of his official visit to Nursultan, Speaker of the National Assembly Rustam Emomali met with the Speaker of the Senate of the Kazakh Parliament.

The discussion focused on the current state and prospects for developing relations of strategic partnership, as well as enhancing inter-parliamentary ties between the two nations.

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### **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev delivers speech at General Debates of 76th UNGA session 23/09/2021**

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev delivered his speech at the General Debates of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly themed «Building resilience through hope – to recover from COVID-19, rebuild sustainability, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and

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revitalize the United Nations» via video, Kazinform cites the Akorda press service.

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### **President Tokayev highlighted equitable vaccine access at 76th annual session of UN - Dr Mehmood UI Hassan Khan 23/09/2021**

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – The President of Kazakhstan H.E. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev delivered a comprehensive speech in the 76th annual session of UN in which he like a prominent applied economist highlighted the importance of rapid global economic recovery for the socio-economic prosperity of the world. He urged to promote close economic and financial integration and dissemination of funds to mitigate serious consequences of loss of decades of development progress, Dr Mehmood Ui Hassan Khan shared his thoughts on President Tokayev’s recent speech at the UN with Kazinform.

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### **Women businesses of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan conclude 17 agreements and memorandums for US\$16 million 24/09/2021**

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 21-22 September 2021 Bishkek (Kyrgyz Republic) hosted a business forum "Dialogue of women entrepreneurs of Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan" with participation of more than 100 businesswomen of the two countries.

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### **Shavkat Mirziyoyev speaks about difficulties in relations with neighboring countries 24/09/2021**

**During a meeting with voters in Samarkand, Shavkat Mirziyoyev spoke about the difficulties in relations with neighboring countries. Kun.uz correspondent reports.**

“You know how many meetings we had when we visited Tajikistan. The President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow announced there that he would visit Uzbekistan. We have to solve very important problems – the matter of water, the matter of borders. We solved the border issue with Kyrgyzstan with former President Almaz Atambayev by 57%. We are solving the rest with the incumbent President Sadir Japarov.

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### **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev Receives Speaker of National Assembly of Tajikistan Rustam Emomali. 24/09/2021**

**DUSHANBE, 24.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – The President of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

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Kassym-Jomart Tokayev received the Speaker of the National Assembly of Tajikistan, the Mayor of Dushanbe Rustam Emomali.

The officials focused on pressing issues related to bilateral cooperation, and inter-parliamentary ties between the two countries.

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### **Uzbekistan's external debt exceeds \$35 billion for first time 24/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 24, 2021 . / Kabar / .** One of the reasons for the growth of government debt was the decline in bond prices on international markets, [KunUz](#) reported with the reference to Spot.

The total external debt of Uzbekistan in the first six months of 2021 amounted to \$35.9 billion, follows from the CB data. Since the beginning of the year, it has grown by 6% or \$2 billion.

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### **Remarks by President Emomali Rahmon Before the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly 24/09/2021**

Distinguished Mr. Chairman,  
Excellency Secretary-General,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to convey my congratulations to the Chairman of this session of the UN General Assembly, Mr. Abdullah Shahid, on his election to this post.

Dear colleagues,

On September 9, the glorious people of Tajikistan celebrated a very historic and memorable event — the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tajikistan's state independence.

Read more: [here](#)

### **Prosecutors General of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan sign co-op program for two years 27/09/2021**

**Bishkek, Sept. 27, 2021 . / Kabar / .** The 31st meeting of the Coordination Council of Prosecutors General of the CIS Member States was held in the capital of Kazakhstan on September 23, [ASIA-Plus](#) reported.

The meeting was attended by the Prosecutors General of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

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