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Climate Change and Environment

Kazakhstan ratifies protocol for environmental assessment to Framework Convention for Protection of Caspian Sea 04/10/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – The Kazakh Head of State signed the Law on ratification of the Protocol for environmental assessment in the transboundary context to the Framework Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea, Kazinform cites the Akorda press service.

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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR TAILINGS MANAGEMENT FACILITY OPERATORS AND ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORS ON TMF SAFETY ISSUES IN KYRGYZSTAN IS UNDERWAY 04/10/2021

Bishkek. September 28 - 30, 2021. Under the project "Improving Tailings Management

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Facility Safety in Kyrgyzstan," implemented by the NGO Platform for Sustainable Development (Ukraine) and the Country Office of the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia in Kyrgyzstan, structured and coordinated by the German Environment Agency , “training the trainers” event for TMF operators, representatives of the competent authorities, international experts and environmental inspectors on the safety of TMFs´ in Kyrgyzstan being held. The project is being carried out with the participation of the Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic and the State Inspectorate for Energy, Mine Supervision and Industrial Safety of the Ministry of Energy and Industry and is funded by the Advisory Assistance Program of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment.

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Climate Diplomacy Week has started 05/10/2021

Climate Diplomacy Week 2021 has started, within which the delegations and representations of the European Union Member States around the world will host events to foster dialogue and cooperation on climate change, showcase success stories and inspire further action.

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World Green Economy Summit starts at Expo 2020 Dubai 07/10/2021

Bishkek, Oct. 7, 2021 / Kabar /. The World Green Economy Summit (WGES) 2021, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, began today in the Dubai Exhibition Centre at Expo 2020 Dubai, Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported.

Organised by Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) and the World Green Economy Organization, the summit’s first day featured 30 high-profile speakers, including former presidents and prime ministers, and business leaders of multinationals.

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First Youth Conference on Climate Change took place in Turkmenistan 08/10/2021

The UN representation in Turkmenistan together with the British Embassy in Turkmenistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and other national partners held the first in the country Youth Conference on Climate Change. The event was organized in the hybrid format on the eve of the 26th UN Climate Charge Conference

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(COP26) and Climate Charge Conference of Youth (COY16), which will be held in Glasgow (Great Britain).

First of its kind conference in Turkmenistan is intended to ensure a youth's platform for the discussion of the climate change problem, development of activities and solutions on the combating climate change, as well as training the young leaders in the field of climate through development of their capacity. Its goal is also to extend the Final summary of initiatives of the Turkmen youth for abovesaid events – COY16 и COP26.

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China issues first white paper on biodiversity, eyeing global cooperation 09/10/2021

BEIJING, Oct. 8 (Xinhua) -- China on Friday issued the country's first white paper on biodiversity, detailing how the world's most biodiverse country has endeavored to protect its ecosystems in pursuit of harmony between humans and nature.

The white paper, titled "Biodiversity Conservation in China," came days ahead of a key United Nations (UN) biodiversity meeting to be held in the southwestern Chinese city of Kunming

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SUPPORTING LOW CARBON, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE URBANIZATION IN UZBEKISTAN 11/10/2021

TASHKENT, October 7, 2021 – The Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of Uzbekistan, the World Bank, and the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia hosted a roundtable discussing measures the Government will need to take to create conditions for low carbon, sustainable and inclusive urbanization processes across the country.

This event is one of 11 hybrid policy dialogues on ***Green Growth and Climate Change in Uzbekistan*** which are being organized in Tashkent from August 2021 through January 2022 involving numerous online and offline attendees.

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Biodiversity meeting opportunity to encourage nature-positive economic models, says UN official 11/10/2021

NAIROBI, Oct. 10 (Xinhua) -- All countries should develop nature-positive economic

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models to boost climate resilience and protect ecosystems that underpin livelihoods, a senior official of the United Nations has said.

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Water resources

Kazakhstan to construct 9 water reservoirs 05/10/2021

Bishkek, Oct. 5, 2021 . / Kabar / . Kazakh Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources Minister Serikkali Brekeshev told the Government meeting about nine water reservoirs construction plans, Kazinform reported.

«It is planned to build nine new water reservoirs over the next five years to accumulate 1.7 sq km of water to mitigate the threat of floods for 14 rural settlements, to put into service 195,300 ha of irrigated lands, and create over 20,000 jobs in agriculture,' the Minister said.

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KZT 126 bln for water supply and disposal projects in Mangistau region 05/10/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM «KZT 126 bln will be allocated for water supply and disposal projects in Mangistau region,» Industry and Infrastructure Development Minister Beibut Atamkulov told the Government meeting, Kazinfom reports.

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Water demand to grow with each passing year – PM Mamin 05/10/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Water demand of the population will grow in Kazakhstan with each passing year, believes Prime Minister Askar Mamin, Kazinform correspondent reports.

While addressing the Government session on Tuesday, Prime Minister Mamin reminded of President Tokayev's instruction to expand the area of irrigated lands by 2.2 million ha in 2025 and by 3 million ha in 2030.

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Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan discuss cooperation in water management 07/10/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Today Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan Serikkali Brekeshev met with Ambassador

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Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic in Kazakhstan Dastan Dyushekeyev, Kazinform has learnt from the press service of the ministry.

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Energy sector

Media: Uzbekistan will supply electricity to Kyrgyzstan on credit 04/10/2021

In the autumn-winter period, Uzbekistan will supply Kyrgyzstan with 750 million kWh of electricity.

Kyrgyz Energy and Industry Minister Doskul Bekmurzayev said that Bishkek will not pay for electricity supplied by Uzbekistan. Electricity will be returned to Uzbekistan after the situation stabilizes, CA-News reports.

In addition, negotiations are underway to supply 500 million kWh of energy from Turkmenistan to Kyrgyzstan and 2-3 billion kWh from Russia through Uzbekistan.

Kazakhstan will also supply Kyrgyzstan with 900 million kWh of electricity, provided that it will be returned later.

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Media: Tajikistan has reduced electricity exports to Uzbekistan 05/10/2021

Tajikistan has cut electricity exports to Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, and started selling electricity to Kyrgyzstan.

As the Avesta publication reports, since the beginning of this month, the supply of electricity to Afghanistan and Uzbekistan through high voltage transmission lines 220 kV – 500 kV has been cut off. These countries are supplied with Tajik electricity through 110 kV low voltage transmission lines in a reduced form. For example, on October 3, 660 thousand kW/h were supplied to Afghanistan. This figure in Uzbekistan amounted to 827 thousand kW/h.

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Tajikistan and Kazakhstan Discuss Oil Products and Liquefied Natural Gas Supplies 06/10/2021

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DUSHANBE, 06.10.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday in Nur-Sultan, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Kazakhstan Khayrullo Ibodzoda and the Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan Sharif Khudobakhsh met with the Deputy Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan Asset Magaumov.
The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Antimonopoly Service of Tajikistan and heads of Kazakh companies KazMunayGas and Tengizchevroil.

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Kyrgyzstan holds talks with Tajikistan on electricity supplies 06/10/2021

Bishkek, Oct. 6, 2021 . / Kabar / . Kyrgyzstan is negotiating with Tajikistan on the supply of electricity, head of the Department of Electricity Management of the Ministry of Energy and Industry of the republic Aibek Aidaraliyev told Kabar News Agency.

He added that a Kyrgyz delegation is currently in Dushanbe.

"Everything will be clear only after the arrival of the delegation. Whether an agreement on supplies will be drawn up or not, in what amount and cost - everything will be clear only after the return of the negotiators. We have no information before that," Aidaraliyev said.

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Tokayev delivers video statement at XIV KazEnergy Eurasian Forum 07/10/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - The President delivered a video statement at the Global Plenary Session on the World Energy Trilemma 2021 – Balancing Dimensions, Navigating Change Across Energy Geographies, held within the World Energy Week and the XIV KazEnergy Eurasian Forum, Kazinform cites the press service of Akorda.

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EBRD and Kazakhstan support fitness center's road to energy efficiency 11/10/2021

KARAGANDA. KAZINFORM - In some houses, using water in different rooms at the same time causes problems with pressure and temperature. You can always ask a family member to put off washing the dishes while you are taking a shower, but explaining the situation to the clients of a fitness club, when everyone wants to freshen up after a workout, is a much more daunting prospect. An advisory project with the EBRD, implemented with the support of the Kazakhstan government, helped Platinum Deluxe, a fitness center from Karaganda, solve this very problem, ebrd.com reports.

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Severstal supplies rolled metal for the construction of the Rogun hydroelectric power station - the most powerful in Central Asia 11/10/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Cherepovets - PJSC Severstal, one of the world's largest vertically integrated steel and mining companies, supplied over five thousand tons of rolled metal for the construction of the Rogun hydroelectric power station (HPP) in Tajikistan, on the Vakhsh river.

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Uzbekistan to receive the first corporate loan for an energy project 11/10/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - During the visit of the EBRD delegation to Uzbekistan, a document was signed on the allocation of the first corporate loan in the history of the Republic of Uzbekistan without a state guarantee for the implementation of an energy project.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Muhriddin and Voronkov Touch the Latest Developments in Afghanistan 04/10/2021

DUSHANBE, 04.10.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – On October 1 as part of the General Debates of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly in New York, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan Sirojiddin Muhriddin met with the UN Under-Secretary General, head of the UN Counter-Terrorism Office Vladimir Voronkov.
The meeting focused on counter-terrorism and extremism, as well as the situation in the region, particularly the latest developments in Afghanistan.

The parties also agreed to continue cooperation within the "Dushanbe Process on Counter-Terrorism and Its Financing.»

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Muhriddin to Guterres: Tajikistan Will Recognize Only an Inclusive Government in Afghanistan 04/10/2021

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Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan Sirojiddin Muhriddin met with the UN Secretary-GeneralAntonio Guterres. The meeting focused on a wide range of cooperation issues between Tajikistan and the UN in various fields, including political, socio-economic, humanitarian, and security aspects.

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Kyrgyzstan delivers humanitarian aid to Afghan Kyrgyz 05/10/2021

Bishkek, Oct. 5, 2021 . / Kabar / . On behalf of Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov, a batch of humanitarian aid was delivered to ethnic Kyrgyz living on the territory of the Great and Little Pamir (Afghanistan), the press service of the president said.

As is known, the Pamir Kyrgyz live in the harsh natural and climatic conditions of the highlands and winter cold comes quite early here.

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President Mirziyoyev announces his readiness to continue providing necessary humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people 05/10/2021

Talks between Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow continued in an expanded format with the participation of official delegations of the two countries.

According to the presidential press service, during the talks, the parties emphasized that thanks to joint efforts, the relations of the fraternal countries have reached a qualitatively new level of strategic partnership.

The Presidents noted with satisfaction the dynamics of the growth of mutual trade in recent years and agreed to use all available opportunities to further increase the volume of bilateral trade.

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Afghanistan asks Uzbekistan not to cut off electricity for debts 05/10/2021

Afghanistan's debt to neighboring countries for electricity is about $62 million.
TASS reports with reference to the TOLO News TV channel.

According to the channel, the corporation sent letters to neighboring electricity exporting countries – Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Iran – promising to pay the debt and asking them not to turn off the electricity. DABS (Afghan energy corporation) also

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appealed to the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan to help pay off the debt.

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Delegation of Uzbekistan pays a working visit to Afghanistan 07/10/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 7 October 2021, a delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan led by Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulaziz Kamilov held talks in Kabul with the leadership of Afghanistan headed by the deputy head of the interim government for political affairs Mullah Abdul Kabir.

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Uzbekistan, Afghanistan's interim government agree to hold joint talks in Termez 08/10/2021

Bishkek, Oct. 8, 2021 . / Kabar / . On October 7, a delegation led by Uzbek Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Kamilov held talks with representatives of the Afghan leadership led by Mullah Abdul Kabir, Deputy PM for Political Affairs, KunUz reported.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy PM of Afghanistan for Economic Affairs A. Hanafi, Ministers of Transport and Civil Aviation, General Affairs, Energy and Water Resources.

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The official visit of the President of Turkmenistan to the Republic of Uzbekistan has started 04/10/2021

Today in the second half of the day, President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov left with a two-day official visit for the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Having made a flight to Tashkent, the presidential airliner landed at the International airport named after Islam Karimov. National flags of the two friendly countries decorated the air harbour of the Uzbek capital on this significant occasion.

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The Turkmen-Uzbek Economic Forum was held in the capital of

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The Turkmen-Uzbek Economic Forum was held in Tashkent within the framework of the official visit of the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov to Uzbekistan.

The leaders and representatives of the key economic ministries and departments, as well as business of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan discussed the issues on investment to industry, power energy, agriculture and transport sector of two countries-neighbors.

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Talks between President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov and President Shavkat Mirziyoyev 05/10/2021

Today in Tashkent, talks between President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov and President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev have taken place. As was already informed, the day before the leader of the nation arrived in the neighbouring country with an official visit.

In the morning, the head of Turkmenistan proceeded to the Kuksaroy Palace. Here, at the entrance, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov was welcomed warmly and sincerely by President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

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Emomali Rahmon Holds Phone Talk with Shavkat Mirziyoyev 05/10/2021

DUSHANBE, 05.10.2021 (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 Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.
The President of the friendly Uzbekistan sincerely congratulated the head of our state on his birthday and wished him good health and every success in his responsible state activities for the benefit of the people of Tajikistan.

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Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan sign a solid package of documents 05/10/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The documents signing ceremony was held following the negotiations between Presidents of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

President of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan adopted a joint statement reflecting the main

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results of the summit and identifying promising areas for further strengthening Uzbekistan – Turkmenistan strategic partnership.

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President of Tajikistan Holds Phone Talk with His Kazakh Counterpart 05/10/2021

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Leaders of Foreign Countries Congratulates President of Tajikistan on his Birthday 05/10/2021

DUSHANBE, 05.10.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – The heads of state and government from foreign countries and leaders of regional and international organisations as well as prominent state and public figures are sending President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon messages of greetings on his birthday.

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Uzbekistan joins agreement on 'dry ports' 06/10/2021

Tashkent, Oct. 6, 2021 . / Kabar / . Uzbekistan joined the Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). The corresponding decree was signed by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the government portal Lex.uz reported.

A "dry port" of international importance is a place within the territory of a country with a logistics center connected to one or more modes of transport, designed for processing, temporary storage and statutory inspection of goods transported in international trade, and the performance of applicable customs control functions and formalities.

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Zhaparov awards Kazakhstanis for contribution to strengthening friendship between countries 07/10/2021

Bishkek, Oct. 7, 2021 . / Kabar / . President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov received Thursday President of Otandastar Foundation (Kazakhstan) Nurtai Abykayev and Head of the Representative Office of Kazakhstan President in the Parliament Beibit Isabaev, his

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press service said.

The Kyrgyz leader noted with satisfaction that today in connection with the 30th anniversary of independence of the two countries, Days of Culture of Kazakhstan are held in Bishkek.

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