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Climate Change and Environment

Damage from consequences of natural disasters on roads amounts to over KGS 121M in Kyrgyzstan 28/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 28, 2021 . / Kabar / . In Kyrgyzstan, since the beginning of 2021, the damage from the consequences of natural disasters on the roads amounted to more than KGS 121 million, Deputy Director of the Department of Road Management under the Ministry of Transport and Communications Beknazar Bazaraliyev said Tuesday during a press conference at Kabar News Agency.

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African cities need billions to fight climate change: Report 28/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 28, 2021 . / Kabar / . Billions of dollars are needed to prepare Africa's cities for climate change and to turn urban centers into engines of green growth, a report released Monday by the Coalition for Urban Transitions and FSD Africa said, AA reported.

The report, which is based on an analysis of cities in Ethiopia, South Africa and Kenya, which combined represent 18% of Africa's urban population, notes that investing in

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climate readiness in African cities will have immense economic gains.

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CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 12TH CENTRAL ASIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ON ENVIRONMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (CALP) 29/09/2021

On September 20-24, 2021, the annual 12th Central Asian Leadership Programme on Environment for Sustainable Development (CALP) was held online for the second year in a row due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 12th CALP was organized by the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Programme 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 to Kazakhstan and Central Asia, and the World Bank. Along with CAREC, the Kazakh-German University (DKU) has become a co-partner of the Leadership Programme 2021.

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Kazakhstan and Russia have similar environmental issues 30/09/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev urged to jointly solve ecological problems of Kazakhstan and Russia, Kazinform reports.

«Today's sitting is focused on cooperation in the sphere of ecology and green growth. As you know, Kazakhstan fulfilled a number of large international initiatives to improve ecological situation not only in Kazakhstan but also in the region,» Kassym-Jomart Tokayev told at today's 17th Kazakhstan-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Forum.

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Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection concludes contract with two Uzbek companies 01/10/2021

In order to further strengthen the material and technical base of the agricultural industry of Turkmenistan in an epoch of might and happiness, to increase the efficiency of agricultural producers in growing high yields, as well as to protect agricultural crops from diseases and pests, the President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution, authorizing the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection to conclude:

- a contract with the Uzsanoateksport Joint Stock Company (the Republic of Uzbekistan) for the purchase of agricultural equipment and tractor trailers in 2022–2023;

- a contract with a joint venture of the Limited Liability Company "Ifoda Agro Kimyo

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Himoya" (the Republic of Uzbekistan) for the purchase of chemicals against weeds and wheat diseases, as well as cotton pests in 2022–2026.

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Water resources

President gets acquainted with the technology of drip irrigation of cotton 29/09/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev visited Kushtepa district, where he got acquainted with the technology of drip irrigation of cotton.

Cultivating land in central Fergana is a laborious process. Especially in Kushtepa district, 70 percent of the territory of which is land with low fertility. Accordingly, the indicators of crop cultivation were also low.

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Energy sector

Kazakhstan to launch 10 renewable energy projects by year end 28/09/2021

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – 10 renewable energy projects with the capacity of 170MW worth KZT87bn are being carried out in Kazakhstan, Kazinform correspondent reports.

At a government session Kazakh Energy Minister Magzum Mirzagaliyev said that 10 renewable energy projects with the capacity of 170MW worth KZT87bn are being carried out in Kazakhstan. Nine of the 10 renewable energy projects are being carried out in East Kazakhstan, Almaty, and Kostanay regions as well as one project - a hydroelectric power plant – in Almaty region.

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Kyrgyz FM meets with Secretary General of Energy Charter 29/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 29, 2021 / Kabar /. Within the framework of the visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Ruslan Kazakbaev to Brussels, a meeting was held with Secretary General of the Energy Charter Urban Rusnak.

The sides discussed issues related to the modernization of the Energy Charter Treaty. Secretary General Urban Rusnak noted the importance of bringing the Energy Charter Treaty in line with the modern requirements of the global energy sector, according to the

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press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan.

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Uzbekistan increases electricity production 29/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 29, 2021 . / Kabar / . Uzbekistan produced 46 billion kWh of electricity in January-August 2021, KunUz reported with the reference to the State Statistics Committee.

According to the committee, electricity production increased by 3.8 billion kWh (9%) compared to the same period last year.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

CCTS FMs discuss situation in Afghanistan and its impact on Turkic-speaking countries 28/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 28, 2021 . / Kabar / . Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Ruslan Kazakbaev attended an extraordinary meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (CCTS) dedicated to the situation in Afghanistan and its impact on Turkic speaking countries.

In the course of the meeting, the sides discussed the initiatives of the CCTS countries in terms of providing assistance to the inter-Afghan dialogue, and also outlined guidelines for future interaction with Afghanistan on a number of key issues on the regional and international agenda, the press service of the Kyrgyz MFA said.

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Ambassador of Turkmenistan in Kabul held talks at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan 01/10/2021

On September 29, 2021, a meeting was held between Ambassador of Turkmenistan in Kabul Hoja Ovezov and the acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Amir Khan Muttaqi.

The Afghan Foreign Minister addressed congratulations to the leadership and people of Turkmenistan in honor of the country's 30th anniversary. He also expressed gratitude to the Turkmen side for the continued humanitarian support to the Afghan people at a difficult time.

During the meeting, the sides emphasized the need for further development of multifaceted cooperation between the two countries. In this context, the expediency of

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organizing meetings of business circles of the two countries to increase trade turnover and find new formats of economic interaction was noted.

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Emomali Rahmon Discusses Situation in Afghanistan with Pakistani PM Imran Khan 02/10/2021

DUSHANBE, 02.10.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, at the initiative of the Pakistani side, the Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon had a telephone conversation with the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Imran Khan.
The officials continued their dialogue related to regional security with an emphasis on the situation in Afghanistan on the basis of Tajik-Pakistani meeting that took place in Dushanbe.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Samarkand Hosted a Tajik and Uzbek Meeting on Border Demarcation 28/09/2021

DUSHANBE, 28.09.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – The meeting of the Tajik and Uzbek demarcation working groups took place from September 20 through September 27 in Samarkand.
The meeting focused on the demarcation work of the Tajik-Uzbek border.

The parties also considered the results of the field work carried out on the Tajik-Uzbek border and agreed to continue them in order to prepare the project demarcation line.

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Kyrgyzstan develops flight safety program to withdraw Kyrgyz airlines from EU blacklist 28/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 28, 2021. / Kabar /. The State Civil Aviation Agency under the Ministry of Transport of Kyrgyzstan with the assistance of the European Aviation Security Agency of the Eurasian Union, has developed a State Program for Flight Safety, Aibek Bayishbaev, deputy director of the Civil Aviation Agency said during a press conference at Kabar News Agency.

He said that the main focus of this project is to maintain sustainable development of civil aviation in accordance with international and EU standards.

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Kyrgyz, Kazakh parliament speakers meet in Kazakhstan's Turkestan 28/09/2021

Bishkek, Sept. 28, 2021 . / Kabar / . A parliamentary delegation led by Speaker Talant Mamytov arrived in Turkestan, Kazakhstan, to participate in the 10th anniversary plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-Speaking Countries (TurkPA).

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Berlin is committed to further deepening mutually beneficial cooperation with Uzbekistan 29/09/2021

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – On 28 September 2021, a delegation of Uzbekistan, consisting of representatives of the ISMI under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Center for Development Strategy, MICA and the NCHR, met with representatives of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the German Institute for International Policy (SWP) and the adviser to the Federal President of Germany on diplomatic and foreign policy issues. The meetings were organized with the assistance of the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Berlin and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

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Tajik and Uzbek Finance Ministries Sign Memorandum of Cooperation 01/10/2021

DUSHANBE, 01.10.2021 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, as part of the first Economic Forum of Uzbekistan, the Tajik and Uzbek Finance Ministries signed a Memorandum of Cooperation.
The document was signed by the Tajik and Uzbek Finance Ministers Fayziddin Kahhorzoda and Timur Ishmetov.

This document will contribute to further expanding cooperation between the ministries in improving the efficiency of public finance management.

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On 4-5 October the President of Turkmenistan will pay the official visit to Uzbekistan 02/10/2021

On 4-5 October 2021, the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov will pay the official visit to the Republic of Uzbekistan. The matter on organization of this visit was discussed at the meeting of the government of country held in the videoconference format.

At the meeting the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan

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Rashid Meredov reported on preparation for the official visit of the President of Turkmenistan to the Republic of Uzbekistan, planned for 4–5 October.

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