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Climate Change and Environment

A project on the integrated development of green cities is being implemented in Turkmenistan 14/02/2022

Within the framework of the United Nations Development Program project "Sustainable Cities in Turkmenistan: Comprehensive Development of Green Cities

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in Ashgabat and Avaza", the Plan for the development of a modern system of the ecological state of the Turkmen capital is being developed and implemented.

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Tree planting campaign for the benefit of environmental well-being 14/02/2022

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), in cooperation with "Karakumderyasuvkhojhalyk" of the State Committee for Water Resources of Turkmenistan,, within the framework of the signed Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between CAREC and the State Committee for Water Resources of Turkmenistan, has held a tree planting campaign along the Karakum River.

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Violations of environmental legislation worth over 9.5M revealed last year in Kyrgyzstan 17/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 17, 2022 . / Kabar / . Employees of the state forest guard revealed 358 violations of environmental legislation in Kyrgyzstan last year, the State Forestry Agency reported.

Thus, caused damage amounted to KGS 9 million 611 thousand 200.

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Dushanbe Hosts Conference in Honor of the Announcement of 2025 as the International Year for the Protection of Glaciers 16/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 16.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On February 15 in honor of the announcement of 2025 as the International Year for the Protection of Glaciers, the National Museum in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Glaciers of the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan organized a republican scientific conference on the topic "Glaciers of Tajikistan: Situation, State and Prospects."

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POLICY DIALOGUES ON BUILDING A GREEN ECONOMY CONTRIBUTE TO UZBEKISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT 17/02/2022

Tashkent, February 17, 2022 – The Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction (MEDPR) of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the World Bank, and the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) held today the last meeting in a series of 11 policy dialogue roundtables on Green Growth and Climate Change. The event focused on the development of a strategic framework to accelerate Uzbekistan on a path to green

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transition.

From August 2021 to February 2022 Tashkent hosted the series of policy dialogues that facilitated an unprecedented multisectoral engagement by bringing together members of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis, officials representing various ministries, state agencies, and municipal authorities, as well as leading national and international experts, academia, international organizations and financial institutions, and other stakeholders.

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Saxaul - decoration of the Karakum steppe 18/02/2022

At the mention of the word Karakum, a wide steppe, like a Turkmen soul, comes to life before your eyes with its unique flora. The Karakum steppe is a natural heritage of our country.

There are forests of low-growing trees and shrubs in the Karakum Desert. There are 300-600 such trees and shrubs per hectare. The main plant of these forests is saxaul. This coniferous tree is of two types - white saxaul and black saxaul. Branches of white saxaul are rare and short, black saxaul are thick and long. Forests of saxaul, especially white saxaul, are mainly found in the sandy parts of the steppe. The height of the saxaul reaches from 2-3 to 5 meters, and the length of the roots is up to 9 meters. Additional, horizontally growing roots up to 7.5 meters long strengthen the soil and prevent the movement of sands. The roots of saxaul, especially black saxaul, reach underground waters, so it can easily endure even extreme heat. Black saxaul grows mainly in places where there is groundwater, on the plains.

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Water resources

EUROPEAN UNION CONTRIBUTES TO IMPROVING OPERATION OF WATER RESERVOIR IN CENTRAL ASIA 15/02/2022

CENTRAL ASIA – The working group of experts established in the framework of the EU-funded project "Nexus Dialogue in Central Asia" approved a series of technical assessments on the issue of siltation at the Tuyamuyun Hydroelectric Complex (THC) and considered international experience in addressing similar issues during its fourth meeting today.

Technical experts presented results of the forecast for the growth of siltation in Ruslovoe reservoir for the next 50 years. However, the conclusions showed that the growth of siltation would reach its maximum point as early as the 2040s; as a result, the reservoir could be completely degraded. To find solutions, the project began working on a biological analysis of the silt composition, as well as research and testing of ways of practical

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application of silt from the Ruslovoe reservoir.

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Construction of Kambar-Ata HPP-1 to begin on April 1 this year 15/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 15, 2022. / Kabar /. The construction of the Kambar-Ata HPP-1 will begin on April 1 this year, . Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Akylbek Zhaparov told during a press conference.

He said that the capacity of Kambar-Ata HPP-1 will be 1,860 MW.

"On the instructions of President Sadyr Zhaparov, we will begin the first stage of the construction of the hydroelectric power station. Preliminarily, about USD 18.8 million is needed to create the first infrastructure. Funds for construction are provided in the republican budget. Currently, the Ministry of Finance is carrying out relevant work in this direction," he said.

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Kyrgyzstan struggling to refill Toktogul reservoir 15/02/2022

***Eurasianet* says a senior government official in Kazakhstan has warned that neighboring Kyrgyzstan is struggling to restore viable water levels at its Toktogul reservoir, which is the source of 40 percent of Kyrgyzstan's domestically generated electrical power..**

Failure to restore depleted water supplies at Toktogul may spell trouble for farming downstream in Kazakhstan.

Kazakh Energy Minister Bolat Akchulakov told journalists on January 14 that the difficulty in filling the reservoir had arisen as a result of water discharges and because "natural conditions" made it impossible to collect the amount of water required.

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How Mangistau region tackles drinking water shortage, unemployment 16/02/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Akim (governor) of Mangistau region Nurlan Nogayev revealed Wednesday how the problems of drinking water shortage and unemployment will be solved, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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The implementation of the transboundary demonstration project "Tuyamuyun hydropower plant" was discussed within the framework of

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the EU project "Nexus Dialogue in Central Asia" 16/02/2022

Representatives of Turkmenistan, together with colleagues from Uzbekistan and experts from the European Union, took part in the fourth meeting of the Technical Working Group on the implementation of the transboundary demonstration project at the Tuyamuyun hydroelectric complex.

The online meeting was organized within the framework of the European Union project “Central Asian Dialogue to stimulate intersectoral financing based on the “water-energy-food” interconnection (Phase II)” (Nexus Dialogue Project in CA).

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Scientific developments - into production: buns and mineral water - with licorice extract 17/02/2022

The laboratory of the Technology Center of the Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan conducts a complex of interdisciplinary research, including in the field of bioinformatics technologies. The work of the laboratory is aimed primarily at the food security of the country. We managed to communicate with specialists in the field of pharmacognosy and understand how the result of modern pharmacognostic research has expanded the range of medicinal plants and drugs derived from them. Also, our attention was attracted by a combination of techniques, methods and technologies for obtaining one or another raw material.

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Energy sector

Head of Cabinet Zhaparov about construction of nuclear power plant in Kyrgyzstan 15/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 15, 2022. / Kabar /. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Akylbek Zhaparov, during a press conference in Bishkek commented on the construction of a nuclear power plant in the country.

He said that similar stations have already been built in Belarus, in Russia, it is also planned to be build in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

“There is a nuclear power plant construction cycle. Even if we cannot build powerful reactors like those of our neighbors, the country's Ministry of Energy has already signed an agreement on cooperation with Rosatom on the construction of small-capacity nuclear power plants. I think we should work on it, our scientists and engineers should work on it because sooner or later nuclear power plants will be distributed in the world,” he said.

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Kyrgyz Cabinet and World Bank discuss prospects for development of energy sector 17/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 17, 2022. / Kabar /. Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Aziz Aaliev met with Director of the World Bank Country Manager for the Kyrgyz Republic Naveed Hassan Naqvi.

According to the press service of the Cabinet of Ministers, during the meeting they discussed the prospects for the development of the energy sector, projects on renewable energy sources, organizational issues of holding a forum on energy development, as well as holding anniversary events on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the partnership between Kyrgyzstan and the World Bank.

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Uzbekistan to launch six thermal and one solar power plants in 2022 17/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 17, 2022 . / Kabar / . The total capacity of the energy system of Uzbekistan will increase by 10% and reach 16,000 MW, KunUz reported.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Permanent Representative of Tajikistan and UN Deputy Secretary General Stress the Need to Provide Humanitarian Aid to the Afghan People 18/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 18.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations Jonibek Hikmat met with the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths.
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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Session of the Central Commission for Elections and Referendums in Turkmenistan 13/02/2022

In accordance with the commission of President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, given during the meeting of the Halk Maslahaty of the Milli Gengesh held on February 11, a meeting of the Central Commission for Elections and Referendums

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in Turkmenistan was held today. The main topic was the preparation for the election of the President of Turkmenistan in accordance with the Constitution and legislation of our country.

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Nomination of candidates for the post of the President of the country began in Turkmenistan 14/02/2022

The IX extraordinary Congress of the Democratic Party of Turkmenistan was held today at the Center for Public Organizations, with nomination of a candidate for the post of President of Turkmenistan by one of the leading political organizations of the country being the main issue on the discussion agenda.

Representatives of public organizations and mass media took part in the forum along with the delegates.

Earlier, the Central Commission for Elections and Referendums announced the start of the election campaign on February 14, 2022, therefore, today, in accordance with national legislation, the nomination of candidates for the highest state post has begun.

During the current forum, its participants considered a proposal to nominate Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Serdar Berdimuhamedov as a candidate for the post of President of Turkmenistan.

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In Turkmenistan, the nomination and registration of candidates for the post of President of the country is underway 15/02/2022

Today, as part of preparations for the upcoming presidential elections, a meeting of the Central Commission for holding elections and referendums in Turkmenistan was held in the capital, which was attended by the head and members of the CEC, the chairman of the Democratic Party of the country. The main issue on the agenda was the registration of the candidate nominated by the Democratic Party for the post of President of Turkmenistan.

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Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan agreed to regulate borders without participation of third party 15/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 15, 2022. / Kabar /. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Akylbek Zhaparov during a press conference commented on the issue of delimitation and

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demarcation of the state border of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

He said that the borders are recognized when two neighbors agree.

“President Sadyr Zhaparov, during his trip to Beijing, said that he and the president of Tajikistan had instructed the Ministries of Foreign Affairs to start negotiations on the border. Negotiations have now begun and are already intensively under way. Earlier, these negotiations were interrupted due to the conflict at the border, but negotiations have been resumed now. Both presidents agreed that they would be able to regulate this issue without a third party,” Zhaparov said.

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Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to Exchange Experience in Providing Practical Assistance for Employment of Graduates of Training Courses 15/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 15.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – The working group of the Ministry of Labor, Migration and Employment of Tajikistan headed by the First Deputy Minister Abdugaffor Rahmonzoda left for Uzbekistan yesterday.

The purpose of the visit is to study best practices in the digitization of services for vulnerable segments of the population, the organization of short-term courses for training professions in accordance with the requirements of the internal and external labor market, as well as the exchange of experience in providing practical assistance for the employment of graduates of training courses.

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Strengthening ties between Kyrgyz, Uzbek capitals discussed 16/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 16, 2022 . / Kabar / . Bishkek Mayor Aibek Dzhunushaliyev and Mayor of Tashkent Jahongir Artikkhojaev discussed strengthening ties between the two capitals.

The press service of the Bishkek Mayor’s Office reported that during the meeting, the mayors debated the exchange of experience in the sphere of urban improvement, digitalization of services, development of urban infrastructure and MSW management.

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Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Sign Four Documents on Cooperation in Labor, Migration and Employment 18/02/2022

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DUSHANBE, 18.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan and Uzbekistan signed four documents on cooperation in the field of labor, migration and employment, reports the Press Center of the Ministry of Labor, Migration and Employment of the Population of Tajikistan.

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