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Climate Change and Environment

UNDP and the State Committee for Ecology and Environment Protection of Uzbekistan strengthen measures to protect the ozone layer 31/01/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 31 January 2022, Matilda Dimovska, Resident Representative of UNDP in Uzbekistan paid the first visit to Mr. Narzullo Oblomuradov in his new position as Chairman of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Ecology and Environmental Protection.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on the complete phase-out of ozone-depleting substances and the application of energy-efficient technologies with zero ozone-depleting potential and low global warming potential in the refrigeration and air-conditioning sector. The signing of this Memorandum means that Uzbekistan fully supports the implementation of green technologies that are energy efficient, ozone-friendly and safe for the environment.

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framework of the State Program? 01/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 1 February 2022, a meeting of the Senate Committee on the development of the Aral Sea region was held.

The meeting was attended by members of the Committee, senior officials of the Cabinet of Ministers, members of the Expert Council under the Committee, specialists from ministries and departments responsible for the issues under consideration, as well as representatives of the media.

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Rural people of the Aral Sea region learn innovations in agriculture 01/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Livestock is one of the most important sources of income for residents of the Bozatau district of Karakalpakstan, where most of the population is engaged in agriculture. The productivity of the livestock sector is directly dependent on proper care for dairy cows, compliance with sanitary and hygienic standards in obtaining dairy products, protection of cattle and small cattle from various diseases.

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We must leave a healthy environment for posterity – President 02/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 2 February, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev chaired a videoconference on improving the waste management system and the environmental situation, and urgent tasks for implementing the Yashil Makon national project.

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2022 declared in Kyrgyzstan Year of Protection of Mountain Ecosystems and Climate Resilience 02/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 2, 2022. / Kabar /. 2022 has been declared in Kyrgyzstan the Year of Protection of Mountain Ecosystems and Climate Resilience.

President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov signed the corresponding decree, his press service said.

The decree was signed in order to increase climate resilience, preserve natural heritage

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and celebrate the International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development.

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WORLD WETLANDS DAY 02/02/2022

World Wetlands Day is celebrated since 1997

The date for the celebration of this day was not chosen by chance. This day, February 2, 1971, the Convention on Wetlands was signed in the Iranian city of Ramsar (Mazandaran province). This document is better known as the Ramsar Convention. The "Convention on Wetlands" was signed to protect wetlands of international importance (mainly as habitats for waterfowl).

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Japan provides US$1 million for UNDP to promote the climate-resilient development in Ferghana valley 02/02/202

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In response to the climate emergency of Uzbekistan, the Government of Japan approved provision of funding close to US$1 million (US$956,147) in order to unite the efforts with the United Nations Development Programme and implement a joint project on “Building the climate resilient livelihoods of horticultural producers in Ferghana Valley in Uzbekistan”.

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Finland to help modernize Uzhydromet 03/02/2022

Finland has approved the allocation of a grant to Uzbekistan for the implementation of the project to improve meteorological service in the country.

The total amount of the grant is €2 million ($2.24 million), implementation period – 2022-2025.

The project provides for upgrading the capacity of the Center for Hydrometeorological Service of Uzbekistan (Uzhydromet), training employees, increasing the availability of information services in the industry, and encouraging adaptation to climate change.

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Kazakhstan’s Forestry and Wildlife Committee names new Chairman 04/02/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – By order of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology, and Natural Resources Nurlan Kylyshbayev has been named the Chairman of the Committee on

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Forestry and Wildlife of Kazakhstan, Kazinform has learnt from the press service of the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan. Nurlan Kylyshbayev was born in 1971 in the city of Taldykorgan. He graduated from the Kazakh Order of the Labour Red Banner Agricultural Institute, Kunayev Humanitarian Institute. From September 2017 he served as Deputy of the Senate of the Kazakh Parliament, sixth convocation, member of the Permanent Committee on Finance and Budget.

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Kyrgyzstan plans to create union of public forest inspectors 04/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 4, 2022. / Kabar /. The Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of Kyrgyzstan plans to create a union of public forest inspectors, Minister Dinara Kutmanova said at a press conference at Kabar News Agency.

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Bishkek to once again host Global Mountain Summit 04/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 4, 2022 . / Kabar /. The 2nd Global Mountain Summit is planned to be held in Kyrgyzstan, Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the country Dinara Kutmanova told during a press conference at Kabar News Agency.

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Azamat Temirkulov: Importance of Kyrgyzstan's glaciers is increasing 04/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 4, 2022 . / Kabar / . Today, the importance of glaciers, in particular glaciers of Kyrgyzstan, is becoming important not only for our country, Head of the Monitoring and Analysis of Reforms Department of the Presidential Administration Azamat Temirkulov told during a press conference at Kabar News Agency.

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Tajikistan develops development strategy for green economy 04/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 4, 2022 . / Kabar / . The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Tajikistan is developing a Green Economy Development Strategy within the framework of an interdepartmental working group with the involvement of domestic and foreign experts. This was stated by the Minister of Economic Development and Trade Zavki Zavkizoda on February 2 during a press conference, Khovar reported.

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Bishkek hosts regional climate policy dialogue for countries of Central

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Bishkek, Feb. 4, 2022. / Kabar /. On 3 and 4 February, UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic hosted a Regional Climate Policy Dialogue under the “The Policy Action for Climate Security in Central Asia” project funded by the UK Government and implemented by UNDP in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, UNDP in Kyrgyzstan reported.

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Nationwide event “Green Year” announced in Uzbekistan 04/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 4, 2022 . / Kabar / . The nationwide event “Green Year” will start in Uzbekistan on March 1. Last year, 85 million seedlings were planted in the fall, and 125 million trees were ordered to be planted this spring, KunUz reported.

On February 2, a videoconference meeting chaired by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev was held on the current tasks of improving the waste management system and the environmental situation, the implementation of the nationwide project “Green Space”.

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Kyrgyzstan plans to increase area of forests by mass planting of trees 04/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 4, 2022 . / Kabar / . In pursuance of the Presidential Decree "On Declaring 2022 the Year of Mountain Ecosystems Protection and Climate Sustainability", the relevant Action Plan of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan is being developed.

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«Turanian deserts of the temperate zone» nominated for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage List 04/02/2022

On January 28, 2022, a package of documents on the transnational serial object "Turanian Deserts of the Temperate Zone" was presented to the UNESCO World Heritage Center (Paris). The document was drawn up on behalf of three countries of the region: Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and suggests the inclusion of the site in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

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Water resources

Meeting of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS with the Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands 01/02/2022

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On 1 February 2022, a meeting was held between the Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS, Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, and the Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr. Henk Ovink.

During the meeting, the parties discussed priority areas of cooperation between the Executive Committee of IFAS and the Kingdom of the Netherlands including the possible participation of the Netherlands in the implementation of the Action Program to assist the countries of the Aral Sea Basin (ASBP-4).

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Deputy FM Receives Core Group on Preparation for 2023 UN Water Conference 02/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 02.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On January 31, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Sharaf Sheralizoda received the Core Group members on "Road to the 2023 UN Water Conference,» including the Special Envoy for International Water Affairs the Netherlands Henk Ovink, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Tajikistan Andre Carstens, and representatives of the UN structural organizations.

Sheralizoda emphasized the importance of President Rahmon's international initiatives on water and climate change in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in particular the SDG 6 and other water-related goals, noting that the promotion of the Dushanbe Water Process within the framework of the International Conference on Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028" is an active continuation of Tajikistan's efforts to find effective solutions to global problems.

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Tajikistan Prepares to Hold Global Water Events 03/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 03.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, a briefing dedicated to the Second High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action «Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028» entitled "Catalyzing water action and partnerships on local, national, regional and global levels" (Dushanbe, June 6-9, 2022) and the UN Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028 (New York, March 22-24, 2023) was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the participation of the heads of diplomatic missions, international organizations, international financial institutions and the press.

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UAE Representatives Invited to Dushanbe High Level Water Conference

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DUSHANBE, 03.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On February 1, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Bahodur Sharifi met with the Deputy Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of the UAE Sharif Al Olama.

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The state of the effectiveness of the use of funds allocated for the introduction of water-saving technologies was discussed 04/02/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- At the 23rd plenary session of the Senate, information was heard from Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shukhrat Ganiev on the introduction of water-saving technologies in agriculture and the efficiency of the use of funds allocated for these purposes.

As noted in the information, as part of the implementation of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan from 10 July 2020 No. UP-6024, water-saving technologies were introduced in 2021 on a total area of 515.2 thousand hectares, including 197.5 thousand hectares of drip irrigation. As a result, the total area of lands of water-saving technologies reached 917.0 thousand hectares or 20% of the irrigated area.

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Energy sector

Bishkek to host national forum on transition to sustainable energy 31/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 31 2022. / Kabar /. The National Forum "Kyrgyzstan's Transition to Sustainable Energy: Barriers and Solutions" will be held on Feb. 10, 2022 under the auspices of the Cabinet of Ministers together with the Investments and Development Agency and the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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Uzbekistan to create single ring energy system 31/01/2022

Tashkent, Jan. 31, 2022 . / Kabar / . A unified ring energy system will be created in Uzbekistan to prevent technical failures. This became known during the presentation to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of projects in the field of youth, sports, health and electricity, the press service of the Uzbek leader reported.

Measures to increase capacity of the power supply system were discussed at the presentation, in particular, to create a single ring system by building networks with a

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capacity of 500-750 kilowatts. It is planned to increase the total generating capacity to 27,400 megawatts by 2026.

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Minister of Energy: Growth Rate of Electricity Generation in 2021 Reaches 104.3% 01/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 31.01.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – In 2021, electricity generation in Tajikistan reached over 20 billion kWh, which is 853.8 million kWh more than in 2020, and the growth rate was achieved by 104.3%. This was announced yesterday at a press conference by the Minister of Energy and Water Resources Daler Juma.

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Energy security of Kyrgyzstan: ways out of permanent crisis 02/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 2, 2022. / Kabar /. The hydropower potential of Kyrgyzstan is one of the highest in Central Asia. However, every year a country with a high hydropower potential experiences a crisis, which worsens in winter. The past and current dry years have already aggravated the situation in the country's energy sector. Experts of the Pikir discussion club discussed the causes of the country's permanent energy crisis and current ways out at the round table "Energy security of Kyrgyzstan: ways out of the permanent crisis".

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Minister of Finance: Financing the Construction of the Rogun HPP Will Continue in 2022 02/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 02.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Financing the construction of the Rogun HPP from the state budget will continue in 2022. This was announced today at a press conference by the Minister of Finance of Tajikistan Fayziddin Kahhorzoda.
According to him, in 2022 the government of Tajikistan intends to allocate 2.5 billion somoni for the construction of the country's largest hydroelectric power plant, which is 10% more than in the previous year.

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Turkmenistan to supply liquefied gas to Tajikistan 02/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 2, 2022 . / Kabar / . Tajikistan intends to expand the list of importers of liquefied gas. The Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Daler Juma, told reporters. According to him, now the main suppliers of fuel for Tajikistan are Russia and Kazakhstan, ORIENT reported.

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Away from fossil fuels: Kazakhstan sets ambitious goals for renewable

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energy 03/02/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - Developing renewable energy, introducing clean technologies, and promoting decarbonization of the economy is something that countries can no longer delay. Kazakhstan is no exception as it sets ambitious targets to unlock its renewable energy potential and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. More about the country's efforts in this area is in the latest analytical article of Kazinform.

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Diversification and digitalization as the basis of the strategy for the development of the fuel and energy complex of Turkmenistan 04/02/2022

At the workshop on building the potential of the fuel and energy complex held on Tuesday, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov noted that the diversification and digitalization of production form the basis of the strategy for building the potential of the domestic fuel and energy complex, which plays the main role in the harmonious development of the national economy.

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Export of Turkmen electricity increased by a third 04/02/2022

Turkmenistan increased electricity exports by more than 33% in January 2022 compared to January 2021. At the same time, the volume of generation in the country increased by 9.9%.Such figures were presented for the industry by Deputy Prime Minister Charymyrat Purchekov at a government meeting on Thursday following the results of the past month.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghan land will not be used against neighbors – Taliban 30/01/2022

On Saturday, Afghan Acting Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Salam Hanafi assured a senior Pakistani delegation led by National Security Adviser (NSA) Moid Yusuf that Afghan land would not be used against neighbors, including Pakistan, Pakistani Dawn news agency reported.

A statement released by the presidential palace in Kabul quoted Hanafi as saying: "The

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policy of the Islamic Emirate [Afghanistan] is clear: we will not allow anyone to use Afghan land against [our] neighbors and other countries."

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The Afghan government has announced that the TAPI project will begin soon 31/01/2022

Afghanistan has reaffirmed its commitment to launching the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) project as soon as possible. The construction of the pipeline will provide employment for about 12,000 people in Afghanistan, according to Tolo News, economists in the country.

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FM Muhriddin: Position of Tajikistan in Relation to the Taliban Remains Unchanged 02/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 02.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – "The position of Tajikistan in relation to the Taliban has not changed," said the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhriddin. According to him, Tajikistan is committed to the need to create an inclusive government in Afghanistan with the participation of all ethnic groups.

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Tajikistan plans to provide food aid to people of Afghanistan 03/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 3, 2022 . / Kabar / . Tajikistan plans to provide food aid to the people of Afghanistan through international organizations, Tajik Foreign Minister Sirojiddin Muhriddin told reporters in Dushanbe on February 2, ASIA-Plus reported.

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Chairman of the Tajik State Committee for National Security Urges to Rely on Legal Acts in Resolving Border Conflicts 31/01/2022

DUSHANBE, 31.01.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – The Chairman of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan Saimumin Yatimov pointed to non-compliance with previously reached protocols as the cause of new conflicts.

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Foreign Ministry Appeals to Tajik Citizens to Refrain from Traveling to

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Kyrgyzstan for Study or Work 02/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 02.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Despite the adoption of the order on October 22, 2021 by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, according to which Tajik citizens get the opportunity to enter Kyrgyzstan for study or work, the Tajik side records facts of biased attitude towards Tajik citizens in Kyrgyzstan, reports the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan.

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Head of the Customs Service: Export of Foods to Kazakhstan, China, Russia, Turkey and Afghanistan Increased in 2021 03/02/2022

DUSHANBE, 03.02.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, the head of the Customs Service Khurshed Karimzoda said that last year Tajikistan traded with more than 120 countries. According to him, the share of minerals and concentrates in the export of domestic goods was 19.2% or more than $343 million, that of aluminum reached 7.6% or $135 million, for cotton fiber it was 11.3% or $202.6 million, for cement 2.6% or more than $46 million, cotton yarn reached 2.9% or $51.9 million, and fruits and vegetables 2% or $36 million.

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President of Kyrgyzstan calls future Chinese-Kyrgyz-Uzbek highway as road of friendship 04/02/2022

Bishkek, Feb. 4, 2022. / Kabar /. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov called the future Chinese-Kyrgyz-Uzbek railway the road of friendship, good neighborliness and sustainable development and expressed confidence that its construction will begin in the near future.

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