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Climate Change and Environment

Law "On hydrometeorological activities" adopted 12/01/2022

On January 12, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed the Law "On hydrometeorological activities".
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USAID launches project to improve local services in Kyrgyzstan 12/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 12, 2022. / Kabar /. The United States Agency for International

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Development (USAID) and the Development Policy Institute (DPI) launched a new project to support the development of local government services in the Kyrgyz Republic. As part of “Successful Aimak 2”, municipalities in Issyk-Kul, Jalal-Abad, Naryn and Osh oblasts will work to improve key services, such as water supply, waste removal, maintenance of public spaces such as parks, and provision of recreational activities, U.S. Embassy in Kyrgyzstan reported.

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Tajik Ambassador to Korea and President of the Global Green Growth Institute Discuss Climate Change Impact 12/01/2022

DUSHANBE, 12.01.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to Korea Yusuf Sharifzoda met with the President of the Global Green Growth Institute Ban Ki-Moon.
The parties exchanged views on the impacts of climate change, the implementation of joint projects and the achievement of sustainable development goals.

They agreed to develop close cooperation in the implementation of international initiatives of Tajikistan in collaboration with international partners.

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Addressing climate change cannot be delayed 13/01/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM - While countries around the world are struggling to reduce their carbon emissions, the impact of climate change remains hardly unseen. Frequent and intense drought, storms, heat waves, rising sea levels, and melting glaciers are just a few examples of climate change, but with a lack of decisive actions, the damage could be bigger. What is the climate change impact in Kazakhstan is in the latest analytical article of Kazinform.

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The Minister of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan is Allowed to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Turkmen Side 14/01/2022

In accordance with the Law of Turkmenistan “On International Treaties of Turkmenistan”, the President of Turkmenistan signed an Order authorizing the Minister of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan, the Forestry and Wildlife Committee of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of

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Kazakhstan from the Turkmen side, The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environmental Protection in the field of management and protection of transnational objects “Turanian Deserts of the Temperate Zone”, nominated to the UNESCO World Heritage List.

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Water resources

Tajikistan launches website of Second Dushanbe Water Conference 12/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 12, 2022 . / Kabar / . Website of the Second International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action «Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028” to be held from June 6 through June 9 in Dushanbe has resumed its work. It can be accessed on www.dushanbewaterprocess.org.

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Kyrgyzstan plans to bring water to 95% of its settlements in next 5 years 13/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 13, 2022 . / Kabar / . In the next five years, Kyrgyzstan will invest about USD 470 million at the expense of external donors and the republican budget and will bring water to 95% of the country's settlements.

According to the plan of the National Development Program until 2026, about 100 villages of the republic will be connected to clean and safe drinking water facilities annually.

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Water Use Limits through Velayats and Etraps for 2022 have been Approved 14/01/2022

For the purpose of careful and rational use of the country’s water resources, as well as in accordance with the Code of Turkmenistan “On Water” the President of Turkmenistan signed an Order approving water use limits through velayats and etraps for 2022.

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Energy sector

New thermal power plant starts to supply electricity to Uzbekistan’s energy system 11/01/2022

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Today, on 11 January 2022, at 16:32, the power plant of the Turkish company Aksa Enerji, built in Bukhara district of Bukhara region, began supplying electricity to the Unified Energy System of Uzbekistan.

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Ministry of Energy: Agreements on the construction of renewable energy projects with a total capacity of 3600 MW to be signed in 2022 12/01/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) - In the current 2022, in the energy sector of Uzbekistan, it is planned to sign agreements on projects of 10 solar photovoltaic power plants (PVP) and wind power plants (WPP), the total capacity of which will be 3,600 MW. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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Agreements to be signed on implementing 10 renewable energy projects in Uzbekistan 13/01/2022

This year, it is planned to sign agreements on projects of 10 solar (PV) and wind power plants (WPP), the total capacity of which will be 3,600 MW, in Uzbekistan.

According to the Ministry of Energy, in recent years, work has been systematically carried out in the country to develop green energy, in particular, the implementation of PV and WPP projects. Over the past 3 years, 10 agreements have been signed. In August 2021, the first industrial solar photoelectric power plant with a capacity of 100 MW was put into operation in Karmana district of Navoi region.

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Energy demand to double in Uzbekistan by 2030 13/01/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 13 January 2021, a meeting of the Senate Committee on the Development of the Aral Sea Region was held to discuss ongoing work on the use of solar and wind energy in the sectors of the economy, at social facilities and in residential premises of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, as well as the essence and content of the priority areas of the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026.

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Uzbekistan to grow about 200 billion cubic meters of natural gas

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reserves over next 5 years 14/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 14, 2022. / Kabar / . Uzbekneftegaz JSC plans to carry out more than 10.2 thousand square kilometers of 3D seismic work, commission more than 100 new areas and a number of other works, KunUz reported.

In order to ensure the implementation of the instructions given by the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev during his visit to the Uzbekistan GTL plant on December 25, 2021, a mobile meeting was held at the staff of the Shurtan field in Kashkadarya under the chairmanship of Uzbekneftegaz JSC Mekhriddin Abdullayev.

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From the Balkans to Dashoguz: construction of the second stage of the ring energy system has begun 14/01/2022

The construction of the second stage of the ring energy system, which will connect the electric networks of the Balkans and Dashoguz, and ensure reliable power supply to the regions, has been started by contractors of the Turkmenenergogurlushyk concern. The length of the transmission line -500 from the substation "Balkan" to Dashoguz is more than 560 kilometers. On this route, it is necessary to prepare reinforced concrete foundations and install 1,446 supports of the future power transmission line on them. The general contractor for the construction involved a number of business structures in the construction of the power line. Simultaneously with the construction of the power line, the project provides for the installation of power transformers, circuit breakers, disconnectors, relay protection and automation, telemechanics, communications and SCADA systems.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan cuts electricity exports to Afghanistan by 60% 13/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan . 13, 2022. / Kabar / . Afghanistan's National Electricity Company (DABS) claims that Uzbekistan has cut electricity exports to the country by 60% without any coordination with them, KunUz reported.

The company quoted Uzbek officials as saying that the reason for the decrease was a technical problem with the country's substation Tilimarjan.

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In winter period, Tajikistan reportedly delivers electricity to Afghanistan

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in small volumes 13/01/2022

In winter period Tajikistan delivers electricity to Afghanistan in small volumes, "solely for the safety of the power transmission lines and other equipment," a source within Barqi Tojik (Tajikistan's power utility company) told Asia-Plus Thursday afternoon.

"In winter period, we supply electricity to Afghanistan at the rate of 600.000-700,000 kWh per day," the source said noting that that amount does have any impact on the power supply in Tajikistan.

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Delegation of Afghanistan arrives in Turkmenistan 15/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 15, 2022. / Kabar /. On January 14, 2022, an Afghan delegation headed by the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, Amir Khan Muttaqi, arrived in Turkmenistan, the Turkmen Foreign Mininstry said.

On January 15, within the framework of the visit to Ashgabat, the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov met with Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan Amir Khan Muttaqi in a narrow format. During the conversation, the Foreign Ministers of the two fraternal states discussed the development and strengthening the partnership in a wide range of areas.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

President Tokayev declares January 10 Day of National Mourning 08/01/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev declared the 10th of January 2022 the Day of National Mourning for the numerous victims of tragic events in a number of regions, kazinform has learnt from President's Press Secretary Berik Uali.

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Cabinet Chairman Zhaparov congratulates newly appointed PM of Kazakhstan 11/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 11, 2022 . / Kabar / . Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Akylbek Zhaparov congratulated Alikhan Smailov on his appointment to the post of Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, the press service of the Cabinet said.

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"I am confident that your great experience and professionalism will serve to quickly restore our brotherly country after the tragic events and return it to the path of sustainable development. For my part, I confirm the readiness for active joint work to further develop and strengthen bilateral relations in the interests and for the benefit of the peoples of our countries," the report said.

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Serdar Berdimuhamedov to visit Uzbekistan 11/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 11, 2022 . / Kabar / . A delegation of Turkmenistan headed by Deputy Prime Minister Serdar Berdimuhamedov in charge of economic issues will visit Tashkent in the near future, Turkmenportal reported.

The upcoming visit, during which it is planned to hold meetings on expanding Turkmen-Uzbek cooperation in the economic sphere, was discussed today by telephone by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan Rashid Meredov and Abdulaziz Kamilov.

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Turkmenistan is ready to start exporting gas to Kazakhstan 12/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 12, 2022 . / Kabar / . The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan took part in an extraordinary meeting of the Council

Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Turkic States on the situation in Kazakhstan, ORIENT reported.

The meeting of the heads of the foreign ministries of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Hungary was held at the initiative of the Turkish side, currently presiding in the Organization.

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Tajikistan and Turkmenistan Increase Trade Turnover 12/01/2022

DUSHANBE, 12.01.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan has significantly increased its trade with Turkmenistan. Trade between the republics has increased more than two fold, reports the Russian news agency Sputnik.

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Bishkek, Jan. 13, 2022 . / Kabar / . Withdrawal of the CSTO Collective Peacekeeping Forces from Kazakhstan is set to start today, January 13, Kazinform reports.

The forces will be withdrawn within 10 days, the CSTO's press service reports.

The withdrawal procedure will be approved by the Council of Defense Ministers of the CSTO member nations. Its extraordinary sitting is expected to take place today via videoconferencing.

As earlier reported, on January 12 the Head of State, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, received visiting CSTO Secretary General Stanislav Zas. The Head of State expressed gratitude to the country's CSTO allies for their support and timely assistance amid the terror attack on Kazakhstan.

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