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Climate Change and Environment

Germany supports development of agricultural value chain finance in Tajikistan 24/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 24, 2022 . / Kabar / . A 9.6 million Euro grant is enabling the Tajik Ministry of Economic Development and Trade to support local financial institutions in enhancing credit to Tajik SMEs integrated in various value chains in agribusiness, ASIA-Plus reported.

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ADB Supports Green, Resilient and Inclusive Economic Development in Tajikistan 24/01/2022

Tajikistan senior officials and representatives of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) discussed opportunities to incorporate climate and resilience considerations into COVID-19 recovery and long-term development planning during a roundtable on 19 January 2022. The Tajikistan Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and ADB co-led the event.

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Germany to promote introduction of Digital and "Green Economy" in Tajikistan 25/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 25, 2022 . / Kabar / . The Minister of Economic Development and Trade Zavki Zavkizoda at the meeting with the Regional Director of the German Development Bank for Central Asia Andreas Schneider invited the German side to promote the introduction of a digital and "green economy" in Tajikistan, Khovar reported.

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Water resources

First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources Attends Water-Energy-Food Summit 24/01/2022

DUSHANBE, 24.01.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan is an active player in the water and climate issues at the global level, and within the framework of its initiatives always promotes the need to strengthen cooperation between countries in achieving the set goals and resolving issues related to water, food and energy security. This was noted by the First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan Jamshed Shoimzoda at the Water-Energy-Food Summit via videoconference.

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ADB, Tajikistan sign $30 million grant to modernize the Yovon irrigation and drainage infrastructure 27/01/2022

The Government of Tajikistan and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a US$30 million grant to modernize the Yovon irrigation and drainage system in the lower Vakhsh river basin in Tajikistan, say press release issued by the ADB Tajikistan Resident Mission (TJRM) on January 27.

The grant agreement signed in Dushanbe by Tajikistan Minister of Finance Fayziddin Qahhorzoda and ADB Country Director in Tajikistan Shanny Campbell.

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UNEP is ready to promote the efficient use of water in the Aral Sea Region 27/01/2022

On January 24, a videoconference was held between experts from the UNEP Europe Office and the Ministry of Water Resources of Uzbekistan within the framework of the joint project "Development of a conceptual document on water efficiency for Central Asia".

According to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, practical aspects of the project implementation in 2022, including priority areas of the State Program for the Development of the Aral Sea region, were discussed in detail.

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Huge losses of water. Kyrgyzstan allocates KGS 1B to repair its irrigation systems 29/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 29, 2022 . / Kabar / . KGS 1 billion was allocated from the republican budget of Kyrgyzstan for the first time in history of independence of the country to repair irrigation systems.

The press service of the Cabinet of Ministers reported that these funds are allocated for repair and cleaning works of irrigation networks.

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Energy sector

Electricity supply in Kyrgyzstan's Jalal-Abad Oblast restored 25/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 25, 2022 . / Kabar /. Electricity supply in Jalal-Abad Oblast has been

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restored, except for Chatkal region, the oblast's state administration reported.

The relevant services are working in Chatkal region to restore power supply.

This afternoon there was a power blackout in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan.

The National Energy Holding of Kyrgyzstan told Kabar News Agency that the accident occurred in one of the countries of the United Energy System of Central Asia.

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Construction of Kambarata HPP planned this year, says Cabinet Chairman Zhaparov 25/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 25, 2022 . / Kabar /. This year, it is planned to start the first phase of Kambarata HPP-1 construction, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Akylbek Zhaparov told a press conference.

He noted that $18.8 million will be required to prepare the infrastructure for the construction.

"In total, the launch of the first generator will require $486 million, which will take about 3 years," the head of the Kyrgyz Cabinet added.

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Foreign Ministers of Turkmenistan and India discuss implementation of TAPI project 26/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 26, 2022 . / Kabar / . The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov held a telephone conversation with the Foreign Minister of the Republic of India Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Turkmenportal reported.

The diplomats discussed key issues of bilateral cooperation, exchanged views on the regional and international agenda in the areas of political and diplomatic contacts, trade and economic cooperation as well as cultural and humanitarian exchanges, the Press Service of the Foreign Ministry of Turkmenistan reports.

The parties exchanged views on the progress of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline construction project, stressing the need to intensify work at the bilateral and multilateral levels.

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The development of a "green" economy is the main factor in

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sustainable development 26/01/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – On 25 January 2022, at the online summit of the states of Central Asia and China, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev outlined a number of initiatives designed to strengthen and expand cooperation between the countries of our region and the People's Republic of China.

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Tajik Minister of Energy and USAID Director Discuss Integration of Renewable Energy Sources 28/01/2022

DUSHANBE, 28.01.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Developing the implementation of energy sector reforms to achieve the established national goals in the field of clean energy and the integration of renewable energy sources was discussed by the Minister of Energy and Water Resources Daler Juma and the Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Tajikistan Peter Riley.

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Kazakhstan names new Chief of Staff of Energy Ministry 28/01/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM The Kazakh Energy Minister decreed to appoint Zhanar Zharylgassova as the Chief of Staff of the Energy Ministry of Kazakhstan, the PM's press service reports.

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Roadmap for the development of international cooperation of Turkmenistan in the field of hydrogen energy for 2022-2023 is approved 28/01/2022

In order to successfully achieve targets envisaged in the "Program for the Development of Foreign Economic Activity of Turkmenistan for 2020–2025" and "Program for the development of energy diplomacy of Turkmenistan for 2021–2025", as well as development of international cooperation, aimed at ensuring the implementation of large-scale strategic goals and a set of measures related to the creation of an export-oriented industry of hydrogen energy of Turkmenistan, provided with highly qualified specialists and functioning on the basis of modern technologies, the President of Turkmenistan signed a Resolution, having approved the Roadmap for the development of international cooperation of Turkmenistan in the field of hydrogen energy for 2022-2023.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghanistan confirms direction of the Trans-Afghan railway 24/01/2022

The Taliban government says the Mazar-e-Sharif-Kabul-Peshawar railway, which connects Uzbekistan with Pakistani ports, will pass through Baghlan and Bamiyan.

The Afghan interim government has approved the direction of the Trans-Afghan railway Spot reported citing government spokesman Inamullah Samangani.

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Kyrgyz president calls on Central Asian countries and China to focus efforts on long-term peace in Afghanistan 25/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 25, 2022 . / Kabar / . "I am confident that we will direct our joint efforts towards the soonest establishment of a durable and long-lasting peace on the long-suffering Afghan land. I consider it necessary to continue providing humanitarian aid to the people of Afghanistan," Sadyr Zhaparov said addressing participants of the Central Asia-PCR Online Summit held on Tuesday to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Sadyr Zhaparov to take part in Central Asian countries-China online summit 24/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 24, 2022 . / Kabar / . President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov will participate in a collective online meeting to be held on Tuesday between heads of Central Asian countries and China on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations.

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Kygyzstan enters top 10 trade partners of Uzbekistan 24/01/2022

Tashkent, Jan. 24, 2022 . / Kabar / . At the end of January-December 2021, the foreign trade turnover of Uzbekistan reached $42.1 billion, the State Statistics Committee of Uzbekistan said Monday.

This figure increased by $5.8 billion (16.0% increase) compared to the same period in

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Leaders of Central Asia and China adopt joint statement on occasion of 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations 25/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 25, 2022 / Kabar /. A Joint Statement was adopted today, January 25, following the results of the online summit of the heads of state of Central Asia and China, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The online summit was attended by President of China Xi Jinping, Presidents of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov, Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

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Construction of PRC-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway should become flagship project of OBOR initiative: Zhaparov 25/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 25, 2022 . / Kabar /. "Construction of the China - Kyrgyzstan - Uzbekistan railway should become a flagship project within the framework of the One Belt - One Road initiative," Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov said during “Central Asia-PRC” Online Summit to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

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Tajik deputies considered an interstate agreement with Turkmenistan on railway cooperation 25/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 25, 2022 . / Kabar / . The agreement between the governments of Tajikistan and Turkmenistan on cooperation in the field of railway transport was discussed at the next meeting of the Council of the Majlisi Namoyandagon Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan, ASIA-Plus reported citing the press service of the lower house of parliament.

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Tajik side does not cease fire and continues to pull up military equipment, personnel 27/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 27, 2022. / Kabar /. Tajik military personnel continue to periodically fire at the positions of Kyrgyz military personnel, the Border Service of the State Committee for National Security of Kyrgyzstan reported.

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Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan Reports 27/01/2022

DUSHANBE, 27.01.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, at approximately 17:20 local time, a group of 50 unidentified Kyrgyz citizens from the village council of Aksai of the Batken region forcibly stopped the car of a Tajik citizen, transporting sand, and moving through the Tajik territory from the settlement of Khojai-Alo to the settlement of Somoniyon of Isfara district, reported the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan. The incident occured on the bridge near the settlement of Khojai-Alo.

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CSTO secretary general calls on Tajik and Kyrgyz sides for immediate ceasefire on border 27/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 27, 2022. / Kabar /. CSTO Secretary General Stanislav Zas called on the Tajik and Kyrgyz sides to immediately cease fire on the border between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, the press service of the organization reported.

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Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan Reports 28/01/2022

DUSHANBE, 28.01.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On January 27, at about 18:40, armed conflict broke out between the Tajik and Kyrgyz border guards in the Zarafshoni crossroads and in the Somoniyon mahalla of the Chorkuh rural community of Isfara, reports the Press Center of the Border Troops of the State Committee for National Security of Tajikistan.

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Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan to resume work of intergovernmental border commission 29/01/2022

Bishkek, Jan. 29, 2022 . / Kabar / . Chairman of the State Committee for National Security of Kyrgyzstan Kamchybek Tashiev and his Tajik counterpart Saimumin Yatimov held a meeting.

The meeting was held on Saturday in Kyrgyzstan's Batken Oblast.

Following the discussion, the heads of the Kyrgyz and Tajik Committees for National Security answered journalists' questions.

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