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Climate Change and Environment

UNDP Pocket Manual on Climate Change in Kazakhstan warns of its perils 29/04/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM The UNDP's Climate Change Portfolio team, together with Bulat Yessekin, international expert on sustainable development, has prepared a pocket manual on climate change adaptation in Kazakhstan. This extensive handbook is designed for a wide audience to explain the causes of climate change and its impact on the livelihoods of the people of Kazakhstan.

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Uzbekistan holds the first national consultations on environment and climate within the framework of the "Stockholm +50" international meeting 30/04/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The UN General Assembly is convening an international meeting, "Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity" in Stockholm on 2 and 3 June 2022, on the eve of World

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Environment Day.

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The Aral Sea region is a space for attracting socially oriented investments 02/05/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The EU Delegation to Uzbekistan, in cooperation with the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan, organized an official visit of delegations from a number of EU member states to the Aral Sea region, Karakalpakstan.

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International Scientific Conference "Reducing environmental emissions during hydrocarbon developments and managing the "Darvaza" gas crater" 05/05/2022

Turkmen Forum in collaboration with Turkmenistan's national oil companies has introduced a new conference focused on environmental issues during hydrocarbon developments, which **will take place** on June 23 at the Yildiz hotel in Ashgabat. The primary focus of the conference will be reduction of environmental emissions during hydrocarbon developments and managing world – famous "Darvaza" gas crater.

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Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Expand Ecology and Environmental Protection Cooperation 06/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 06.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, the Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan Bahodur Sheralizoda met with the delegation of the State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection of Uzbekistan in Dushanbe.

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Focus on sustainable investments in the Aral Sea region 07/05/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – On 6 May 2022, United Nations Development Programme, the Council of Ministers of Karakalpakstan and the Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan co-hosted a workshop session for the Working Group on Sustainable Investments under the Advisory Committee of UN Multi-Partner Human Security Trust Fund for the Aral Sea Region in Nukus, Karakalpakstan. This is the first time such event was held in Nukus after the travel restrictions were lifted. This workshop was held in combination with the series of national consultations in the

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lead up to the Stockholm+50 conference that is going to take place in Stockholm on 2 and 3 June 2022.

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Water resources

Rational use of water resources: Experience of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan 30/04/2022

International Institute for Central Asia, together with the Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, organized a conference on “Cooperation between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan in the rational use of water resources”.

The conference was attended by the heads and experts of IICA, CSS, the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, the Ministry of Water Resources, the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan, Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers, BWO “Syrdarya”, Coordination and Energy Dispatch Center, Agency for Hydrometeorology of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

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Kazakhstan to expand water-supply networks 04/05/2022

Bishkek, May 4, 2022. / Kabar /. «Kazakhstan plans to expand water-supply networks,» Kazakh Industry and Infrastructure Minister Kairbek Uskenbayev told the Government meeting, Kazinform reported.

«Due to migration of the population, it is essential to extend water-supply networks in 50 villages countrywide. For example, the current water-supply network in Kendala in Almaty region was built in 1969 and requires repair works to provide full access to clean drinking water,» the Minister noted. He added that the population in Kendala village for the past five years grew from 5,800 to 9,500.

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100% of population should have access to drinking water by end of 2025 – PM 04/05/2022

NUR-SUTLAN. KAZINFORM – Prime Minister Alikhan Smailov instructed Wednesday to provide at least 94% of rural population of Kazakhstan with safe potable water by yearend, Kazinform correspondent reports. At the session of the Government on Wednesday, Prime Minister Smailov stressed that provision of cities and villages with

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clean drinking water is one of the priorities for the Cabinet. 94,7% of rural population should be provided with clean drinking water by yearend and 100% of population should have access to drinking water by the end of 2025, he noted.

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Kazakhstan to ensure safe drinking water supply to dozens of villages by 2025 04/05/2022

NUR-SUTLAN. KAZINFORM – Kazakhstan is planning to construct and renovate at least 9 clustered water supply systems in the next three years, Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources Serikkali Brekeshev said Wednesday, Kazinform correspondent reports. In his report at the Wednesday session of the Government, Minister Brekeshev said there are 15,000 km-long 76 clustered water supply systems in Kazakhstan. Those systems bring clean drinking water to 655 rural settlements with the total population of 1,4 million people.

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Kazakhstan to install centralized water supply systems in 511 villages 04/05/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM «The Government of Kazakhstan will allocate over KZT 200 billion to provide the population with water,» Kazakh Industry and Infrastructure Minister Kairbek Uskenbayev told the Government meeting. «KZT 215 billion will be allotted for providing access to water countrywide. Out of which KZT 120 billion will be channeled for urban, and KZT 95 million for rural water supply systems. It is targeted this year to provide access to water to 98.5 % of the urban and 94.7% of the rural population,» the Minister said.

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Dushanbe Hosts Leader of the Nation — Initiator of the Global Water Goals of Sustainable Development Conference 06/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 06.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday, per the initiative of the Executive Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Tajikistan (PDPT), a scientific-theoretical conference was held in Dushanbe on the topic "Leader of the Nation — Initiator of the Global Water Goals of Sustainable Development."

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Uzbekistan intends to develop electrical industry 07/05/2022

On May 6, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a meeting on the development of the electrical industry.

According to the press service of the head of state, over the past five years, $465 million have been invested in the industry and 163 new projects have been launched. Production increased 4 times, export – 3 times. Most importantly, the number of jobs has doubled to 32,000. However, there are many untapped opportunities in the field. The development strategy of the new Uzbekistan sets the goal of doubling the production of electrical products and tripling exports by 2026.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan provides humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 30/04/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 30 April 2022, a solemn ceremony was held to transfer humanitarian cargo to the people of Afghanistan in the Afghan city of Hairatan.

It should be specially noted that this humanitarian aid with a total weight of more than 4,000 tons was delivered to Afghanistan on the eve of the bright holiday of Eid al-Fitr and included wheat, flour, rice, confectionery and canned food, clothing, essential goods, as well as 100,000 doses of coronavirus vaccine and related tests to determine it.

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Uzbek Foreign Ministry denies reports of a shootout on the Uzbek-Afghan border 04/05/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan denied reports of a shootout on the Uzbek-Afghan border.

"In some social networks, with reference to Afghan sources, reports are being circulated about an alleged shootout on the night of 4 May 2022 on the Uzbek-Afghan border, which, as indicated, resulted in the death of servicemen of the Border Troops of the State Security Service of the Republic of Uzbekistan," the Uzbek Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kyrgyz ambassador presents credentials to German president

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Bishkek, May 5, 2022 / Kabar /. Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to the Federal Republic of Germany Omurbek Tekebaev presented on May 5 his credentials to the Federal President of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier at the Bellevue Palace in Berlin.

According to the Embassy of Kyrgyzstan in Germany, during the conversation after the solemn ceremony, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic Omurbek Tekebaev conveyed to Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier the greeting and gratitude of President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sadyr Zhaparov for the support provided by the German side to our country and an invitation to pay an official visit to the Kyrgyz Republic this year.

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Incident on border discussed by FMs of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan 06/05/2022

Bishkek, May 6, 2022. / Kabar /. Foreign Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Jeenbek Kulubaev and Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov today during a telephone conversation discussed the incident that occurred on Thursday at the border.

The press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic said that the interlocutors discussed the incident that occurred on May 5, 2022 in the territory of Kyrgyzstan in the area of Tobo-Korgon of Jalal-Abad Oblast, with the use of weapons by the military personnel of the Border Troops of Uzbekistan, as a result of which three Kyrgyz citizens of the Republic died.

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Kyrgyz, Uzbek foreign ministers discuss cooperation 06/05/2022

Bishkek, May 6, 2022 . / Kabar / . Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Jeenbek Kulubaev had on Friday a telephone conversation with Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov.

The press service of the Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry reported that during the talk, the foreign ministers discussed current issues on the agenda of the Kyrgyz-Uzbek relations, exchanged views on international and regional issues.

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Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan discuss construction of logistics center and railway 07/05/2022

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Bishkek, May 7, 2022 / Kabar /. A meeting of the Kyrgyz-Uzbek competent authorities on international road transportation, a transport and logistics center and the construction of a railway was held in Kyrgyzstan's Osh city, the press service of the Ministry of Transport reported.

The sides considered the issues of cargo carriers of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, the construction of the Kyzyl-Kiya trade and logistics center and the Uzbekistan-Kyrgyzstan-China railway.

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