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Climate Change and Environment

Tajik Delegation Attends Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 31/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 31.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – The delegation of Tajikistan attended the seventh session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, which was held from May 24 through May 27 at the initiative of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the government of Indonesia.

The session was attended by the President of Indonesia Joko Widodo, UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, and Special Representative of the UN Secretary-

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General for Disaster Risk Reduction Mami Mizutori.

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Signing ceremony of new cooperation documents between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan 02/06/2022

Following the top-level meetings and talks between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, a ceremony of signing new cooperation documents has been held in the presence and with the participation of the heads of state.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Committee on Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Ecology and Environmental Protection on cooperation in the field of environmental protection and rational use of the environment;

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A training on the assessment of the trans boundary impact of projects on the environment was held in Ashgabat 02/06/2022

A two-day online seminar on international experience and best practices of OSCE participating States on the accession and implementation of the CEIA Convention was held in Ashgabat on May 30-31.

The CEIA Convention is an abbreviated name for the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. This international agreement was initiated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and signed in Espoo (Finland) in 1991, entered into force in 1997.

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President Emomali Rahmon Attends Third Meeting of the Water and Climate Coalition Leaders in Dushanbe 04/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 04.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – The Founder of Peace and National Unity, Leader of the Nation, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon attended the Third Meeting of the Water and Climate Coalition Leaders in Dushanbe.
The forum participants include the representatives of a number of countries and experts from leading international institutions and organizations.

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President Emomali Rahmon Addresses Third Meeting of Water and Climate Coalition Leaders in Dushanbe 04/06/2022

Distinguished Secretary General!

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Dear Coalition leaders!
Ladies and Gentlemen!

At the outset, I would like to welcome you in Tajikistan.

Our today's meeting is taking place on the sidelines of the Second Dushanbe Conference on the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018 – 2028.

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Water resources

Tajikistan's Initiatives on Glaciers Protection and Rational Use of Water Presented in Tashkent 30/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 30.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Per initiative of Tajikistan, the UN General Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028.» Against the backdrop of the growing effects of climate change, environmental degradation, demographic development, food and energy crises, great effort must be made to conserve and rationally use water and other natural resources. This was noted by the Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the government of Tajikistan Bahodur Sheralizoda at the third meeting of the heads of ministries and departments of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on environmental issues in Tashkent.

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Virtual ceremony of launching a joint project on construction of 2 hydropower plants in the basin of the Zeravshan River in the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan 02/06/2022

The Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon in the framework of his official visit jointly with the Leader of the friendly country Shavkat Mirziyoyev in the Palace of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in an online format by pressing a symbolic button, laid the foundation for the start of implementation of joint project between Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on the construction of hydropower plants in the basin of the Zeravshan River.

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Kazakhstan to build 9 more water reservoirs by 2025 02/06/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM «Kazakhstan will build 9 more water reservoirs by 2025 with a capacity to accumulate 1.7 cu km,» Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan Serik Kozhanyazov said. «7 out of 8 present river basins are

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transboundary. The volume of water delivery is markedly affected by both climatic factors and hydro-economic activities of the countries located along the riverheads. Under these circumstances, the needs of water ecosystems are met by a leftover principle. This is the key problem of the Aral Sea and Balkhash. Due to the low efficiency of water use per unit Kazakhstan spends water three times as much as Russia and the U.S, and six times as much as Australia,» the Vice Minister told the II International Ecological Congress ECOJER.

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Uzsuvtaminot and K-Water Corporation sign a memorandum of understanding on cooperation to build capacity in the field of drinking water supply and sanitation in Uzbekistan 03/06/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Today, on 3 June, a ceremony was held in Tashkent to sign a memorandum of understanding on cooperation between Uzsuvtaminot and the South Korean corporation K-Water to build capacity in the field of drinking water supply and sanitation in Uzbekistan.

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Energy sector

UNDP promotes renewable energy and energy efficiency in Turkmenistan 01/06/2022

Bishkek, June 1, 2022 . / Kabar / . Within the framework of the joint project of UNDP and the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan "Sustainable Cities in Turkmenistan: Integrated Green Urban Development in Ashgabat and Avaza", a training seminar "Introducing international experience in the development of regulatory and technical documents for the promotion of renewable energy sources in Turkmenistan" was held in an online format, ORIENT reported.

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Kazakhstan to launch 50 projects of renewable energy sources by 2025 03/06/2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM «Kazakhstan has 136 renewable energy sources with a capacity up to 2,065 MW,» Kazakh Energy Minister Bolat Akchulakov said. There are 40 wind power plants generating 684 MW, 51 solar power stations with a capacity of 1,093 MW, 40 hydroelectric power stations with a capacity of 280 MW, and 5 biofuel power plants adding 8 MW more countrywide.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Turkmenistan took part in the meeting on Afghanistan in Almaty 01/06/2022

A regular meeting on Afghanistan of special representatives and special envoys of the countries of Central Asia and the EU was held in Almaty.

During the event, international and regional efforts were discussed for the peaceful resolution of the Afghan crisis, the active involvement of Afghanistan in regional integration processes, the economic recovery of the country and the implementation of various infrastructure projects on its territory.

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Tajikistan and the US Discuss Situation in Afghanistan 01/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 01.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – On May 31, Minister of Foreign Affairs Sirojiddin Muhriddin received the US Special Representative for Afghanistan Tomas West.
The parties exchanged views on Afghanistan, especially combating international terrorism and extremism.

In this regard, they noted the need to cooperate in strengthening borders and providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghan.

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Afghanistan starts distributing humanitarian aid received from Uzbekistan to its provinces 04/06/2022

Yesterday, a ceremony of distribution of humanitarian aid, previously transferred by Uzbekistan, took place in the Kaldar district of Balkh province.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Construction of China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railroad to be started next year, Kyrgyz president 30/05/2022

Bishkek, May 30, 2022. / Kabar /. The construction of China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railroad will be started the next year, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov told Kabar Agency

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on Monday.

In an exclusive interview President Zhaparov said that it has been 20 years since we want to built this railway, but it didn't start at all.

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Kazakhstan's population reaches 19.18mln 31/05/2022

Bishkek, May 31. 2022. Kabar /. Over the year, the population of Kazakhstan rose by 1.3% and stood at 19.12 million people as of early 2022, Kazinform cites ranking.kz.

Of the 19.12mln, 9.84 million are women and 9.29mln are men. Women accounted for 51.44% of the total population, decreasing from last year's 51.48%. The figure stood at 51.62% five years ago and 51.77% a decade ago. It was informed that the average rise in the number of women has been 1.2% in five years, and of men - 1.4%.

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Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Hold Meeting of the Joint Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation 31/05/2022

DUSHANBE, 31.05.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday in Dushanbe, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan held a regular meeting of the Joint Intergovernmental Commission of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on Trade and Economic Cooperation.
The Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov arrived in Dushanbe yesterday to attend their meeting.

He was welcomed by the Prime Minister of Tajikistan Kohir Rasulzoda and other officials at the Dushanbe International Airport.

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Press statement following Tajik-Uzbek talks 02/06/2022

Dear representatives of the media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to sincerely thank my dear brother, esteemed Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev, for the invitation to pay an official visit to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Our next meeting was held in a constructive and trusting atmosphere, characteristic of the relations between our fraternal peoples.

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We noted the importance of maintaining a regular political dialogue at all levels.

In Tajikistan, the personal contribution of the President of Uzbekistan to the development of good-neighborly Tajik-Uzbek relations is highly appreciated.

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Tajikistan — Uzbekistan Summit Talks 02/06/2022

Kuksaroy Presidential Palace hosted talks between President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon and the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

The official welcoming ceremony and introduction of the members of the two nations' delegations was held before the start of the talks.

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Uzbekistan and Tajikistan to organize regular railway service 04/06/2022

Bishkek, June 4, 2022. / Kabar /. Uzbekistan and Tajikistan will organize a regular railway service along the route "Dushanbe - Samarkand - Tashkent", Trend reports via Uzbekistan Temir Yollari JSC's statement.

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