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Climate Change and Environment

Droughts may affect more than 75% of world's population by 2050 19/06/2022

Bishkek, June 19, 2022 . / Kabar / . Droughts may affect more than three-quarters of the world's population by 2050, the UN said Friday as World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed, AA reported.

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Sadyr Zhaparov's exclusive interview to The Independent on impact of climate change on mountainous countries 21/06/2022

Bishkek, June 21, 2022 . / Kabar / . The Independent published an exclusive interview of Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov on the impact of climate change on mountainous countries, including Kyrgyzstan, on environmental issues, the importance of taking comprehensive measures to combat the negative effects of climate change, press secretary of the Kyrgyz leader Erbol Sultanbaev said.

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Kyrgyz president: We are doing our best to counter the adverse effects of climate change 22/06/2022

Bishkek, June 22, 2022. /Kabar/. "We are doing our best to counter the adverse effects of climate change that are in our control," Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov said in an exclusive interview with The Independent.

The Kyrgyz leader said that the Decree was signed "On Declaring 2022 the Year of Protection of Mountain Ecosystems and Climate Sustainability' in order to address environmental and climate change adaptation challenges and help preserve those

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Glaciers melting and natural water reserves decreasing can lead to imminent disaster, Sadyr Zhaparov 22/06/2022

Bishkek, June 22, 2022. /Kabar/. "Glaciers melting and natural water reserves decreasing can lead to imminent disaster," President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov said in an exclusive interview with The Independent.

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Switzerland allocates USD 6 mln for development of Naryn 23/06/2022

Bishkek, June 23, 2022. / Kabar /. Switzerland allocates USD 6 million for the Naryn Urban Resilience Project.

According to the Swiss Embassy in Kyrgyzstan, the funds are allocated to help the population, infrastructure and economy of Naryn city to become more resilient towards climate change and disaster risks.

The five year project will be implemented by the Naryn municipality and Aga Khan Development Network.

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Kazakh Vice Minister of Ecology relieved of post 23.06.2022

NUR-SULTAN. KAZINFORM – Serik Kozhaniyazov was relieved of the post of Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kazinform has learned from the prime minister's press service.

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An international environmental forum was held in Turkmenistan 23/06/2022

Today, Yyldyz Hotel hosted the International Conference "Environmental aspects of hydrocarbon resources extraction" organized by Türkmengaz and Türkmennebit State Concerns, Türkmengeologiýa State Corporation in partnership with the Turkmen Forum NGO, with the support of GaffneyCline British company.

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Hydrogen is the fuel of the future, safe for the environment 23/06/2022

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Anton Chernyshev, Director for the Europe and Central Asia Region of UGTR, speaking at the Ashgabat forum on environmental aspects of hydrocarbon production, spoke in his speech about various approaches to hydrogen production and the prospects of hydrogen energy.

– Now hydrogen is considered as an important fuel for the future energy transition and is widely used mainly in oil refining and the production of synthetic nitrogen fertilizers. However, due to its high cost compared to fossil fuels, it is less popular in energy production.

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Tajik Delegation Attends Session of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in Nairobi 23/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 23.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Employees of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan take part in the 4th session of the Working Group of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (WG2020-4), which takes place from June 21 through June 26 in Nairobi.

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7th meeting of the Working Group on improving the organizational structure and legal framework of IFAS 23/06/2022

On 23 and 24 June 2022, the 7th meeting of the Working Group on improving the organizational structure and legal framework of IFAS was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The meeting was organized with the financial support of the World Bank. The meeting was attended by the members of the Working Group from the founding states of IFAS, representatives of the Executive Committee of IFAS and its branches, structural subdivisions of ICWC and ICSD. This is the fourth meeting during the period of Tajikistan's Chairmanship of IFAS.

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ARAL SEA GRIP: PRESENTATION OF CENTRAL ASIA CLIMATE INFORMATION PLATFORM 23/06/2022

"Idea to create the Central Asia Climate Information Platform (CACIP) was discussed by the national and the regional partners, civil society and the academia," said the CACIP Specialist Malika Tazhmuratova at the Aral Sea GRIP Technical Advisory Consultation.

According to her, CACIP collects data and information on climate change, sustainable development and the environment across Central Asia.

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CACIP comprises three main components: Geoportal, Knowledge Repository and E-Learning Platform.

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Turkmenistan plans to achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions from 2030 24/06/2022

Bishkek, June 24, 2022 . / Kabar / . The country presented such ambitious goals in the program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in key sectors of the national economy, which will be implemented under the Paris Climate Agreement. The document was submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat in May this year, ORIENT reported.

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Turkmenistan and the EU strengthen cooperation in the field of ecology 24/06/2022

The Government of Turkmenistan and the European Union are preparing a high–level meeting that will be devoted to strengthening cooperation in the environmental sphere - reducing methane emissions, using the possibilities of hydrogen and "Green Transition".

The EU Ambassador to Turkmenistan Diego Ruiz Alonso told ORIENT about this on the sidelines of the international scientific conference "Environmental aspects of hydrocarbon resources extraction" in Ashgabat.

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Germany positively evaluates activities of Kyrgyzstan in transition to green economy 24/06/2022

Bishkek, June 24, 2022. /Kabar/. The Ministry of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan hosted intergovernmental consultations between the Cabinet of Ministers of the republic and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (Germany).

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Water resources

World Bank supports modernization of Tajikistan's irrigation system 24/06/2022

On Thursday June 23, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved a $30 million

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International Development Association (IDA)'s grant for the Tajikistan Strengthening Water and Irrigation Management Project.

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The project "Improvement of drinking water supply of Surkhandarya region through the use of water from the Tupalang reservoir" is being implemented 24/06/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The project "Improvement of drinking water supply of Surkhandarya region through the use of water from the Tupalang reservoir" is being implemented.

The project envisages the construction of the main drinking water supply network with a length of 326.5 km, a complex of 22 water treatment facilities, 9 drinking water storage and distribution facilities in 8 districts. This was announced by the head of the information service of Uzsuvtaminot JSC Akmal Murodov.

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Energy sector

Tajik Minister of Energy and Water Resources Attends Panel on Electricity in a Period of Change 21/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 21.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – Minister of Energy and Water Resources Daler Juma attended the panel on «Electricity in a Period of Change,» held as part of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum-2022. He spoke about the strategic goals of building new hydroelectric power plants.

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Mini-hydropower plant to be built in Too-Kyzyl-Suu village of Jalal-Abad Oblast 23/06/2022

Osh, June 23, 2022. / Kabar /. A mini-hydroelectric power station with a capacity of 100 million kWh of energy per year will be built in the village of Too-Kyzyl-Suu of Jalal-Abad. This became known during the meeting of Mayor of Jalal-Abad Ernis Ormokov with representatives of the company planning the construction of a mini-hydropower plant.

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Geothermal energy helps year-round farming in Tajikistan 23/06/2022

Food and nutrition insecurity are emerging as major issues in mountainous regions, particularly in

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the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO) in Tajikistan, where there are short growing seasons, severe climatic conditions at elevations above 2,000 meters, and limited availability of agriculture land, the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) says.

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Jeremy Weir, CEO of Trafigura Group: "We Will Contribute to the Development of Alternative Energy Sources in Tajikistan" 23/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 23.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – "Tajikistan is extremely rich in natural resources, especially in the field of green energy, which lays a significant foundation for long-term cooperation. This was said in Dushanbe yesterday by the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Swiss company Trafigura Group Jeremy Weir following the meeting with President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon.

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All conditions for renewable energy sources development created in Kyrgyzstan, minister 24/06/2022

Bishkek, June 24, 2022. /Kabar/. Minister of Energy of Kyrgyzstan Doskul Bekmurzaev took part in the Second Meeting of Energy Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states in Tashkent (Uzbekistan).

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Electricity sector in Kyrgyzstan to improve its efficiency with WB USD 50 mln support 24/06/2022

Bishkek, June 24, 2022 . / Kabar / . The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved today a $50 million project to support the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in improving the financial performance and operational reliability of the electricity sector in the country, the World Bank reported.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

A delegation of Uzbekistan visits Kabul 20/06/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 19 June 2022, a delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan headed by the Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Foreign Policy - Deputy Secretary of the Security Council under the

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President of Uzbekistan Abdulaziz Kamilov paid a visit to Kabul.

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Tajikistan-Afghanistan bilateral trade in January-May this year values at about 36.3 million U.S. dollars 22/06/2022

Over the first five months of this year, the bilateral trade between Tajikistan and Afghanistan has valued at about 36.3 million U.S. dollars, which is nearly 30 percent more than in the same period last year, according to the Agency for Statistics under the President of Tajikistan.

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Turkmenistan will provide humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan affected by the earthquake 23/06/2022

On June 23, 2022, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov met with the Charge d'Affaires of Afghanistan in Turkmenistan Mohammad Fazel Saber.

Addressing the Afghan diplomat, the head of the Turkmen Foreign Ministry stressed that Turkmenistan had received the news of the devastating earthquake in the Afghan provinces of Khost and Paktika with deep sorrow and expressed sincere condolences and feelings of empathy to the people of this country.

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S. Korea to offer US$1 mln in aid to quake-hit Afghanistan 23/06/2022

South Korea plans to provide emergency humanitarian aid worth US$1 million to Afghanistan for victims and others suffering from an earthquake there earlier this week, according to the Seoul government Thursday, according to Yonhap.

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Condolences of the Government of Tajikistan to the Afghan People 23/06/2022

DUSHANBE, 23.06.2022 (NIAT Khovar) – "The news about the earthquake in the provinces of Paktika and Khost of Afghanistan which caused a large number of deaths and led to significant material damage, deeply saddens us," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs noted on behalf of the Government of Tajikistan.

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UN chief calls on international community to help Afghan families hit by

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deadly earthquake 24/06/2022

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday said he was "saddened" by deadly earthquake in eastern Afghanistan and called for solidarity with the nation.

"I was saddened to hear of the tragic loss of life caused by the earthquake which struck Afghanistan earlier today local time near the city of Khost," UN head said in a statement.

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Afghanistan earthquake death toll reportedly reaches 1,500 24/06/2022

The number of people killed in an earthquake that hit Afghanistan's Paktika and Khost provinces early yesterday morning has reached 1,500, Al Jazeera reported, citing an official of the ruling Taliban.

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The President of Turkmenistan instructed to provide humanitarian help to Afghanistan 25/06/2022

Following the age-old traditions of good neighborliness and humanism of the Turkmen people, in order to provide humanitarian help to the fraternal people of Afghanistan in June 2022 in connection with the earthquake that occurred in the Afghan provinces of Khost and Paktika, which caused numerous casualties and injuries, as well as large-scale destruction, the President of Turkmenistan signed The order, instructing the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, the Ministry of Textile Industry, the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry, the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs to donate the relevant goods, food products, medicines and medical supplies to the Afghan side as humanitarian help.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Parliamentary delegations of Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan arrive in Kyrgyzstan 23/06/2022

Bishkek, June 23, 2022. / Kabar /. Parliamentary delegations of Kazakhstan, headed by Mazhilis Chairman Yerlan Koshanov, and Azerbaijan, headed by National Assembly Chairman Sahiba Gafarova, arrived in Kyrgyzstan to participate in the Council and the XI plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic Speaking Countries (TurkPA).

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Osh and Tashkent to develop bilateral relations in socio-economic

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direction 23/06/2022

Bishkek, June 23, 2022. / Kabar /. Osh and Tashkent cities of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan will develop bilateral relations in the socio-economic direction, the press service of the Osh Mayor's Office reported.

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Turkmenistan and Tajikistan are preparing for the upcoming meeting of the intergovernmental commission 25/06/2022

Preparation for the XI meeting of the Joint Turkmen-Tajik Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical cooperation was the topic of an online meeting of representatives of ministries and departments of the two countries held at the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan.

The key issue for discussion was the preparation of the draft protocol of the upcoming meeting, which during the event it was decided to hold in Ashgabat in the fourth quarter of this year.

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