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Climate Change and Environment

New leader elected for Ecoparty 19/12/2022

Abdushukur Khamzayev was elected chairman of the executive committee of the central council of the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan, the political party's press service reported.

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Second Global Mountain Summit to be held in 2027 – Baisalov 19/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 19, 2022. / Kabar /. The Second Global Mountain Summit in Kyrgyzstan will be held in 2027. Edil Baisalov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic told at a round table in Bishkek dedicated to the International Day of Mountains.

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Germany supports Tajikistan to adapt to climate change through reducing natural disaster risk 19/12/2022

Germany and Tajikistan have signed two rant agreements worth €21.5 million for disaster risk reduction and fight against TB, according to KfW Dushanbe Office.

A signing ceremony of two Grant agreements between the Republic of Tajikistan and KfW Development Bank took place at the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Tajikistan on December 17.

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USAID to help in improving air quality in Bishkek 21/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 21, 2022 / Kabar/. Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to the United States of America Bakyt Amanbaev on December 20 met with Deputy Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Anjali Kaur.

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Trees were planted along the Shavat Canal in Dashoguz to prevent soil salinization 21/12/2022

The USAID Regional Project on Water Resources and the Environment, together with the State Committee of Water Management of Turkmenistan, has strengthened the shoreline of the Shavat Canal in the Dashoguz region. For this purpose, coastal protection forest strips were created along the canal, which is the main waterway of the city of Dashoguz

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and the surrounding area.

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Uzbekistan and Japan sign a memorandum of cooperation in the field of environmental protection 24/12/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Prospects for further intensification of Uzbek-Japanese ties in the field of ecology were discussed at a meeting between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov and the Minister of the Environment of Japan Akihiro Nishimura.

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Turkmenistan to establish inter-sectoral cooperation in the field of adaptation to climate change 24/12/2022

Options for coordinating intersectoral cooperation in the field of climate change adaptation planning in Turkmenistan were presented during a seminar held by the UNDP representative office in the country, the organization said on Instagram.

The unified coordination mechanism should accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change through the development of appropriate adaptation measures agreed between all responsible departments and enterprises.

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Water resources

Effective water resources management requires interaction beyond Central Asia – Kairat Sarybai 21/12/2022

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – Migration flows management, tackling poverty and attracting foreign economic assistance require smooth coordination in the multilateral framework, Secretary General of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia (CICA) Kairat Sarybai said Monday at the First Central Asian Media Forum in Astana, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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REGIONAL COOPERATION ON WATER QUALITY 22/12/2022

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The regular meeting of the Regional Working Group on Water Quality (RWG-WQ) was held on 13 December 2022 in Tashkent in a hybrid format, bringing together local and international experts on water management and environmental protection from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Representatives of environmental agencies, line ministries, research institutes and hydrometeorological services of Central Asian countries, as well as international experts and partners participated in the meeting.

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RESULTS OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE KAZAKH-UZBEK JOINT WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY IN THE SYR DARYA RIVER BASIN 22/12/2022

On December 14-15, 2022 the 5th meeting of the joint Kazakh-Uzbek Working Group on Environmental Protection and Water Quality in the Syr Darya River Basin supported by the Blue Peace Central Asia initiative, with CAREC acting as the Secretariat, was held in Tashkent.

The permanent members of the Kazakh-Uzbek Working Group, as well as representatives of the environmental agencies of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan as observers took part in the meeting.

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UNICEF supports improvement of water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities in Karakalpakstan 23/12/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- UNICEF and the Ministry of Health of Karakalpakstan are conducting Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project Sites Handover Ceremony in Kungrad district of the Republic of Karakalpakstan. 130,000 population, including 25,000 school children, will benefit from the improved WASH services in 10 healthcare facilities and 8 schools in the district. Also, WASH facilities were improved in Muynak and Bozataw districts.

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Energy sector

Turkmen engineers test the efficiency of solar panels in new conditions 19/12/2022

The Research and Production Center "Renewable Energy Sources" of the State Energy

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Institute of Turkmenistan checks the relevance of the use of 120 watt LED lamps in arid climates, whose power supply is provided by solar panels, ORIENT reported.

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Kyrgyzstan, Japan discuss cooperation in energy sector 20/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 20, 2022 / Kabar/. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Akylbek Zhaparov received President of the Japanese company Muroo Systems Co Zhongsing Pan.

The parties discussed the prospects for further cooperation in the energy sector.

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Kyrgyzstan to build solar power plant 20/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 20, 2022 / Kabar/. Next year, the work will begin on the construction of a solar power plant in Kyrgyzstan, chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the country Akylbek Zhaparov told at a meeting of the Cabinet speaking about the results of his working visit to the United Arab Emirates last week.

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Energy ministries of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan issue a joint statement 21/12/2022

According to the Ministry of Energy, in accordance with the protocol, which was signed on March 11, 2021, between the Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Water Resources of Uzbekistan, the mutual supply of electricity is carried out, in agreement with the schedules approved by the parties.

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Kyrgyzstan imports 2.6 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity in 2022 22/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 22, 2022. / Kabar /. Kyrgyzstan imported 2.6 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity from Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan in 10 months of 2022, the National Statistical Committee said its report on trade.

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Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan plan to promote joint gas projects 23/12/2022

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On December 22, in Tashkent, the Presidents of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan held a briefing for representatives of the media, Kun.uz reported.

"We are brought together by a common history, cultural and spiritual values, traditions and customs. For Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan is the closest, most reliable and time-tested partner. In the current difficult time, we, without exaggeration, can characterize our relations as a model of interstate cooperation," Mirziyoyev said.

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Currently 20 more energy development projects under implementation in Tajikistan, says Rahmon 23/12/2022

In an address to a joint meeting of both chambers of parliament, President Emomali Rahmon noted on December 23 that Tajikistan has rich resources to generate clean energy.

He reiterated that 98% of electricity in Tajikistan is generated by hydropower plants, and Tajikistan ranks sixth in the world in terms of "green energy."

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Electricity from Turkmen gas helped save the Toktogul reservoir from shortage 24/12/2022

Uzbekistan supplied Kyrgyzstan with electricity generated with the help of Turkmen gas to prevent the Toktogul reservoir from running out – a critical lowering of the water level, follows from a joint statement by the Ministry of Energy of the two republics.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Kazakhstan sends humanitarian aid to quake-hit Afghanistan 20/12/2022

BARMAL. KAZINFORM – Kazakh Ambassador to Afghanistan Alimkhan Yessengeldiyev together with officials of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) paid a visit to Barmal district, Paktika Province, Kazinform cites the Kazakh MFA.

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UN envoy for Afghanistan saddened by Taliban banning women from universities 21/12/2022

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UNITED NATIONS. KAZINFORM The top UN envoy for Afghanistan said Tuesday that she was saddened by the Taliban banning women from universities, Xinhua reports.

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Uzbekistan sends 9 trucks with humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 22/12/2022

On December 22, Uzbekistan sent 9 trucks with humanitarian aid from Termez to Afghanistan, the press service of the Surkhandarya region administration said in a report.

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A solemn ceremony of handing over humanitarian cargo to the people of Afghanistan takes place in Hairatan 22/12/2022

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 22 December 2022, a solemn ceremony was held to transfer humanitarian cargo to the people of Afghanistan in the Afghan city of Hairatan.

Humanitarian aid with a total weight of more than 170 tons consists of flour, rice, wheat, vegetable oil, canned food, clothes and shoes.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

President Tokayev to pay state visit to Uzbekistan 19/12/2022

President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev of Kazakhstan is expected to pay a state visit to Uzbekistan on December 21-22, Kazinform reports.

During the talks with his Uzbek counterpart Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the Head of State will discuss the issues of bilateral cooperation, prospects of further strengthening of trade and economic and transit and transport interaction, as well as humanitarian cooperation.

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Uzbekistan to reduce number of ministries and civil servants 20/12/2022

The number of ministries and departments will be reduced from the current 61 to 28," the President said during his speech addressing the parliament on December 20, UzA reported.

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Uzbekistan declares next year Year of caring for people and quality education 21/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 21, 2022 / Kabar/. President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev on Tuesday in his annual message to the Oliy Majlis (parliament) determined the main direction of the country's development for the coming year, Kabar correspondent reports.

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State Secretary of Kyrgyzstan meets with President of Kazakhstan 22/12/2022

Bishkek, Dec. 22, 2022 / Kabar/. State Secretary of Kyrgyzstan Suyunbek Kasmambetov attended the reception of Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev as part of his visit to Astana.

The meeting was also attended by former President of Turkey Abdullah Gul, former President of Mongolia Nambaryn Enkhbayar.

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Shavkat Mirziyoyev: Kazakhstan is our closest and most reliable partner 22/12/2022

The President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev held talks in Tashkent.

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Central Asian commercial-industrial hub and the Caspian route - affairs of the region 22/12/2022

On Thursday, Presidents of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed an agreement on allied relations and an agreement on the demarcation of the Uzbek-Kazakh state border. In addition, 15 documents were signed at the level of governments, ministries and departments, large companies of the two countries. Among them is a framework intergovernmental agreement on the establishment of the International Center for Industrial Cooperation "Central Asia".

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Number of deputy prime ministers being reduced by half 24/12/2022

The number of executive bodies subordinated to the government is reduced from 61 to

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28, including the number of ministries from 25 to 21, according to the presidential decree “On measures to implement administrative reforms of New Uzbekistan”.

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