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Climate Change and Environment

President signs decree transferring Ecology Ministry's certain functions to Industry Ministry 02/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – Head of State Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed the decree on measures to further improve the system of public administration, Kazinform cites Akorda.

According to the decree, the Ministry of Ecology, Geology, and Natural Resources is restructured into the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, transferring functions and powers in the sphere of state geological survey of subsoil, and reproduction of mineral resources to the Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development.

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President signs amendments on harsher punishment for environmental offence and vandalism signs 03/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM The Head of State signed the Law of Kazakhstan «On amendments to the Civil and Criminal Procedure Codes on harsher punishment for environmental offence and vandalism signs», the Akorda press service reports.

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New Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources appointed 04/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM By a presidential decree, Zulfiya Suleimenova has been appointed Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan, Kazinform learned from the Akorda press office.

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Pakistan to co-chair Geneva climate conference next week 06/01/2023

ISLAMABAD. KAZINFORM - Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will co-host together with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan in Geneva on Jan. 9, Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said Thursday, Anadolu Agency reports.

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Water resources

Management of water resources – a vital task of the Central Asian region 02/01/2023

Recently, the capital of Turkmenistan has hosted the Fifth Central Asian Expert Forum of the Central Asian region organized by the Scientific Centre of Strategic Studies of the Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan with assistance of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA). The conference was held within the framework of events devoted to the 27th anniversary of neutrality of Turkmenistan.

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Energy sector

Murat Zhurebekov relieved of post of first vice minister of energy 04/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – By an order of the Kazakh Prime Minister Murat Zhurebekov has been relieved of duties as the first vice minister of energy of Kazakhstan due to his transfer to another job, Kazinform cites the press service of the Head of the Kazakh Government.

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Construction of Kambarata HPP-1. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan sign road map 07/01/2023

Bishkek, Jan. 7, 2023 / Kabar/. Ministers of Energy of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan - Bolat Akchulakov, Taalaibek Ibraev and Zhurabek Mirzamakhmudov signed a roadmap for the construction of the Kambarata HPP-1.

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The press service of the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic said that the meeting of the parties was held in Bishkek. The ministers agreed on the implementation of the project in compliance with the comprehensive interests, as a result of which they signed a document. The heads of the ministries of energy of the three republics agreed on the main conditions for the implementation of the project and outlined the next steps for the timely commissioning of the power plant.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan will continue to supply electricity to Afghanistan in 2023 04/01/2023

Uzbekistan has extended the agreement on the supply of electricity to Afghanistan for another year. This became known following the results of the working trip of the Acting Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Afghanistan Abdal Latif Mansour to Tashkent, TOLO News reports.

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Foreign Ministry: Uzbekistan is concerned about the ban on the study of girls in universities in Afghanistan 05/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan expressed concern about the ban on the education of girls in universities in Afghanistan and expressed hope for a review of this decision.

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Uzbekistan, Qatar voice readiness to help Afghanistan restore its socio-economic infrastructure 07/01/2023

On December 7, the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Bakhtiyor Saidov received the Ambassador of Qatar Hassan bin Hamza Hashim.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Information security -a priority task of the Central Asian region 02/01/2023

As known, in the past year within the framework of the 27th anniversary of neutrality

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of Turkmenistan Ashgabat hosted the Fifth Central Asian Expert Forum under the title “Topical aspects of regional cooperation in climate change, water management and food security and information and communication technologies in the Central Asian region”.

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Key economic highlights in 2022 in Kazakhstan 04/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM - This year, the economic course of Kazakhstan continues with a focus on reducing monopolies in the economy, fighting rising inflation and minimizing the adverse impact of external shocks. More about the results that the Kazakh government achieved in 2022 is in the latest article of Kazinform.

The global economy endured a tough year and is expected to face a recession this year. The latest World Economic Outlook, released in October by the International Monetary Fund, lowered its global growth forecast for 2023 to 2.7 percent. It also forecasts the countries that account for more than one-third of global output to contract.

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Renewed government: ministers become younger, more diverse 05/01/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM On January 4, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev initiated a series of appointments. He replaced five ministers, and two of them are 32 years old. More about the new ministers is in the latest article of Kazinform.

Signing a decree, Tokayev replaced the Minister of Industry and Infrastructure Development, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Minister of Justice, Minister of Enlightenment, and Minister of Culture and Sports.

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Prospects for Kyrgyz-Uzbek cooperation discussed in Tashkent 07/01/2023

Bishkek, Jan. 7, 2023 / Kabar/. Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Uzbekistan Musa Jamanbaev met on Friday with acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Saidov, the press service of the Uzbek Foreign Ministry said.

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