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Climate Change and Environment

Uzbek FM takes part in the International Conference on Climate

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Resilient Pakistan 10/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 9-10 January 2023, a delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan headed by acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Bakhtiyor Saidov took part in the International Conference on Climate Resilient Pakistan, which was held in Geneva. This was reported by the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

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Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week Launches Global Campaign to Unite World on Climate Action Ahead of COP28 11/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The clock is ticking… on the countdown to a sustainable future. Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, the global platform for accelerating sustainable development hosted by Masdar, has responded to the need for immediate climate action with the launch of a campaign dedicated to uniting global leaders on the journey to net zero.

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Turkmenistan actively cooperates with UN on climate change issues - Resident Coordinator 12/01/2023

Turkmenistan actively cooperates with the UN on climate change issues, UN Resident Coordinator to Turkmenistan, Dmitry Shlapachenko told Trend.

"Currently, cooperation between the UN and Turkmenistan continues in the field of climate change and increasing national ambitions to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to mitigate the effects of these changes. In this context, I am pleased to note the intensification of cooperation within the framework of Turkmenistan's initiative to create a regional center for technologies in the field of climate change in the country," the UN Resident Coordinator stressed.

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Global warming driving shift in water cycle: Australian study 12/01/2023

CANBERRA. KAZINFORM An Australian report has warned that global warming is changing the global water cycle.

The Global Water Monitor Consortium, led by the Australian National University (ANU), on Thursday released its first report, warning that flash droughts will become more common in the short-term future, Xinhua reports.

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IRENA members drive global energy action on the road to COP28 14/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Short-term actions must be given top priority to urgently accelerate the energy transition in the coming years and course correct the 1.5°C pathway to 2050. This is the message sent by energy leaders from the 13th IRENA Assembly, the first milestone on the global energy agenda of 2023 which kick-started with a high-level discussion on "World Energy Transition – The Global Stocktake."

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Water resources

Uzsuvtaminot sums up the results of 2022 11/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In 2022, within the framework of all programs, 7,130.1 km of water pipes and 232.9 km of sewer networks, 859 water bodies and sewer facilities were built and reconstructed.

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It became known how much water each of the Central Asian countries will receive in 2023 from the Amudarya and Syrdarya basins 12/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The water withdrawal limits of the countries of Central Asia were approved back in November last year in Ashgabat during a meeting of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission (ICWC), ASIA-Plus news agency reported.

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Discussion of issues of cooperation between the Executive Committee of IFAS and the UNDP 12/01/2023

On 10 January 2023 in New York, Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS, and Ms. Usha Rao-Monari, UN Under-Secretary-General, Associate Administrator of UNDP discussed priority issues of cooperation between the Executive Committee of IFAS and UNDP.

During the meeting, specific emphasis was placed on strengthening cooperation in the implementation of the Plan for the organization and holding of anniversary events dedicated to the 30th anniversary of IFAS, including the holding of a Special High-Level Session on Central Asia within the framework of the UN 2023 Water Conference, which

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will be held on 22-24 March 2023 in New York.

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Discussion of issues of cooperation with UNICEF in the framework of the implementation of the Plan on organizing and holding of activities dedicated to the 30th anniversary of IFAS 13/01/2023

On 11 January 2023 in New York at UNICEF Headquarters, Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS, and Mr. Omar Abdi, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF discussed priority issues of cooperation between the Executive Committee of IFAS and UNICEF.

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Global Initiatives of the Tajik President on Water and Climate Presented to Representatives of Over 120 States 14/01/2023

DUSHANBE, 14.01.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – The global initiatives of the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon on water and climate were presented at the Voice of Global South online-summit, which was held with the participation of representatives of more than 120 countries, reports the Committee for Environmental Protection.

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Energy sector

A new combined-cycle power plant to be built in the Syrdarya region 08/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A new combined-cycle power plant with a capacity of 1,573 MW will be built in Bayaut district of Syrdarya region.

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Wind farm in Navoi region recognized as Deal of the Year in Central Asia 10/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The project of the Emirati company Masdar for the construction of a 500 MW wind farm in the city of Zarafshan, Navoi region, was recognized by the PFI Awards as the deal of the year in Central Asia.

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Masdar signs agreement to develop clean energy projects in Kyrgyzstan with 1 GW capacity 10/01/2023

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Masdar, one of the world's leading renewable energy companies, has signed an agreement with the Kyrgyz Republic's Ministry of Energy to develop a pipeline of renewable projects in the Central Asian nation, with a capacity of up to 1 gigawatt (GW), starting with a 200-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) plant.

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"NPP construction has no economic prospects in Uzbekistan" – An interview with Alisher Ilkhomov 12/01/2023

Alisher Ilkhomov, director of the analysis center in London, says that solar panels will better solve the problem of energy shortage in Uzbekistan than expensive and inefficient nuclear power plants. In an interview with Kun.uz, he expressed his concern that the NPP built by Russia will be a burden on Uzbekistan. Generations will "pay" for it, he said.

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WB awards US$15 million in grant for the technical assistance for financing framework for Roghun HPP 13/01/2023

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors on January 12 approved US$15 million in grant financing from the International Development Association (IDA) for the Technical Assistance for Financing Framework for Roghun Hydropower Project (HPP) in Tajikistan (TA).

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President of Kyrgyzstan proposes to exchange the external debt of the republic for "green" initiatives 14/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Japarov has come up with an initiative, the essence of which is for his country to send money for the construction of a hydroelectric power station, which are provided for repayment of external debt.

Japarov believes that countries and financial institutions, to which Kyrgyzstan is a debtor, could take part in the construction of energy facilities and hydroelectric power stations in the country.

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All countries should become partners to reduce emissions into the atmosphere 15/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The thirteenth session of the Assembly of the

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International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is being held in Abu Dhabi (UAE) from 13 to 15 January.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Suicide bomber blasts Afghan Foreign Ministry in Kabul 11/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- An explosion occurred in Kabul near the building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan. Shots were also heard in the square.

Ahmadullah Muttaki, deputy head of the Prime Minister's Office in the Taliban government, said on social media that the suicide bomber tried to enter the building, but he was stopped by security, after which there was an explosion.

More than 20 people were killed or injured, according to France Press. Al Jazeera TV channel reports 7 dead and 10 injured.

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Foreign Ministry: Uzbekistan condemns terrorist attack in Kabul 12/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Uzbekistan strongly condemns the terrorist act committed on January 11 this year in Kabul near the building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement.

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Kyrgyzstan condemns terrorist attack near Afghan Foreign Ministry building 13/01/2023

Bishkek, Jan. 13, 2023 / Kabar/. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan condemns the terrorist act committed near the building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan.

According to the press service of the Foreign Ministry, as a result of the terrorist act, citizens of friendly Afghanistan, including civil servants, were killed and wounded.

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Kazakh MFA condemns terrorist attack in Kabul 13/01/2023

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ASTANA. KAZINFORM The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan strongly condemns the terrorist attack that took place on January 11, 2023 near an administrative building in Kabul, which killed dozens of people, the press office of the MFA said.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Dushanbe Hosts Concert Devoted to the 30th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations Establishment between Tajikistan and Kazakhstan 11/01/2023

DUSHANBE, 11.01.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – The Embassy of Kazakhstan in Tajikistan in collaboration with the Akimat of the Turkestan region of Kazakhstan initiated a concert of masters of arts of the Regional Philharmonic named after Shamshi Kaldayakov in Dushanbe.

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Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan: new opportunities for cooperation in the agricultural sector 12/01/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In order to expand cooperation in the agricultural sector, a delegation of representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Turkmenistan headed by Rejep Meredov visited Uzbekistan.

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Emomali Rahmon Exchanges Congratulatory Letters with President Sadyr Japarov on the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan 14/01/2023

DUSHANBE, 14.01.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, and the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Sadyr Japarov, exchanged congratulatory telegrams on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

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