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Climate Change and Environment

Minister of Ecology reports to President on preparations for spring floods 13/02/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Head of State Kassym-Jomart Tokayev received Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources Zulfiya Suleimenova, who reported to him on the hydro-meteorological situation in the country and preparations for the spring floods, Kazinform

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reports citing the Akorda press office.

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Galymzhan Zhankuatov named Chief of Staff of Ecology and Natural Resouces Ministry 14/02/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM - Galymzhan Zhankuatov has been named the Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan, Kazinform cites the press service of the Kazakh government.

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WAM's roundtable at WGS discusses media partnerships to fight climate change 16/02/2023

As part of the second day of the World Government Summit (WGS), which is being held in Dubai, the Emirates News Agency (WAM) organised a round table titled "Future of Government News Agencies and Media Outlets"

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Bishkek mayor and ADB representatives discuss environmental situation in Kyrgyz capital 17/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 17, 2023 / Kabar/. Mayor of Bishkek Emilbek Abdykadarov and representatives of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), headed by Advisor-Head of the ADB Regional Department Peter Mallo, discussed the implementation of joint projects to introduce comprehensive measures to improve the environmental situation in the capital.

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Kyrgyzstan supports UAE's initiatives for COP28 17/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 17, 2023 / Kabar/. Akylbek Zhaparov, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan, commended the World Government Summit for highlighting the unity of the planet and emphasised the need to achieve the sustainable development goals of the United Nations. In his statement to the Emirates News Agency (WAM), Zhaparov stated that his country's message at the summit underscored the urgency of tackling climate change and population growth.

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Water resources

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Indian company plans to build waste processing plant in Osh 13/02/2023

Osh, Feb. 13, 2023. /Kabar/. Mayor of Osh city Bakytbek Zhetigenov held a meeting with Director of the Indian company "Arman Weist Management LTD" Anil Patwari, during which issues of solid household waste processing were discussed.

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DUSHANBE WATER PROCESS. Promotion of Water Issues at the Global Level Discussed In Jakarta 16/02/2023

DUSHANBE, 16.02.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – The promotion of water issues at the global level was discussed on February 15 in Jakarta during the meeting of Indonesian President Joko Widodo with members of the World Water Council and the Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to the Water and Climate Coalition Leaders.

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Water of Amudarya may decrease sharply due to Kushtepa canal being built by Taliban 17/02/2023

The width of the channel is 100 meters, the project length is 285 km. When it is completed, a third of the Amudarya water can be diverted to the northern regions of Afghanistan. This increases the water shortage in a number of regions of Uzbekistan.

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Water level in Aydarkul dropped to 2 meters; its volume decreased to 36.8 billion cubic meters 17/02/2023

About 400 birds, including 13 international and 24 species included in the Red Book of Uzbekistan, fly to Aydarkol every year for wintering. Changes in the lake and the ecosystem around the lake may also cause these birds to change their migration routes and become extinct. It was mentioned at the meeting of the Senate Committee on Development of the Aral Sea Region and Ecology.

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Energy sector

DB allocates $150 mln for completion of Rogun HPP 14/02/2023

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An agreement on financing the Rogun project was reached at a meeting between President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon and Vice President of the Islamic Development Bank Group Mansur Mukhtor, Tajik Minister of Economic Development and Trade Zavqi Zavkizoda said, Asiaplustj.info reports.

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Sadyr Zhaparov visits Hungarian company producing equipment for energy industry 15/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 15, 2023 / Kabar/. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov, as part of his official visit to Hungary, got acquainted with the activities of Ganz Transformers and Electric Rotating Machines Ltd, a company manufacturing equipment for the energy industry.

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Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan working on joint project to build solar power plant 15/02/2023

BISHKEK. KAZINFORM - Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan are jointly working on the construction of the first solar power plant in Kyrgyzstan, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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Akylbek Zhaparov holds meeting with Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of UAE 16/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 16, 2023 / Kabar/. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers - Head of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic Akylbek Zhaparov met with Minister of Energy and Infrastructure of the United Arab Emirates Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei as part of the World Government Summit in Dubai.

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Japanese corporation is ready to modernize some HPPs in Kyrgyzstan 17/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 17, 2023 / Kabar/. Deputy Speaker of the Jogorku Kenesh Jamilya Isayeva met with representatives of the Yokogawa Electric Corporation headed by Matsunaga Shoko, the Kyrgyz Parliament said.

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Turkmenistan, Russia seek to expand joint participation in energy

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projects 17/02/2023

Russia cooperates with Turkmenistan at various levels both bilaterally, including in the format of an intergovernmental commission, and multilaterally, primarily within the framework of the CIS Electric Power Council, a source in the Ministry of Energy of Russia told Trend.

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Export of electricity from Turkmenistan in 2022 increased by almost a third 17/02/2023

Turkmenistan increased the export of electricity to foreign countries in 2022 by 30% compared to 2021, Trend reports with reference to the report of the International Energy Agency (IEA).

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

The representative of the German Foreign Ministry praises the efforts of Uzbekistan in establishing long-term peace and stability in Afghanistan 15/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 14 February 2023, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan Ismatulla Irgashev met with the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia Matthias Luttenberg.

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The representative of the UNHCR highly appreciated the efforts of Uzbekistan to provide comprehensive assistance to the Afghan people 16/02/2023

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

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Former President of Kyrgyzstan Atambayev released from colony 14/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 14, 2023 / Kabar/. Former President of Kyrgyzstan Almazbek Atambayev was released from colony.

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Electronic queue to implement on border of Kazakhstan with Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan 15/02/2023

Along the perimeter of the territory of Kazakhstan, an electronic queue will be introduced at four more checkpoints by March this year, the Kazakh edition Vesti.kz reports.

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Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan have progress in border talks 16/02/2023

There is progress in the issues of delimitation and demarcation of the state border with Kyrgyzstan, said Orif Khojazoda, Chairman of the State Committee for Land Management and Geodesy of Tajikistan.

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Uzbek PM congratulates Kyrgyz counterpart on 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations 16/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 16, 2023 / Kabar/. Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov sent a congratulatory message to Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic Akylbek Zhaparov on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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The President of Turkmenistan sent condolences to the President of the Republic of Tajikistan 16/02/2023

President Serdar Berdimuhamedov sent deep condolences to the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon in connection with the numerous casualties, injuries and destruction as a result of avalanches in the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region.

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Sadyr Zhaparov expresses condolences to Emomali Rahmon

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Bishkek, Feb. 17, 2023 / Kabar/. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov expressed condolences to President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon in connection with the casualties as a result of the natural disaster, the presidential administration reported.

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