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Climate Change and Environment

Debts in exchange for climate: to be or not to be? 27/02/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Since the Industrial Revolution, as a result of the rapid human activity in the development of natural resources, the content of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased manifold. This, in turn, has a negative impact on the integrity of the Earth's ecosystem and leads to climate change.

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Kazakhstan names vice minister of ecology and natural resources 27/02/2023

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ASTANA. KAZINFORM Dossbol Bekmagambetov has been named the vice minister of ecology and natural resources of Kazakhstan, Kazinform cites the press service of the Kazakh government.

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Kazakhstan's most popular natural sites in 2022 27/02/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Over 610,000 foreign tourists visited Kazakhstan last year. The Ministry of Culture and Sport compiled a list of the country's most popular natural sites, Kazinform reports.

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These three steps can improve food security in Central Asia 02/03/2023

Central Asian countries are facing major food security challenges, but can meet them by working together on shared solutions.

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Protocol signed in Bishkek on waste processing plant construction 02/03/2023

Bishkek, March 1, 2023. / Kabar /. Bishkek Mayor's Office and the Czech consortium of companies HDT Impex s.r.o. and ReGreen s.r.o signed a protocol of intent and a roadmap for the implementation of a joint investment project for the construction of a waste processing complex.

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Kyrgyzstan expects UN special mission to discuss exchange of external debt for "green" initiatives 02/03/2023

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Jeenbek Kulubaev met in Geneva with Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Rebeca Greenspan, the press service of the Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry reported.

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Up to quarter of harvested fruits and vegetables disappear in Central Asian countries – ADB 02/03/2023

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Key components of food value chains, including food storage and processing services, are still underdeveloped in most Central Asian countries, according to an Asian Development Bank article on food security in the CAREC region, Akchabar reports.

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Uzbekistan supports global cooperation within Sendai Framework 04/03/2023

By 2050, the average annual temperature in Central Asia may increase by 1.5-3 °C. Alexey Kustov, a researcher at the Institute of Strategic and Interregional Studies under the President of Uzbekistan, spoke about the importance of the proposals made by the head of state to strengthen the activities of the Sendai Framework.

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Water resources

Tajik Delegation Attends the 13th Governing Board Meeting of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management 28/02/2023

DUSHANBE, 28.02.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – From February 22 through February 24, the Minister of Energy and Water Resources Daler Juma participated and had a speech at the 13th Governing Board Meeting of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management as part of his business trip to Tehran.

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EBRD helps improve efficiency of irrigation in Uzbekistan 01/03/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is helping to improve the efficiency of irrigation in the Fergana Valley in Uzbekistan, the most densely populated part of Central Asia. The EBRD funds will finance necessary engineering works in three Uzbek oblasts that are heavily reliant on fresh water withdrawals from the Syr Darya river, which is largely fed by glacial melts affected by global warming.

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Specialists of the Technology Centre of the AST are conducting scientific development for the production of hydrogen from secondary water resources 02/03/2023

One of the main directions of the environmental policy of Turkmenistan will be work

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on minimizing the negative impact of climate change and industry on the environment and human health, as well as the volume of emissions into the environment. In the future, on a large scale, it is planned to establish and introduce renewable energy sources in our country, including solar panels. In accordance with the Concept for the Development of the «Altyn Asyr» Lake Region for 2019-2025, modern villages and facilities being built in this region will be provided with energy from solar and wind power plants.

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Water level of Aral Sea rose for first time in a long time 05/03/2023

The water level of the drying Aral Sea has risen by 48 centimeters for the first time since October 2022, Kazpravda.kz reports citing the website of the Akimat of the Kyzylorda region of Kazakhstan.

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Energy sector

ADB intends to finance energy projects in Kyrgyzstan 27/05/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 27, 2023 /Kabar/. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is interested in supporting energy projects in Kyrgyzstan, the press service of the Ministry of Finance said.

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Vice Minister of Energy relieved of her duties 01/03/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM The Government decreed to relieve Zhanat Zhakhmetova of her duties as the Vice Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan in accordance with the submitted application, Kazinform learnt from the Prime Minister's press service.

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Uzbekistan intends to modernize energy system of Tashkent with Rosatom 01/03/2023

The Uzbek authorities have agreed to modernize the energy system of Tashkent with the Russian state nuclear energy corporation Rosatom, Asia-today reports.

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Central Asia Energy Forum Discusses Prospects for the Regional

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Electricity Market Development and Clean Energy Transition 03/03/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – The Central Asia Energy Trade and Investment Forum 2023 that took place in London, on 2-3 March, convened policymakers from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, as well representatives of international financial institutions and the private sector to discuss the interlinked challenges of energy security, decarbonization, and economic growth.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Second warehouse for international assistance to Afghanistan opened in Termez 28/02/2023

The World Food Program (WFP) has opened a second warehouse in the Uzbek city of Termez on the border with Afghanistan to facilitate the delivery of food aid to Afghans, Avesta reports citing the TOLOnews TV channel.

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Issue of accepting and accommodating possible refugees discussed in Dushanbe 02/03/2023

Issue related to accepting accommodating possible refugees were discussed here yesterday at a meeting of Mr. Rustam Nazarzoda, the Head of the Emergencies Committee under the Government Tajikistan, with a delegation of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) led by Ms. Annika Hampson, the Manager of the Norwegian Program of Assistance to Refugees in Afghanistan, according to the Emergencies Committee press center.

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Tajikistan and Afghanistan traded $4.3 mln in one month 02/03/2023

In the export of goods from Tajikistan, Kazakhstan accounts for 29.8% of the total export volume and with China for 29.5%. Precious metals, non-ferrous metallurgy products - primary aluminum, cotton fiber and others are mainly exported to Kazakhstan and China.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakhstan ratifies protocol with Kyrgyzstan on areas of border reps' operation 27/02/2023

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ASTANA. KAZINFORM - The Kazakh Head of State inked the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the ratification of the Protocol between the Kazakh and Kyrgyz governments on the areas of operation of border representatives (1:200000 scale map), Kazinform cites Akorda.

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Meeting of FMs of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan takes place in Astana 28/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 28, 2023 /Kabar/. A meeting of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Jeenbek Kulubaev and acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Saidov is held in Astana, as part of the participation in the Ministerial Meeting "CA + USA" (C5 + 1).

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FMs of Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan discuss key issues of cooperation 28/02/2023

Bishkek, Feb. 28, 2023 /Kabar/. On the sidelines of the ministerial meeting "Central Asia + USA" (C5+1) in Astana, Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Jeenbek Kulubaev held a bilateral meeting with Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov.

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Central Asia plays key part in welfare of entire Asian continent - CICA Secretary General 03/03/2023

The cooperation tendencies that are developing in the Central Asian region are, in a positive sense, at odds with global processes, Secretary General of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Kairat Sarybay told Trend.

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Tokayev meets with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev 03/03/2023

SHYMKENT. KAZINFORM – Kazakh Leader Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev had an informal meeting in the city of Shymkent, Kazakhstan, Kazinform cites Akorda.

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Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan set up UzQazTrade company 03/03/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM QazTrade trade policy development centre and UzTrade JSC founded the UzQazTrade foreign trade company to boost mutual turnover between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, Kazinform quotes the Kazakh Trade Ministry.

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