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Climate Change and Environment

Head of Ecology Committee of Kazakh Majilis appointed 26/03/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Deputy Yedil Zhanbyrshin is appointed as the chairman of the Ecology and Nature Management Committee of the Kazakh Majilis, Kazinform reports. The majority of the deputies supported his candidacy via open ballot.

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A laboratory of refrigeration and climate systems was opened at the oil and gas university of Turkmenistan 28/03/2023

The opening ceremony of a new laboratory for refrigeration and climate systems was held at the International University of Oil and Gas named after Yagshygeldi Kakayev.

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Zayed Sustainability Prize Launches New Category to Accelerate Climate Solutions and Protect the Planet for 30/03/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Zayed Sustainability Prize, the UAE's pioneering global award for recognising excellence in sustainability, has launched a special category called 'Climate Action.' This new category is aimed at recognising and promoting innovative solutions that address climate change and protect the planet's natural resources.

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Deputy ministers of natural resources of Kyrgyzstan and Russia discuss cooperation in air pollution 30/03/2023

B**ishkek, March 30, 2023. / Kabar/.** Deputy Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic Beksultan Ibraimov and Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation Sergey Anoprienko discussed issues of cooperation.

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UN adopts resolution seeking court clarity on climate change obligations 30/03/2023

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on Wednesday to seek opinion of the world body's principal judicial organ on countries' obligations to address

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climate change, Xinhua reported.

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IPCC RELEASED AR6 SYNTHESIS REPORT: CLIMATE CHANGE 2023 31/03/2023

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published AR6 Synthesis Report: Climate Change 2023.

The report assesses climate change processes and provides recommendations for decision-makers.

The report says climate change intensifies due to human factors. Immediate actions are needed to mitigate climate change impacts, especially in vulnerable countries, including Central Asia.

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UNEP launches new youth initiative to protect the Earth 01/04/2023

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has launched the Pipeline of Young Talents program, a new global initiative aimed at increasing the diversity of experiences to address climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and waste.

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Water resources

A new water treatment plant will appear in the Akhal region 27/03/2023

A water treatment plant with a capacity of 30 thousand cubic meters per day will appear in the Ak Bugday district of the Ahal region. The relevant tender was published by the official Turkmen press.

The competition for the construction and purchase of materials by order of the administration of the Ahal region is carried out by the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan.

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EDB intends to invest at least $400 million in the Central Asian water and energy complex 27/03/2023

In the next 3 years, the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) intends to invest at least $400

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million in the water and energy complex of Central Asia. This was stated by the Chairman of the EDB Board Nikolay Podguzov at the UN Conference on Water Resources that ended in New York.

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Experts: Taliban's "megaproject" could leave all of Central Asia without water 28/03/2023

Afghanistan is actively implementing a project to build a giant canal "Kushtepa" in the province of Balkh on the border with Turkmenistan. The start of its construction was announced a year ago.

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Emomali Rahmon Familiarizes himself with New Vineyard and commissions Horticultural Water Supply Line in Bobojon Gafurov district 29/03/2023

DUSHANBE, 29.03.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – The Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, got acquainted with the process of erecting a new vineyard in Somgor area of Bobojon Gafurov district, and participated in the ceremony of putting a horticultural water supply line into use.

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Remoteness of much of the Tajik population makes it difficult to provide and maintain water infrastructure 29/03/2023

Water is fundamental to human development and easy access to clean drinking water, along with toilets and information on hygiene, reduces diseases, enables girls in particular to attend latrine-equipped schools, and saves women and children from queuing for and carrying water for on average 90 minutes per day, says a press release issued by the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) on March 24.

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Presentation of the Joint Statement of the Central Asian States at the UN 2023 Water Conference 30/03/2023

As part of the historic UN 2023 Water Conference in New York, the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea for the first time spoke from the rostrum of the UN General Assembly. The Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS, Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, presented the Joint Statement of the States of Central Asia (Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Republic of Uzbekistan).

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President Emomali Rahmon Opens New Drinking Water Line to Supply 1800 People of Zerafshan Village of Zafarobod District 31/03/2023

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Energy sector

Akylbek Zhaparov instructs to speed up construction of Kambar-Ata HPP-1 27/03/2023

Bishkek, March 27, 2023. / Kabar /. Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic - Head of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic Akylbek Zhaparov visited the energy facilities of the Electric Stations Open Joint Stock Company in the Jalal-Abad region, the press service of the Cabinet said.

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Kyrgyzstan prefers to build small and alternative energy facilities 27/03/2023

In accordance with the decree signed by President Sadyr Zhaparov, aimed at all-round support for the transition process in Kyrgyzstan to the widespread use of renewable energy sources (RES), a permanent working group headed by Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan Bakyt Torobaev has been created. It will deal with the development of renewable energy sources in Kyrgyzstan.

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The EDB proposes steps to resolve water and energy problems in Central

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The Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) has presented at the UN 2023 Water Conference in New York five solutions that should help streamline the regulation of the water and energy complex in Central Asia.

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Russia interested in taking part in construction of Kambarata HPP-1 project 29/03/2023

Bishkek, March 29, 2023. / Kabar/. Russia is interested in taking part in the construction project of the Kambar-Ata-1 hydro power plant, Deputy Minister of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic Sabyrbek Sultanbekov told at a regular meeting of the intergovernmental Kyrgyz-Russian commission on trade, economic, scientific, technical and humanitarian cooperation.

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3 rd Meeting of OTS Ministers in charge of Energy held in Budapest 30/03/2023

Bishkek, March 30, 2023. / Kabar/. Hosted by the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the 3rd Meeting of Ministers in charge of Energy of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) is being held in Budapest, on March 30, 2023.

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Kazakhstan invites Turkic states to jointly develop energy deposits – official 31/03/2023

Kazakhstan invites member and observer countries of the Organization of Turkic States to jointly develop new energy deposits in Kazakhstan, Askhat Khasenov, Deputy Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan, said, Trend reports, citing the Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan

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EU ramps up renewable energy targets 31/03/2023

BRUSSELS. KAZINFORM The share of renewable energy in the European Union's (EU) overall energy consumption should be raised from 32 percent to 42.5 percent by 2030, according to a provisional deal reached here on Thursday by the negotiators of the

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Council of the EU and the European Parliament.

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Turkmen experts have studied the best practices of renewable energy development 31/03/2023

The possibilities of developing renewable energy in the climatic conditions of Turkmenistan were discussed during a seminar organized by the United Nations Development Program.

The participants of the meeting reviewed international experience in the development of regulatory documents in the field of renewable energy sources, methods of conducting energy surveys of residential and public buildings

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

UN mission in Afghanistan says prominent Afghan girls' education activist arrested 29/03/2023

Matiullah Wesa of the Pen Path NGO that travels across Afghanistan with a mobile school and library has been arrested in Kabul, says UN Mission in Afghanistan (UNMA).

The United Nations says a prominent Afghan girls' education activist has been arrested in Kabul and called on Taliban authorities to clarify the reason for his detention.

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The foreign ministers of the Central Asian countries and the Russian Federation will hold a meeting on Afghanistan in Samarkand 30/03/2023

On April 13, in Samarkand, the foreign ministers of the Central Asian countries of the CIS and Russia will take part in a ministerial meeting on Afghanistan, CIS Secretary General Sergei Lebedev said in an interview with journalists in Minsk

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Taliban delegation visits Tajikistan to discuss handover of Khorog consulate, says Afghan media outlet 30/03/2023

Afghan independent newspaper, *Hasht-e Subh Daily*, citing its sources, reported on March 25

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that a Taliban delegation led by Mohammad Musa, the head of the Foreign Ministry Finance Department, at first visited Dushanbe and then the Gorno Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO) on a business visa.

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UNHCR distributed humanitarian assistance sent from Termez to Afghanistan 31/03/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 28 March UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, in cooperation with local partners distributed humanitarian aid sent to Mazar-i-Sharif through Termez, Uzbekistan, among internally displaced persons in Balkh province of Afghanistan.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakhstan ratifies agreement with Uzbekistan on demarcation of state border 28/03/2023

President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed the law “On the ratification of the agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan on the demarcation of the Kazakh-Uzbek state border”, Kun.uz reported.

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Turkmen-Uzbek political consultations were held in Ashgabat 30/03/2023

Political consultations were held in Ashgabat between the foreign ministries of Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan. About this reports Press service of the MFA of Turkmenistan.

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President of Turkmenistan to visit Tajikistan on April 10-11 31/03/2023

President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov will pay an official visit to Tajikistan on April 10-11, Turkmenportal reported.

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