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Climate Change and Environment

Dushanbe Will Host an International Conference on the Occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea 01/05/2023

DUSHANBE, 01.05.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – From June 5 through June 7, Dushanbe will host the international conference entitled "Central Asia: on the way to a sustainable future through a strong regional institution."

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ADB announces new program to support Asia and the Pacific in the battle against climate change 02/05/2023

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) today announced the Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and the Pacific (IF-CAP), a landmark program which could significantly ramp up support for the region in the battle against climate change.

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Breaching climate goals could be 'disastrous', UN chief warns 02/05/2023

BERLIN. KAZINFORM UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday called on

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governments to keep their pledge and act against climate change.

«The International Panel on Climate Change tells us that breaching 1.5 degrees, even temporarily, could be disastrous,» he told the Petersberg Climate Dialogue meeting via video link, Anadolu Agency reports.

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Issues of drought management discussed in Turkmenistan 03/05/2023

The issues of integrated drought management were discussed during the meeting of the interdepartmental group for the implementation of the project "Development of national progress in adaptation planning in Turkmenistan". It is implemented by the Government of Turkmenistan jointly with the United Nations Development Program and the Green Climate Fund

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Central Asian nations must work together to cut greenhouse gas emissions and ramp up climate resilience 05/05/2023

Central and West Asia, and its neighboring countries, must work together to address increasingly severe impacts of climate change that could lead to water scarcity, food insecurity, and even conflict in the region, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on May 5.

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Regional Cooperation Vital to Addressing Climate Change in Central and West Asia, Says ADB 05/05/2023

INCHEON, REPUBLIC OF KOREA (5 May 2023) — Central and West Asia, and its neighboring countries, must work together to address increasingly severe impacts of climate change that could lead to water scarcity, food insecurity, and even conflict in the region, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said today.

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Public organizations of Turkmenistan are mastering the foreign experience of waste management 05/05/2023

Representatives of public organizations and UNDP in Turkmenistan took part in a training program in the field of waste management in the USA.

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The program was launched as part of a Special American SABIT Business Internship Program by the U.S. Department of Commerce. It involves advanced training of specialists from Eurasia in the field of waste management.

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SUDOCHYE LAKE IS INCLUDED IN THE RAMSAR CONVENTION 05/05/2023

Uzbekistan – The Sudochye Lake on the territory of Uzbekistan was included in the list of wetlands of international importance protected by the Ramsar Convention on April 30, 2023.

The Sudochye is a lake in the Muynak region of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, which is part of Uzbekistan. In the past, the Sudochye was the largest intra-delta reservoir of the Amudarya. To date, the lake has become much shallower and is not a single body of water, as it was before, but a disparate system of shallow lakes.

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Tajikistan and Kazakhstan Will Jointly Solve Environmental Problems and Introduce New Technologies 06/05/2023

DUSHANBE, 06.05.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan in the field of environmental protection. The document was signed during the state visit of the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon to Kazakhstan.

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ADB intends to provide $100 billion in climate finance 07/05/2023

The Asian Development Bank intends to provide $100 billion in climate finance by 2030. This week, ADB launched an innovative financing mechanism for climate in the Asia-Pacific region, which will use guarantees from partners as leverage to accelerate much-needed investments in the fight against climate change by billions of dollars. The new program aims to mobilize up to $15 billion to finance projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resilience to climate change.

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Climate change could push M of people into extreme poverty in Brazil 07/05/2023

BRASILIA. KAZINFORM Weather-related phenomena can lead from 800 thousand to 3 million Brazilians to extreme poverty after 2030. The data are from the Country Climate

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and Development Report (CCDR) for Brazil, released Thursday (May 4) by the World Bank.

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Water resources

PM tasks to submit recommendations on new water tariffs within a month 02/05/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Prime Minister Alikhan Smailov gave a number of instructions on provision of the population with drinking water, Kazinform reports.

Thus, the Ministry of National Economy and the ministries of industry and ecology were tasked to draft recommendations on the introduction of a new water tariff policy within a month.

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UN to help Uzbekistan prevent accidental water pollution 02/05/2023

Uzbekistan is one of the world's largest producers of gold and uranium. In the last 40 years, Uzbekistan has built a strong mining industry, which is expected to grow in the years to come, given that only 20% of the country's territory has been explored to date.

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25 urban settlements of Kazakhstan face drinking water shortage 02/05/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Urban drinking water coverage in Kazakhstan in 2022 made 98.4% and rural drinking water coverage rose to 94.5%. Urban residents in nine regions of the country have 100% access to drinking water. This is what Minister of Industry and Infrastructure Development Marat Karabayev said at the Cabinet's weekly meeting, Kazinform reports.

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World Bank to allocate grant of USD 200 mln to update feasibility study of Kambarata HPP-1 02/05/2023

Bishkek, May 2, 2023. / Kabar /. The World Bank will provide a USD 200 million grant to update the feasibility study for the Kambarata HPP-1 project, Minister of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic Taalaibek TOLD on the air oF Birinchi Radio.

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Over 5,000 rural residents get access to drinking water - Ecology Ministry 02/05/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM At today's sitting of the Cabinet, Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources Zulfiya Suleimenova informed about water supply situation in the country, Kazinform reports.

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KfW Bank allocates €200 million to improve water and sanitation in Uzbekistan's Surkhandarya and Fergana regions 05/05/2023

Uzsuvta'minot secured a €200 million loan and grant from Germany's KfW Bank to improve drinking water and sewerage services in Surkhandarya and Ferghana regions. Aqua Consult Ingenieur also signed a memorandum for a sewerage project in Samarkand's regional centres.

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Energy sector

Minister of Energy meets with the UN Deputy Secretary General, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe 03/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 28 April this year, as part of the second Tashkent International Investment Forum, Minister of Energy Jurabek Mirzamakhmudov met with the UN Deputy Secretary-General, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe Olga Algayerova.

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Issues related to developing and launching private solar energy project in Sughd province discussed 03/05/2023

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The press center of the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan (MoEWR) says this issue was discussed here on May 1 at a meeting of the Tajik Minister of Energy and Water Resources Daler Juma with the World Bank mission led Dr. Sudeshna Ghosh Banerjee, the Practice Manager for Europe and Central Asia in the Energy and Extractives Global Practice of the World Bank.

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Impact of world processes in energy sector on coal mining in Central Asia 04/05/2023

The Asian Development Bank presented a program to reduce carbon emissions in the region. Among the measures proposed by the ADB is the introduction of "global carbon prices", which would make the use of coal uneconomical and stimulate investment in alternative energy sources. The bank says that to reduce carbon emissions, one ton of coal should cost $70 in 2030 and $153 in 2050, Ia-centr.ru reports.

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Memorandum signed on construction of solar power plant in Issyk-Kul 04/05/2023

Bishkek, May 4, 2023. / Kabar /. Today, a memorandum was signed between the National Investment Agency under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic and Kun Bulagy LLC on the construction of a solar power plant with a capacity of 50 MW in the village of Toru Aigyr, Issyk-Kul region, head of the investment agency Umbriel Temiraliev wrote on social networks.

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ADB and Uzbekistan sign a memorandum of understanding on the digitalization of energy infrastructure 05/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Deputy Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of Uzbekistan Sarvar Khamidov and ADB Director General for Central and West Asia Yevgeny Zhukov signed a memorandum of understanding on the implementation of a US$352.2 million project to improve the reliability and quality of energy supply services in the country, according to Repost.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

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Taliban not threat Central Asian countries from Afghanistan 01/05/2023

The official representative of the radical Taliban movement, Zabihullah Mujahid, said that Kabul does not allow anyone to use the territory of Afghanistan against other countries, TASS reports.

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Afghanistan's humanitarian crisis the world's largest humanitarian crisis, says UN secretary-general 03/05/2023

In a statement delivered at an international meeting of Special Envoys on Afghanistan in Doha, UN Secretary-General António Guterres noted on May 2 that the lack of inclusivity, which importantly includes human rights, in particular those of women and girls, severely undermined by recent Taliban decisions and the spread of drug trafficking with all its dramatic consequences is another matter of serious concern.

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Kazakhstan attends intl meeting on Afghanistan in Doha 03/05/2023

DOHA. KAZINFORM An international meeting on Afghanistan took place in Doha under the chairmanship of the United Nations Secretary General António Guterres, Kazinform learned from the press office of the Kazakh MFA.

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Turkmenistan was represented at the UN summit in Qatar on Afghanistan 03/05/2023

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has convened Special Representatives for Afghanistan for a summit in Doha, Qatar, to reach common ground on key issues such as human rights, in particular the rights of women and girls, inclusive governance, counter-terrorism and drug trafficking. The meeting is aimed at a common understanding in the international community on how to engage with the Taliban on these issues.

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Taliban announces appointments of five new governors and three new corps commanders 05/05/2023

Afghanistan International reports that Zabihullah Mujahid, Taliban spokesperson, has announced the appointment of new governors for Kandahar, Kunar, Jawzjan, Baghlan and Nuristan provinces.

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Representatives of Uzbekistan take part in a meeting on Afghanistan in Doha 05/05/2023

The participants in the meeting on Afghanistan convened by the UN Secretary General, which brought together special envoys from several countries in the region to Doha, expressed concern about the possibility of destabilizing the situation.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Uzbekistan approves agreement with Kyrgyzstan on crossing torder without passport 30/04/2023

Kyrgyzstanis and Uzbeks can officially fly in, drive through or cross the border without a passport and stamps, but an ID-card will still be needed for electronic identification.

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Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan have increased trade turnover by more than 10% 01/05/2023

The trade turnover between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in January-March 2023 increased by 10.5% compared to the same period last year and reached $263.4 million. Such data are given in the infographic of Uzbekistan's trade with the countries of the region, the Statistical Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan reports.

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CEC announces final results of Uzbekistan's constitutional referendum 01/05/2023

The Central Election Commission announced the final results of Uzbekistan's constitutional referendum held on May 1. Turnout was 84.5% (16,667,097 voters), with 90.2% of votes in favour and 9.35% against. Results in three polling stations were cancelled due to irregularities.

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Updated Constitution receives overwhelming support of Uzbek voters

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The draft law on the new Constitution of Uzbekistan submitted to the nationwide plebiscite was supported by 90.21% of voters. 9.35% of citizens voted against, said the chairman of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Zainiddin Nizamkhojaev.

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Kazakhstan and Tajikistan sign agreements worth more than $1 bln 03/05/2023

Enterprises of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan "will be able to increase the additional volume of non-commodity exports to Tajikistan in the amount of more than $170 million," said Ayan Yerenov, Chairman of the Board of the Foreign Trade Chamber of Kazakhstan, Kazinform reports.

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Uzbek and Germany Presidents opened an exhibition of cultural heritage of peoples of Central Asia in Berlin 04/05/2023

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who is on an official visit to Germany, and President of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier opened the exhibition “Archaeological Treasures of Uzbekistan. From Alexander the Great to the Kushan Empire,” the press service of the President of Uzbekistan reports.

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Tajikistan offers Kazakhstan to develop oil and gas fields in country 04/05/2023

President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon invited the Kazakh side to develop the republic's oil and gas fields, the press service of the head of Kazakhstan reported.

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Press Statement by the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon Following the Meeting and Talks with the President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev 04/05/2023

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Honorable Kassym-Jomart Kemelevich Tokayev, for his invitation to make a state visit to our dear Kazakhstan.

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Ceremony of Signing New Documents of Cooperation between Tajikistan and Kazakhstan and the Press Conference of the Heads of State 04/05/2023

DUSHANBE, 04.05.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – After the meeting and negotiations of the highest level between Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, a signing ceremony of new documents of cooperation was held in the presence and with the participation of the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, and the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Honorable Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

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