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Climate Change and Environment

Tajikistan least of all pollutes atmosphere in Eurasian region 15/05/2023

Kazakhstan recorded the highest rate of carbon dioxide emissions among the countries of the Eurasian region, a report by analysts from the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB), who studied data for 2021 said. The list is closed by Tajikistan, Ferghana.ru reports.

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Tajikistan and Turkiye Strengthen Cooperation on Environmental Issues 15/05/2023

DUSHANBE, 15.05.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Issues of cooperation in the field of environmental protection were discussed in Dushanbe by the Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection Bahodur Sheralizoda and the Turkiye Ambassador to Tajikistan Umut Acar.

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ADB, Indorama sign sustainability linked-loan to support farmer climate resilience in Uzbekistan 15/05/2023

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Foreign Enterprise Indorama Agro LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Indorama Corporation (IRC) signed a $15 million loan to support the livelihoods of farmers in Uzbekistan, enhance their climate resilience, and support ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The 5th Central Asian Climate Change Conference kicks off in Dushanbe today 16/05/2023

A two-day Central Asia climate conference started in Dushanbe today. The event is organized by the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) in cooperation with the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan and the Central Asia Water & Energy Program (CAWEP), a partnership among the World Bank, the European Union, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, and is supported by PROGREEN.

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OVER 500 REPRESENTATIVES FROM CENTRAL ASIA ATTEND CACCC-2023 16/05/2023

"Today the countries of the region experience such climate impacts as change of

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temperature and water regimes, precipitation shifts, extreme increase of rains and droughts. This causes land degradation and desertification, worsen water quality and increase the burden on infrastructure. Against this backdrop, the achievement of carbon neutrality is becoming one of the most important strategic challenges requiring a unified solution at the regional level," Zafar Makhmudov, the Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia, said at the 5th Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2023) in Dushanbe.

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EUROPEAN UNION PROMOTES THE NEXUS APPROACH TO MAKE CENTRAL ASIA MORE RESILIENT 16/05/2023

DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN – On 16-17 May, the key findings of the European Union funded project "**Nexus Dialogue in Central Asia"** were presented in the course of the 5th Central Asia Climate Change Conference (the CACCC). Two thematic sessions were devoted to the role of the Nexus approach in mitigating climate vulnerability, while ensuring more efficient use of water, energy and food (WEF).

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EU and France to take care on ecology of Uzbekistan 17/05/2023

In Samarkand, representatives of the European Union, the French Development Agency and the government of Uzbekistan signed an agreement on financing and supporting Uzbekistan in the transition to a green economy, the Nova24.uz portal reports.

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UN Forum on Forests 18 addresses Aral Sea region issues 17/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Country Office in Uzbekistan and other FAO staff participated at the 18th session of United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) that took place at UN headquarters in New York. The UNFF 18 discussed the implementation of, and progress on, the UN Strategic Plan for Forests (UNSPF) 2017-2030.

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ESCAP adopted a resolution put forward by Turkmenistan on the UN program for the Aral Sea 21/05/2023

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at its 79th session in Bangkok (Thailand) unanimously adopted the resolution put forward by

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Turkmenistan "Consideration of the conditions for establishing a special United Nations program for the Aral Sea basin."

Along with Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, China, Singapore, Turkey and the Philippines co-authored this important international document, the press service of the Turkmen Foreign Ministry reports.

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Water resources

Kazakh Security Council debates environmental and water security issues 15/05/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev chaired today the sitting of the Kazakh Security Council. Those present debated the environmental and water security issues, Kazinform learnt from the Akorda press service.

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EBRD provides better access to water in small Kyrgyz municipalities 16/05/2023

Bishkek, May 16, 2023. /Kabar/. More than 80,000 people living in small municipalities in the south of the Kyrgyz Republic will have uninterrupted access to fresh drinking water thanks to a new financing package organised by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) under its Kyrgyz Water Resilience Framework (KWRF).

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EDB to invest large amount in energy and water infrastructure of Central Asia 16/05/2023

The Eurasian Development Bank plans to invest $8.4 billion in the water, energy and utility infrastructure of its member countries by 2026, said Denis Ilyin, deputy head of the bank, Sputnik reports.

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USAID and AKF improve access to water and sanitation in Khatlon province 17/05/2023

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On May 16, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) through the joint "Thrive Tajikistan" program, completed and officially handed over three new drinking water supply systems and three school latrines in three villages of Qubodiyon district in Khatlon province to the local authorities, say press release issued by the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) on May 17.

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A project to improve the water supply system will be implemented in Surkhandarya region 17/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A project to improve the water supply system with the participation of the French company Suez will be implemented in Surkhandarya region.

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Issues of efficient and rational use of water resources in Central Asia discussed 18/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 18 May 2023, an international conference was held at the International Institute of Central Asia on the topic: "A closer look at water in Central Asia".

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New York Hosts the Meeting of the Group of Friends on Water 19/05/2023

DUSHANBE, 19.05.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – On May 17, a meeting of the member states of the Group of Friends on Water was held at the UN headquarters to discuss the outcome of the United Nations 2023 Water Conference.

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Energy sector

Tajikistan, Russia to jointly train personnel for Tajikistan's energy sector 16/05/2023

Tajikistan will use experience of Russian higher educational institutions while training personnel for its energy sector. Issues related to educational and scientific cooperation between the two countries were discussed at the international conference entitled "Engineering Research, Innovations and Investment in Energy and Industrial Sectors" that took place in Bokhtar, the

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capital of Khatlon province, last month.

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Addressing the agrifood energy-water-land nexus in Central Asia 17/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has launched a €6 million package aimed at addressing the energy-water-land nexus in the agrifood sector of countries in Central Asia. The announcement was made today at the EBRD's Annual Meeting and Business Forum in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

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Uzbekistan resumes import of electricity from Tajikistan 18/05/2023

The corresponding agreement on the supply of electricity was signed for the period of agricultural irrigation – from May to September.

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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank to support construction of Rogun HPP 19/05/2023

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) will allocate preferential funds in the amount of $500 million for the construction of the Rogun hydroelectric power station in Tajikistan, Trend news agency reports citing the press service of the President of Tajikistan.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Another consignment of humanitarian aid from Turkmenistan is delivered to Afghanistan 14/05/2023

A humanitarian caravan with a cargo of medical, food and textile products weighing about 125 tons, sent from Turkmenistan, arrived at its destination in Afghanistan, which is experiencing a serious economic and food crisis.

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A Project Office for coordinating the construction of the Uzbekistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan railway line opens in Tashkent 15/05/2023

The Project Office for coordinating the construction of Uzbekistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan railway line has been officially opened in Tashkent.

According to the Ministry of Transport, the opening ceremony was attended by Special Representative of the President of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan Ismatulla Irgashev, Minister of Transport Ilkhom Mahkamov, Advisor to the Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of Uzbekistan Abdulla Khashimov, Deputy Chairman of Uzbekistan Railways JSC Akmal Kamalov, Ambassadors of Pakistan and Afghanistan, head of the Afghan Railway Administration Bakht-ur-Rehman Sharafat.

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Kabul considers agreement with "Tatneft" - Afghan trade minister 19/05/2023

Kabul is considering purchasing oil products from Russian companies and would like to conclude a contract with the Russian oil company "Tatneft", Afghan Industry and Trade Minister Nuruddin Azizi told Sputnik.

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Proposals by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev confirm Uzbekistan's strong commitment to achieving long-term and sustainable peace in Afghanistan 20/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – On 19 May 2023, in the city of Xi'an, the Central Asia-China summit was held, at which issues of further expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation, current international and regional topics were discussed.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Uzbekistan announces names of all presidential contenders 15/05/2023

Representatives of four political parties of Uzbekistan have been nominated as candidates for participation in the upcoming presidential elections this summer.

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Prospects of bilateral relations between Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan discussed in Astana 15/05/2023

The twelfth meeting of the intergovernmental commission on economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation between Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan was held in Astana on Monday. The Turkmen delegation was headed by Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan Batyr Atdayev, who also co-chaired the forum. The Kazakh side was represented by Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Roman Sklyar.

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China, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan sign document to accelerate process for construction of railway 19/05/2023

Atrilateral document was signed in Xi'an, which provides for the next steps on the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway construction project, the Ministry of Transport of Kyrgyzstan reports.

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List of agreements and initiatives within the framework of the "Central Asia - China" format 19/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 18-19 May 2023, the first Central Asia-China Summit was held in the city of Xi'an, Shaanxi Province of China. During the Summit, a number of agreements on cooperation between the states of Central Asia and China were reached.

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G7 intends to cooperate with Central Asia to resolve regional issues 21/05/2023

The G7 intends to cooperate with the countries of Central Asia to resolve regional challenges, the G7 leaders said in a joint statement, Sputnik reports.

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