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Climate Change and Environment

Pig-breeder from Sughd province faces charges of polluting the environment 29/05/2023

A pig-breeder from Bobojon-Ghafourov district in Sughd province, faces charges of polluting the

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environment and waters of the Syr Darya River.

The Office of the Committee for Environmental Protection in Sughd province reported on May 24 that employees of the Department for Water Resources Protection and officers of the Bobojon-Ghafourov prosecutor's office have revealed the fact of pollution of natural sources (land and water) with waste of the pig-breeding farm pig farm, located in Boghi Bolo village, Yova jamoat of the Bobojon-Ghafourov district.

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Climate change is Italians' top environmental concern 29/05/2023

ROME. KAZINFORM - Climate change is the top environmental concern for Italians aged 14 and over, with 56.7% saying it was a big worry for them, ISTAT said on Monday, Kazinform cites ANSA.

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Japan and UNDP Introduce Climate Situational Centres in Fergana Valley 29/05/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – Namangan region hosted an opening ceremony for the Climate Situational Centre located in the newly opened weather radar post building. H.E. Mr. Hatori Takashi, Ambassador of Japan in Uzbekistan, and Ms. Matilda Dimovska, UNDP Resident Representative, visited the region to take part in the opening ceremony.

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President of Turkmenistan and US Special Representative of the President discussed environmental issues 30/05/2023

President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov held a telephone conversation with Special Representative of the President of the United States for climate change John Kerry, during which topical environmental issues were discussed, official information sources of Turkmenistan report.

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Ecological Party of Uzbekistan approves Abdushukur Hamzaev as candidate for president 30/05/2023

At the meeting, the nomination of a candidate for the president of Uzbekistan from the Eco Party and his pre-election program were considered.

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The meeting participants approved Abdushukur Hamzaev, Executive Committee Chairman of the Central Council of Eco Party, as their candidate for the presidency of Uzbekistan.

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Kazakhstan appoints vice minister of ecology and natural resources 01/06/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – Mansur Oshurbayev has been named the new vice minister of ecology and natural resources of Kazakhstan, Kazinform cites the press service of the Kazakh government.

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Nurken Sharibayev named first vice minister of ecology and natural resources of Kazakhstan 01/06/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – By order of the Kazakh government, Nurken Sharibayev has been named the first vice minister of ecology and natural resources of Kazakhstan, Kazinform has learnt from the press service of the Kazakh government.

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A memorandum of cooperation in the field of ecology and environmental protection was signed 01/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 30 May, a ceremony was held to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Uzpromstroybank and the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The event was attended by the Bank's management, heads of relevant structural units and officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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The delegation of Turkmenistan took part in the 19th World Meteorological Congress 02/06/2023

The delegation of Turkmenistan headed by Ambassador Atageldy Haljanov took part in

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the 19th World Meteorological Congress, which was held in Geneva, the diplomatic mission of Turkmenistan in Switzerland reports.

During the session, which brought together all the participating countries of the World Meteorological Organization, new persons were selected and appointed to key positions in this international structure, whose members are 193 States.

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Aziz Abduhakimov says Uzbekistan's environmental situation is "very difficult" 02/06/2023

From establishing a new ministry to degrading environmental situation in Uzbekistan. The minister Mr. Aziz Abduhakimov in an interview with Gazeta.uz spoke about environmental problems and ways out stipulated by presidential decree.

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Ministry of Natural Resources of Uzbekistan renamed 02/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Ministry of Natural Resources of Uzbekistan, in accordance with a presidential decree, was renamed the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change.

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Uzbekistan to introduce air pollution forecasting and warning system 02/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- By the end of 2025, a system for forecasting air pollution and early warning of the population about a high level of pollution will be introduced in Uzbekistan. This is envisaged by the decree of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev from 31 May "On measures to transform the sphere of ecology and environmental protection and organize the activities of the authorized state body".

Under this decree, the Ministry of Natural Resources was transformed into the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change.

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New forest protection zones will appear in Dashoguz and Lebap regions 03/06/2023

New forest protection zones will be created in the Dashoguz and Lebap regions of the

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country as part of the implementation of the National Forest Program to improve the environmental situation in the Aral Sea region.

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Turkmenistan for joint projects with the EU on energy and transport interconnection 03/06/2023

A high level of political relations has been established between Turkmenistan and the European Union, supported by regular meetings in various formats, including inter-parliamentary relations, Turkmen Deputy Prime Minister Nurmuhammet Amannepesov said, speaking at the summit of the heads of state of Central Asia and the President of the European Council, held on Thursday in Cholpon-Ata.

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Water resources

EU, Central Asian special representatives and envoys discuss joint use of water resources in the region 30/05/2023

The fourth meeting in the European Union (EU) and Central Asia Special Representatives and Special Envoys for Afghanistan and the EU Special Representative for Central Asia format took place in Turkmenistan's capital, Ashgabat, on May 25-26.

The EU Delegation to Turkmenistan says the provided an opportunity for an in-depth exchange on developments and economic situation in Afghanistan, and allowed to discuss continued cooperation in assisting the people of Afghanistan and intensification of cooperation in areas of common interest.

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Water forum kicks off in Bishkek 31/05/2023

Bishkek, May 31, 2023. /Kabar/. A water forum is being held today in Bishkek for the first time.

The main objective of the forum is to stimulate joint actions to implement fundamental transformations in the water sector, modernize assets and improve the performance of the sector with a gradual transition to cost recovery, as well as the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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3/4 of total river flow in Kyrgyzstan directs to neighboring countries 31/05/2023

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Only a quarter of the waste water resources of Kyrgyzstan remain in the country. The main part of the total river flow in Kyrgyzstan (75%) is directed to neighboring countries, Minister of Nature of Kyrgyzstan Melis Turgunbaev said at the Bishkek Water Forum, which was held for the first time in Kyrgyzstan.

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Mangistau region to develop 7 projects to deal with water scarcity 02/06/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM «To deal with water shortages Mangistau region aims to develop seven water desalination projects with a total capacity of 200,000 cubic meters a day,» Governor Nurlan Nogayev said at today's briefing at the Central Communications Service

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A group of farmers learn water saving technologies 02/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- At a recent meeting, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted that the third goal of his election program is saving water resources and protecting the environment.

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Energy sector

The capacity of power transmission systems between Iran and Turkmenistan will double 30/05/2023

The current power exchange capacity between Iran and Turkmenistan of 500 MW will double to 1,000 MW after the opening of a new transmission line between the two countries. This was stated by Iranian Energy Minister Ali Akbar Mehrabyan to journalists after a meeting with a delegation accompanying Chairman of the Halk Maslakhaty of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov during a visit to Tehran on Tuesday.

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"We must eliminate any risks". Energy Minister on construction of a NPP in Uzbekistan 30/05/2023

Uzbekistan continues to discuss the construction of a nuclear power plant with Rosatom,

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and in parallel it is exploring advances in small nuclear reactors. “The construction of a nuclear power plant is a very serious commitment for the state…We have to eliminate any risks,” the Energy Minister said.

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Major investors from UAE, France eager to invest in renewable energy projects in Kazakhstan 02/06/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – Executive Director of the Ecojer Association Kuanysh Baltabayev made comments on the integration of renewable energy sources into the electricity grid of Kazakhstan, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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Afghanistan’s multilateral relationship with CA countries

Turkmenistan and Iran discussed issues of assistance to Afghanistan 31/05/2023

Issues of assistance to Afghanistan were discussed during the talks of the National Leader of the Turkmen people, Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, who is on a working visit to Tehran, with the President of Iran Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi.

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Summit Central Asia - European Union paid special attention to situation in Afghanistan 02/06/2023

Participants of the summit "Central Asia - European Union" highlighted the attention to the events in Afghanistan as a separate item in the joint communiqué. In particular, it says:

The participants expressed their common concern about the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan and reaffirmed their commitment to making Afghanistan a secure, peaceful, stable and prosperous country.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

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Cholpon-Ata, June 2, 2023. / Kabar /. The Second European Union - Central Asia Summit, chaired by President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov, has started in Cholpon-Ata town of Kyrgyzstan.

Before entering the congress hall Sadyr Zhaparov greeted each of the heads of delegations - President of the Council of Europe Charles Michel, leaders of Central Asian countries - President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Tajikistan - Emomali Rahmon, Uzbekistan - Shavkat Mirziyoyev, as well as Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan Nurmukhammet Amannepesov.

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Kyrgyzstan proposes EU to create transport platform for Central Asia 02/06/2023

Kyrgyzstan proposed to create a permanent platform in the format of the European Union - Central Asia. It is assumed that the control over the platform will be carried out by the heads of transport departments of the participants in the CA-EU format. Such a proposal was voiced by President Sadyr Japarov at the summit "Central Asia - European Union", which took place in Cholpon-Ata on the shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, the press service of the President of Kyrgyzstan reported.

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Zhaparov and Rahmon pleased with results of border talks 02/06/2023

President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov and President of Tajikistan Emamoli Rahmon expressed satisfaction with the intermediate results of negotiations on the border after a bilateral meeting in Cholpon-Ata, the press service of the president of Kyrgyzstan reported.

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Participants of “Central Asia – European Union” summit adopt a joint communiqué 03/06/2023

The summit was attended by the head of the Council of Europe, Charles Michel, the president of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, the president of Kyrgyzstan, Sadyr Japarov, the president of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, and the president of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Turkmenistan was represented by the Deputy Prime Minister, Nurmuhammet Amannepesov.

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