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Climate Change and Environment

Nature Protection is an Area of Consolidation of International Efforts 05/06/2023

Today, in the large conference hall of the administrative building of the Agricultural Complex of Turkmenistan, a scientific and practical conference “Achievements in the field of environmental protection and international cooperation in this area in the year under the motto “Happy youth with Arkadag Serdar” was held.

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President Emomali Rahmon Meets with Members of the Board of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea 05/06/2023

DUSHANBE, 05.06.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – At the Palace of the Nation, the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, met with the members of the Board of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.
At the beginning of his speech, the Leader of the Nation greeted the participants of the meeting and congratulated the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea on the 30th anniversary.

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Global initiatives of Tajikistan in the focus of interest of Swiss glaciologists 05/06/2023

Tajik MFA information department says the global initiative of the Tajik President Emomali Rahmon to declare 2025 the “International Year of Glaciers' Preservation”, adopted at the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, attracts the attention of the scientific and research community of European countries, and due to consequences of rapid melting of glaciers scientists and glaciologists are interested in joint cooperation to study this process.

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A conference dedicated to the World Environment Protection Day is being held in Ashgabat 05/06/2023

A scientific and practical conference dedicated to the successes of Turkmenistan in the field of environmental protection and international cooperation in this field is being held at the Turkmen Agricultural University in Ashgabat.

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Before the meeting, the participants got acquainted with the exhibition dedicated to the rich Turkmen nature, biodiversity and rare species of animals and plants.

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UNDP Turkmenistan celebrates World Environment Day on the Caspian coast 05/06/2023

In honor of the World Environment Day, celebrated annually on June 5, UNDP in Turkmenistan held a number of events in the Balkan region.

Thus, the UNDP held an educational session for children who are resting on summer holidays in the Dayanch children's health center. The event was held with the participation of the UNDP Permanent Representative in Turkmenistan Narine Sahakyan.

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The draft global compact on plastic waste will be prepared by the end of 2024 05/06/2023

At the second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution in Paris, representatives of 175 countries adopted a resolution on the development of a draft international treaty on plastic waste by the end of next year.

This is an important step towards solving one of the most pressing problems of our time. The goal of the negotiators is to reduce the annual global production of plastic.

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Members of the Board of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea Awarded the Honor Badge "IFAS 30th Anniversary" 06/06/2023

DUSHANBE, 06.06.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Members of the Board of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) were awarded today with the badge of honor "30th Anniversary of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea."

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Climate change adaptation planning discussed in Turkmenistan 06/06/2023

The inclusion of population mobility issues in national plans for adaptation to climate change, as well as best practices in this area were discussed during a two-day seminar of

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the Country Office of the International Organization for Migration and UNDP in Turkmenistan.

The training for Turkmen specialists in the relevant field is the third of a series of seminars dedicated to adaptation to climate change. They are provided for by the UNDP project "Development of the national adaptation planning process in Turkmenistan" and the IOM project "Inclusion of interrelations between migration, environment and climate change in national plans related to climate change", implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan.

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Turkmenistan sees IFAS as the only organization capable of joining efforts on the Aral Sea 07/06/2023

— The International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea is the only regional organization capable of uniting the efforts of countries to overcome the negative consequences of the drying up of the Aral Sea and improve the environmental, socio-economic situation in the Aral Sea region, - said Deputy Prime Minister of Turkmenistan Annageldy Yazmuradov, speaking at the conference "Central Asia: towards a sustainable future through a strong regional institution" on Tuesday.

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EU to allocate a grant of €27 million for agricultural sector of Uzbekistan 07/06/2023

A meeting with representatives of the European Union representative office in Uzbekistan was held at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Uzbekistan.

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Penalties for violating environmental regulations to increase 07/06/2023

A presidential decree “On measures to transform the sphere of ecology and environmental protection and organize the activities of the authorized state body” was adopted.

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Northern part of Aral Sea restored 08/06/2023

For 30 years of fruitful work of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, the northern part of the sea has been restored, said Sulton Rakhimzoda, chairman of the IFAS executive committee, Sputnik reports.

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COP28 President-Designate and European Commission President reaffirm commitment to deliver on COP ambitions 08/06/2023

Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and COP28 President Designate, met with Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, today reaffirmed their commitment to work together to facilitate the "highest possible ambition" for this year's COP28 climate conference, WAM reported.

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Central Asian University for the Study of Environment and Climate Change Green University established in Uzbekistan 08/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Central Asian University for the Study of Environment and Climate Change Green University was established in Uzbekistan.

The University was established on the basis of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to transform the sphere of ecology and environmental protection and organize the activities of the authorized state body". Green University will start accepting applicants in September 2023.

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Issues of expanding environmental cooperation between the Turkic states were discussed 09/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A special meeting of the Union of Universities of the Turkic World of the Organization of Turkic States (TURKUNIB) was held at the Silk Road International Tourism University in Samarkand.

The event was attended by responsible persons of the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, rectors of higher educational institutions of Uzbekistan, representatives of international organizations, about 50 universities and experts from the member states of the Organization, in particular Kazakhstan, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan.

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Aziz Abdukhakimov approved as Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change 10/06/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Deputies of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis approved Aziz Abdukhakimov for the post of Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan.

By the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On measures to transform the sphere of ecology and environmental protection and organize the activities of the authorized state body”, the Ministry of Natural Resources was renamed to the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change.

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Water resources

Turkmenistan held an online forum on water in the format of Central Asia + Republic of Korea 05/06/2023

"Creative ideas on water resources management for sustainable development of water bodies in Central Asia" - an online conference organized within the framework of Turkmenistan's chairmanship in the 16th Cooperation Forum "Central Asia + Republic of Korea" was held under this title on Monday

The event, held with the assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, was attended by representatives of all six dialogue countries, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and the Republic of Korea.

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President instructs Astana mayor to tackle water shortage problem 07/06/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – Head of State Kassym-Jomart Tokayev received akim (mayor) of Astana Zhenis Kassymbek, Kazinform cites the Akorda press service.

The President heard a report on the situation with water supply system in the Kazakh capital.

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Kazakhstan, Slovakia, and EU discuss cooperation in water resources management in Brussels 08/06/2023

BRUSSELS. KAZINFORM - A workshop dedicated to developing practical cooperation between Central Asian countries and EU member states in the field of water resources management in Brussels allowed for discussion of Kazakhstan's needs in this field, as well as to present potential water management projects of Slovak companies, Kazinform cites the press service of the Kazakh Foreign Ministry.

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Tokayev calls on CA countries to solve water problem collectively 09/06/2023

According to him, by 2050, the water level of the two largest rivers of the region, Syrdarya and Amudarya, will decrease by about 15%.

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Energy sector

World Bank Vice President for Europe and Central Asia Bassani Visited Rogun HPP 05/06/2023

DUSHANBE, 05.06.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, as part of her visit to Tajikistan, the World Bank Vice President for Europe and Central Antonella Bassani visited the Rogun hydropower plant (HPP).
During the visit, a conversation and meeting was held on the progress of work and the grandeur of this important hydropower project of strategic and economic importance.

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TURKMENISTAN AND PAKISTAN ARE STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY 07/06/2023

On 7 June 2023, the delegation of Turkmenistan arrived in Islamabad for a two-day visit to

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discuss the implementation of the TAPI Gas Pipeline Project and the TAP Power Transmission Line Project.

On the same day, a meeting was held at the Ministry of Energy of Pakistan between the delegation of Turkmenistan headed by Mr Maksat Babayev, State Minister – Chairman of State Concern "Turkmengas", and Mr Annageldi Saparov, Deputy Minister of Energy of Turkmenistan, and the delegation of Pakistan headed by Mr Khurram Dastgir Khan, Federal Minister of Energy (Power Division) of Pakistan, and Dr Musadik Malik, State Minister of Energy (Petroleum Division) of Pakistan.

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Deputy chairman of Kyrgyz Cabinet and WB regional director discuss updating of feasibility study of Kambarata HPP-1 09/06/2023

Bishkek, June 9, 2023. / Kabar /. Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic Bakyt Torobaev met with the World Bank Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia Charles Cormier.

According to the press service of the Cabinet of Ministers, the sides discussed issues of bilateral cooperation, including a project to update the feasibility study of the Kambarata HPP-1. The deputy chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers noted the importance of a qualitative compilation of the financial model of this project.

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Turkmenistan offered Hungary to develop partnership in fuel and hydrogen energy 10/06/2023

Turkmenistan invited the Republic of Hungary to develop a mutually beneficial partnership in the oil and gas sector and hydrogen production. These issues were key at the talks between President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov and Prime Minister of Hungary Viktor Orban, who paid an official visit to Ashgabat.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Crucial to establish UN-led Regional SDGs Center for Central Asia and Afghanistan in Almaty 08/06/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev of Kazakhstan called on further assistance to the people of Afghanistan under the UN aegis, Kazinform has

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learned from the Akorda press service.

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Trans-Afghan gas pipeline: construction resumes 09/06/2023

All participants in the largest project in the region, launched back in 2015 and supported by international financial institutions, are interested in the early launch of the TAPI gas pipeline.

Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India should benefit from the project. It is these countries that the gas pipeline will connect and provide gas to the countries of South Asia. The design capacity of the pipeline is 33 billion cubic meters. m, length - about 1.8 thousand km.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

CEC of Uzbekistan announces names of presidential candidates 05/06/2023

All presidential candidates are registered in Uzbekistan. This was announced at the next meeting of the CEC of Uzbekistan.

At a meeting of the Central Election Commission of Uzbekistan in Tashkent, the names of all registered candidates for the presidential election were announced:

- Ulugbek Ilyasovich Inoyatov from the People's Democratic Party;
- Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev from the Liberal Democratic Party;
- Robakhon Anvarovna Makhmudova from the Social Democratic Party "Adolat";
- Abdushukur Khudoykulovich Khamzaevot from the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan.

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EU-Central Asia summit participants issue joint press communiqué 05/06/2023

The European Council says that during an open and constructive meeting, the participants of the 2nd EU-Central Asia Summit reviewed the multilateral and mutually beneficial cooperation between the EU and Central Asian nations since last year's inaugural meeting in Astana, and discussed the EU – Central Asia relations in the context of international developments. They

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reportedly reaffirmed their commitment to continue the high-level dialogue at the level of the Heads of State and the EU and to the development of the EU- Central Asia partnership in line with the priority areas identified between the Parties with the shared goal of a prosperous and secure Central Asia.

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Prospects for Kyrgyz-Uzbek cooperation in pharmaceuticals field discussed in Tashkent 07/06/2023

Bishkek, **June 7, 2023. / Kabar /.** Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Republic of Uzbekistan Musa Jamanbaev at a meeting with Director of the Pharmaceutical Network Development Agency of Uzbekistan Ulugbek Egamov discussed the establishment of cooperation between pharmaceutical institutions and companies of the two countries, the press service of Uzpharmagency told.

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Central Asian countries to be drawn into coalition against ISIS 09/06/2023

The US-led coalition to combat the terrorist group "Islamic State" plans to expand cooperation with the states of Central Asia. This is stated in a joint communiqué, which was adopted following the ministerial meeting of the coalition, which was held with the participation of US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken in the capital of Saudi Arabia, TASS reports.

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