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Climate Change and Environment

BLUE PEACE LAUNCHES NEW COURSE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PEACEBUILDING 31/07/2023

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The Blue Peace Central Asia initiative of the Swiss Agency on Development and Cooperation, implemented by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), aims to transform the concept of water as a potential source of conflict into a tool for peaceful cooperation. The mandate of the initiative is based on promoting water as a factor contributing to sustainable regional socio-economic development and stability, as well as strengthening the region's resilience to current and future challenges.

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The structures of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan have been approved 02/08/2023

The President of Turkmenistan approved the structures of the central offices and regulations on the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Environmental Protection by signing the relevant documents.

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Tajikistan bans the import of vehicles manufactured before 2013 in bid to combat effects of environmental pollution 02/08/2023

The ban on the import of vehicles manufactured before the year 2013 will take effect in two monthsn after publication in an official newspaper.

The president's official website said on August 2 that the government of Tajikistan has adopted a decree on the ban on the import of vehicles manufactured before the year of 2013 into the territory of Tajikistan.

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Glacier Research Center Receives Two State-Of-The-Art Innovative Glacier Research Stations 04/08/2023

DUSHANBE, 04.08.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – In honor of the International Year of Glacier Conservation, Glaciers Research Center of the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan received from Swiss development partners two modern innovative stations — Campbell Scientific CR1000X and Campbell Scientific CR6, which are of particular importance for the study of glaciers in Tajikistan.

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Coordination in the field of water resources and climate was discussed at the summit in Ashgabat 04/08/2023

The Presidents of Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan discussed cooperation in the

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field of water resources and climate within the framework of the extensive agenda of the trilateral summit held today, August 4, in Ashgabat.

As follows from the Statement of the heads of States published following the meeting, the parties agreed to conduct further joint research and development in the field of effective management, protection and rational use of water resources, conservation and reuse of water resources, including using the capabilities of existing authorized regional bodies.

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Climate change makes July hottest month on Earth in 2023 04/08/2023

NEW YORK. KAZINFORM More than 6.5 billion people – or four out of every five people on Earth – sweated through a day in July, when climate change had the most significant impact, according to new research.

Global average temperatures and extreme heat soared to records in July 2023, said the report by Climate Central, an independent science communication group based in Princeton, New Jersey. The report analyzed daily temperatures in 4,700 cities in 200 countries. Results showed that at least two billion people worldwide «felt a very strong influence of climate change each day in July,» Anadolu Agency reports.

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International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea as a platform for the sustainable development of Central Asia 04/08/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS), a unique interstate organization in Central Asia, in the year of its 30th anniversary, is in the process of reaching a higher effective level.

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Senate: Issues of cleaning riverbeds and strengthening their banks, the impact on the environment of mining non-metallic minerals were discussed 05/08/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- At the forty-third plenary session of the Senate, the results of a parliamentary request sent to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan on cleaning river beds and strengthening their banks, the negative impact of

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mining of non-metallic minerals on the environment, water and road facilities were discussed. economy.

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Senate amends legislation on protection of wild animals 05/08/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- At the forty-third plenary session of the Senate, the Law "On Amendments and Additions to Article 43 of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the Protection and Use of Wildlife" was considered.

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Water resources

Uzbekistan modernizes irrigation system 31/07/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- In water-scarce southern Uzbekistan, a recent major infrastructure project has improved agricultural irrigation by limiting losses, as well as reducing electricity consumption and increasing crop yields. It was reported by Euronews.

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Uzbekistan to double water flow to Chordara reservoir in Kazakhstan 01/08/2023

During the visit of the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan Zulfiya Sulaymanova to Uzbekistan, an agreement was reached with the Uzbek side to increase the flow of water to the Chordara reservoir up to 200 m³/s, Kazinform reported.

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French Suez starting modernization of Tashkent's water supply system 03/08/2023

The French company Suez and "Toshkent shahar suv ta'minoti" are starting to modernize the capital's water supply, the press service of the Tashkent city administration reported.

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Water issue in Central Asia: problem and solution 04/08/2023

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It is no secret that water shortages in Central Asia are becoming more and more urgent due to global climate change. The need of the population of the Central Asian countries for water is mainly satisfied by transboundary rivers - the Amudarya and Syrdarya. According to observations, by 2025, due to climate change and global temperature rise, the stock of glaciers that feed these rivers with water is expected to decrease by 15-20%.

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Uzbekistan may fall into ranks of 33 water scarce regions by 2030 04/08/2023

According to the results of a study conducted by experts, by 2030, there is a possibility that there will be a shortage of 7 billion cubic meters of water in Uzbekistan. This will make the country fall among the 33 water scarce regions. Tohir Haydarov, the first deputy chairman of Uzsuvtaminot JSC, announced this at the 43rd plenary session of the Senate of Oliy Majlis.

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Energy sector

Central Asian countries increase electricity generation 31/07/2023

All Central Asian countries have experienced an increase in electricity generation during the first half of 2023. Kyrgyzstan achieved the highest volume of electricity generation, with a growth rate of 14%. Turkmenistan is second with 6.7% growth, than Uzbekistan with 4.3%, and Tajikistan with 3.3%. Kazakhstan had the lowest growth rate at 1.9%. This information was reported by the Eurasian Development Bank, Akchabar reports.

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North of Tajikistan experiences power shortage for first time 31/07/2023

The northern region of Tajikistan is experiencing a severe shortage of electricity this summer. The electricity shortage in the Sughd Region is attributed to increased consumption due to the hot weather in recent weeks, as stated by Tajikistan's Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Daler Juma, in a press conference in Dushanbe, reported by Asiainfortj.info.

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Tajikistan prepared to join Central Asian energy ring 01/08/2023

The last power transmission line (PTL) of Tajikistan in the southwest direction will be

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connected to the Central Asian Power Grid on August 1, 2023, Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, Daler Juma, said in Dushanbe, Asiaplustj.info reports.

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Tajikistan increases alternative power generation 02/08/2023

Tajikistan plans to generate up to 10% of its electricity from renewable sources such as solar and wind by 2030, the Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, Daler Juma, said, Interfax reports.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Ethnic features and relations of northern neighbors to Afghanistan 31/07/2023

Ethno-political processes in Afghanistan have been marked by complexity throughout its history. The country is inhabited by Pashtuns, Tajiks, Uzbeks, Hazaras, as well as several other smaller ethnic groups. The neighboring states to the north are equally interested in stabilizing the situation in Afghanistan and build relations with the authorities in Kabul according to their own policies. The analytical center of Moscow State University Ia-centr.ru publishes an article by Dr. Alexander Knyazev, a historian, and Ninel Gulam, a student at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia. The full version of this material is published below.

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Afghanistan asks Kazakhstan for special discounts on wheat 03/08/2023

Afghanistan's Minister of Industry and Trade, Alhaj Nuruddin Azizi, requested special discounts on wheat and flour imported from Kazakhstan, uring the Kazakhstan-Afghanistan Business Forum on August 3, 2023, Zakon.kz reports.

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Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan ready to give discount to Kazakhstan for transportation of flour to Afghanistan 03/08/2023

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade and Integration of Kazakhstan, Serik Zhumangarin, stated at the Kazakhstan-Afghanistan Business Forum in Astana that Kazakhstan intends to maintain and increase the volume of flour exports to Afghanistan,

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Kazinform reports.

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Contracts worth $190 million were signed at the Kazakh-Afghan Business Forum 03/08/2023

At the Kazakh-Afghan Business Forum in Astana on August 3, export contracts totaling $190.8 million were signed. Following the meeting, 15 contracts were signed for the supply of agricultural products, flour and vegetable oil, as well as a memorandum of cooperation between the National Association of Oilseed Processors (Kazakhstan) and the Balkh Union of Oil Dealers (Afghanistan). The largest number of documents (9 contracts) falls on the supply of oil.

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Export of Kazakhstan to Afghanistan doubled 03/08/2023

The Vice Premier and Minister of Trade and Integration of Kazakhstan Serik Zhumangarin, announced on August 3, 2023, during the Kazakhstan-Afghanistan Business Forum that the trade turnover between Kazakhstan and Afghanistan for the year 2022 nearly reached the $1 billion, doubling compared to 2021. This information was reported by Zakon.kz.

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Kazakhstan highly appreciates construction of Trans-Afghan transport corridor 04/08/2023

The construction of the Trans-Afghan Transport Corridor will give a new impetus to the dynamics of Kazakhstan's trade and economic exchanges with a number of countries, stated Serik Zhumingharin, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade and Integration of Kazakhstan, Sputnik reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Turkmenistan prepares for summit of trio of Central Asian leaders 03/08/2023

Active preparations are underway for a trilateral summit between Turkmenistan,

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Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. In the Turkmen capital Ashgabat The meeting will be attended by Presidents Serdar Berdimuhamedov, Emomali Rahmon, and Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the TV channel "MIR 24" reports.

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Tajikistan — Turkmenistan-Uzbekistan Trilateral Summit — Joint Statement 04/08/2023

DUSHANBE, 04.08.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – The Presidents of Turkmenistan, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, on behalf of their states, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

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Presidents of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan discussed bilateral relations 04/08/2023

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held talks with President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedov in the framework of the Summit of three leaders of Central Asia in the city of Ashgabat, UzA.uz reports.

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Summit in Ashgabat adopts declaration of three presidents 05/08/2023

The trilateral summit of the heads of Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan in Ashgabat - Serdar Berdimuhamedov, Emomali Rahmon and Shavkat Mirziyoyev, completed its work by adopting a joint Statement.

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