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Climate Change and Environment

Tajik capital hosts international climate finance forum 07/08/2023

A five-day International Climate Finance Forum is concluding in Dushanbe today. The Government of Tajikistan reportedly unveiled its NDC Implementation Plan and Climate Finance Plan at the forum, detailing the country's strategy to achieve its updated and enhanced NDC targets under the global Paris Agreement.
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PREPARATIONS FOR UNFCCC COP28: REGIONAL STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND YOUTH IN CENTRAL ASIA 09/08/2023

On August 8, in Almaty, representatives of the national climate and environmental networks of Central Asian countries, together with representatives of the youth of the region, discussed the mechanisms for the preparation, structure and thematic recommendations for the Regional Statement on behalf of civil society and youth of Central Asian countries at the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP28).

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Kyrgyzstan to host international summit "Agribusiness in Central Asia"10/08/2023

Bishkek, Aug. 10, 2023 / Kabar /. From August 27 to 29, Issyk-Kul will host the international summit "Agribusiness in Central Asia: Integration. Modernization. Success", the press service of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic

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Water resources

Ashgabat tripartite summit focuses on water, natural gas and electricity matters 09/08/2023

The leaders of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan held a tripartite summit in Ashgabat on August 4 with little advance warning and no of the governments has provided explicit explanations on why these three partners would be forming a united front in this format. The highlights of the joint declaration offered some clues, though, according to *Eurasianet*.

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Kyrgyzstan stops supplying irrigation water to southern Kazakhstan 11/08/2023

Kyrgyzstan ceased the supply of irrigation water to the southern Zhambyl region of Kazakhstan in August, resulting in a threat to agricultural crops in the region, the press service of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan reports.

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AIIB allocating about $250 million loan to improve water and sewage systems in Bukhara 11/08/2023

In order to improve drinking water and wastewater services and ensure their stable supply to the population and business entities in the Bukhara region, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is providing a loan of $248 million for 25 years.

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Energy sector

Kazakhstan ready to export electricity to Central Asian countries 08/08/2023

Kazakhstan can export electricity to Central Asian countries, Kazakh Energy Minister Almasadam Satkaliyev said, Sputnik reports.

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President Emomali Rahmon Gets Acquainted with Progress of Construction Works in the Assembly Chamber of the Permanent Water Intake of «Rogun» HPP 09/08/2023

DUSHANBE, 09.08.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – The Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, got acquainted with the progress of construction works in the assembly chamber of the permanent water intake at the «Rogun» hydropower plant.

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President Emomali Rahmon Inspected the Progress of Work at Control Site «Soyi Obi Shur» of «Rogun» HPP 09/08/2023

DUSHANBE, 09.08.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – In continuation of his working trip, the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, visited the «Soyi obi shur» control site of the Rogun hydroelectric power station and got acquainted with the project and the progress of work on the aerial part of the conveyor line.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan refutes Afghan government's claim on oil quality 07/08/2023

"Uzbekneftegaz" has officially commented on the news that Afghanistan returned the supplied oil to Uzbekistan due to its unsatisfactory quality, Podrobno.uz reports with reference to the press service of "Uzbekneftegaz."

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Afghanistan returned 67 oil tanks to Uzbekistan 07/08/2023

The Afghan government has returned 67 oil tankers to Uzbekistan due to their low quality, the Afghanistan National Standards Authority (ANSA) stated, Nova24.uz reports.

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Uzbekistan and EU to continue consultations on Afghanistan 09/08/2023

Special Representative of the President of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan, Ismatulla Irgashev, and the European Union's Special Envoy for Afghanistan, Thomas Niklasson, held

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discussions via video conference on matters of bilateral cooperation, the Uzbekistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced.

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Afghanistan pays neighbors for electricity 11/08/2023

The Afghan energy company Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) has settled its debt with Tajikistan, Tajik company Barki Tojik announced. Last year, Kabul owed Dushanbe $28 million. The debt arose due to difficulties in transferring funds from Afghan accounts.

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Uzbekistan and Afghanistan bring together fields of pharmaceuticals 13/08/2023

Uzbekistan regularly emphasizes the need to keep Afghanistan's issues on the international agenda and takes practical steps towards this.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Turkmenistan proposes to convene Conference on Security in Central Asia 09/08/2023

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan has outlined the country's priorities for the upcoming 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Turkmenistan emphasizes the need to give the activities of the UN a distinct regional context in order to achieve comprehensive and universal security.

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Tajikistan prepares for fifth meeting of heads of state of Central Asia 11/08/2023

During of two days, on August 9 and 10, 2023, consultations were held in the capital of Tajikistan between representatives of the foreign ministries of Central Asian countries. The main goal of the consultations was to prepare for the Fifth Anniversary Consultative Meeting of the Heads of States of the region, which will take place in Dushanbe, as reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan.

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