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in nearest years - American expert 04/09/2023

WASHINGTON. KAZINFORM The State-of-the-Nation Address of President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev «Economic Course of a Just Kazakhstan» was closely watched by American expert communities, who gave a positive assessment of the new initiatives, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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Kazakhstan appoints new Ecology Minister 05/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM The Head of State decreed to appoint Yerlan Nyssanbayev as the Ecology and Natural Resources Minister of Kazakhstan, Kazinform learnt from the Akorda press service.

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Kyrgyzstan and Japan intend to implement joint projects in ecology and climate 05/09/2023

Bishkek, Sept. 5, 2023 / Kabar /. Kyrgyzstan and Japan intend to implement joint projects in the field of ecology and climate. This became known during a meeting between Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision Melis Turgunbaev with Ambassador of Japan to the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Goda Hideki and Deputy Director of the Office for Cooperation with Russia, Central Asia and the Caucasus, the Bureau of Trade Policy, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Japan by Koike Shinya.

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Abu Dhabi to host global summit for faith leaders to address climate crisis ahead of COP28 07/09/2023

ABU DHABI. KAZINFORM A global summit for faith leaders from around the world will take place in Abu Dhabi from 6th to 7th November, to underscore the crucial role of faith communities in addressing climate change. The summit will take place ahead of the 28th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP28), which will be hosted by the UAE

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from 30th November to 12th December 2023.

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CENTRAL ASIA TO CONSOLIDATE EFFORTS IN SOLVING PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 07/09/2023

Astana – Kazakhstan – On September 4-5, 2023, the third meeting of the Advisory Council of the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development of Central Asian Countries (ICSD) was held.

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Promising issues in the field of environmental reclamation discussed 07/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 6 September, a meeting was held between the Deputy Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan Jusipbek Kazbekov with the Chairman of the Assembly of the Environmental Rehabilitation Account (ERA) for Central Asia Adrian van der Meer and representatives of the European Bank for Reconstruction and development (EBRD).

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Emomali Rahmon: "Tajikistan Is Recognized as an Initiator in Solving Global Water and Climate Issues" 08/09/2023

DUSHANBE, 08.09.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, Tajikistan is recognized in the international arena as an initiative and leading state in solving global water and climate issues. This was stated today by the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon in his congratulatory message on the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of State Independence.

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Euronews prepares special report on Aral Sea region 08/09/2023

Euronews TV channel has prepared a special report on the Muynak district of

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Karakalpakstan and the Aral Sea region.

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Water resources

Water Resources and Irrigation Minister of Kazakhstan appointed 04/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM The Head of State decreed to appoint Nurzhan Nurzhigitov as the Water Resources and Irrigation Minister of Kazakhstan, Kazinform learnt from the Akorda press service.

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Development Partners Praise Tajikistan's Leadership in Promoting Water Issues at the Global Level 04/09/2023

DUSHANBE, 04.09.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – Further joint actions to strengthen the role of the Dushanbe Water Process as a platform for reviewing the implementation of the International Water Decade were discussed during the meeting of the Special Envoy of the President of Tajikistan to the Coalition of Leaders on Water and Climate, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea Sulton Rahimzoda with the Global Director for the World Bank Group's Water Global Practice Kumar Jha.

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The Turkmen enterprise produces modern drip irrigation systems 04/09/2023

One of the first Turkmen manufacturers of high-tech drip irrigation systems in the country was the Economic Society "Turkmen Senagat". Recently, the company has established the production of smooth and flat pipes for supplying moisture when growing vegetable crops.

The latest German equipment and the highest quality and environmentally friendly materials are used for production, which will ensure the operation of the final product for at least 10-15 years. For example, the plant produces up to 180 meters of narrow plastic pipes with a diameter of 16 millimeters per minute. Moreover, it is manufactured taking

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into account the needs of the customer – the diameter of the pipes varies from 16 mm to 630 mm. The company also offers farmers polyethylene pipes with a diameter of up to 1000 millimeters.

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UNGA Adopts Another Initiative of the President of Tajikistan 05/09/2023

DUSHANBE, 05.09.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – On September 1, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted by consensus a resolution entitled «The Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028, which was co-facilitated by Tajikistan, the Netherlands and Senegal.

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Tokayev gives instructions to water resources and irrigation minister Nurzhan Nurzhigitov 06/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM – Kazakh Head of State Kassym-Jomart Tokayev held a meeting with Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation Nurzhan Nurzhigitov, Kazinform cites Akorda.

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Kazakh Government focuses on irrigation and drainage system modernization 07/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Kazakh Prime Minister Alikhan Smailov held a regular sitting of the coordination council for cooperation between the Government and international financial organizations, Kazinform learnt from the Government's press service.

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Uzbekistan to develop its own water resources strategy 08/09/2023

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Deputy PM Jamshid Kuchkarov discussed with academician Vladimir Kvint the development of a new strategy of Uzbekistan for water resources until 2030 on the example of the Kuzbass strategy.

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The 9th training course "Caspian Sea - Sustainable Development and Management" starts in Ashgabat 10/09/2023

The 9th training course "Caspian Sea - Sustainable Development and Management" starts on Monday, September 11 in Ashgabat. The ten-day seminar, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and the Caspian Sea Institute in cooperation with the International Ocean Institute, will bring together employees of various departments from all five Caspian countries.

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View from space of green strip of Amu Darya River in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan 10/09/2023

On September 9th, NASA published a satellite image of the Amu Darya River on its website. The image description states that on September 4th, 2023, the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on NASA's Aqua satellite captured a full-color image of the green belt surrounding the Amu Darya River in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, Orient.tm reports.

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Energy sector

Energy Week Central Asia & Mongolia 2023: bringing together the region & supporting the transition to clean energy 04/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- As Energy Week Central Asia & Mongolia 2023 is fast approaching, the conference agenda promises a resounding success while bringing together the region and supporting the transition to clean energy for all.

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Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan to strengthen control over energy resources at border 06/09/2023

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The law on the ratification of the "Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Joint Customs Control for the Movement of Energy Resources through the Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan Customs Border by Pipeline Transport and Power Transmission Lines" has been adopted by the Parliament of Kazakhstan, Kazinform reports.

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Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan have finally agreed on the volume of electricity supplies 06/09/2023

Deputy Minister of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic Taalaibek Baigaziev announced that an agreement had been reached with Turkmenistan on the supply of electricity in the 2023-2024 season, negotiations on the cost of purchases continue, Tazabek reports.

According to the official, agreements have also been reached on the import of electricity from Russia, but Turkmenistan will remain the largest supplier of this resource to the republic.

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Kyrgyzstan ready to increase portfolio of projects for Korea in "green" economy and sustainable energy 07/09/2023

Kyrgyzstan is prepared to expand its project portfolio with South Korea in the "green" economy and sustainable energy. This was revealed during a meeting between the Deputy Minister of Economy of Kyrgyzstan, Kanat Abdrakhmanov, and the Vice President of the Korean agency KOICA, Lee Yun Young, in South Korea, Economist.kg reports.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Taliban signed contracts for development of Afghan deposits worth $6.5 bln 05/09/2023

The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum of Afghanistan has signed contracts for the development of seven mineral deposits with a total value of over $6.5 billion, Orient.tm reports.

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Tajikistan has significantly reduced the supply of its products to Afghanistan 07/09/2023

Bilateral Tajik-Afghan trade turnover for seven months of this year amounted to about $56.5 million, which is 17.9% less than in the same period of 2022, the Statistical Agency of the Republic of Tajikistan reports.

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Terrorist threat from Afghanistan may spread to SCO countries - National Security Committee 08/09/2023

ASTANA. KAZINFORM Today, at the 40th session of the SCO RATS Council in Astana, Deputy Chairman of the National Security Committee Ruslan Seissembayev spoke about terrorist organizations functioning in the territory of Afghanistan, Kazinform reports.

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Economic recovery of Afghanistan is an important key to strengthening peace and stability on Afghan soil 08/09/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.uz) – On 4-7 September, ISMI organized a working visit of a research group of the German Berghof Foundation to Uzbekistan.

Within its framework, meetings were held with the Special Representative of the President of Uzbekistan for Afghanistan Ismatulla Irgashev, as well as specialists from the ministries of investment, industry and trade, energy, transport, and experts from the International Institute of Central Asia. An Uzbek-German scientific and practical seminar was held at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Population of Kazakhstan approached 20 mln people 07/09/2023

During the first seven months of 2023, the population of Kazakhstan increased by 154.6 thousand people, or 0.78%. As of August 1, the country's population reached 19,921 thousand people, the Kazakhstan National Statistics Bureau informs.

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Central Asian countries strengthen transport connectivity and simplify

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transit 08/09/2023

The first meeting of the transport ministers of the five Central Asian countries will take place on September 13 in Dushanbe within the framework of the Summit of the Heads of state of the region, which will be held next week, on September 14-15.

It is expected that the meeting, which will be chaired by the Minister of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan Azim Ibrohim, will be attended and addressed by the Minister of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan Marat Karabayev, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic Tilek Tekebayev, Minister of Transport of Uzbekistan Ilkhom Makhkamov and Director General of the Agency of Transport and Communications under the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan Mammethan Chakyev.

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Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Discuss Industry Cooperation 08/09/2023

DUSHANBE, 08.09.2023 (NIAT Khovar) – On September 6, the Deputy Minister of Industry and New Technologies of Tajikistan Aziz Nazar and the Deputy Minister of Mining and Geology of Uzbekistan Azam Kadirkhodzhaev discussed issues of cooperation in Tashkent on September 6.

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