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Samarkand hosts the Central Asian Youth Environmental Forum 02/10/2023

Samarkand hosts the Central Asian Youth Environmental Forum, dedicated to developing a Central Asian Strategy for promoting a culture of sustainable environmental development and involving children and youth in the climate agenda.

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN CENTRAL ASIA 02/10/2023

The activities of the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Program of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) were presented to the participants of the 13th Central Asian Leadership Program on Environment for Sustainable Development (CALP).

Young professionals in charge of climate change, water management and green development in the ministries of agriculture, ecology, water resources and energy received comprehensive information about the program; representatives of green business and civil society in Central Asia from all five Central Asian countries.

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A Regional Waste Management Center will open in Tajikistan 02/10/2023

A Regional Waste Management Center will open in the capital of Tajikistan, Dushanbe, the National News Agency of the Republic "Khovar" reports, citing the Committee for Environmental Protection.

The center is designed to intensify regional cooperation to reduce the negative impact of

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waste on the environment and public health, and to stimulate interaction between the relevant authorities of the Central Asian countries in the field of waste management.

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13 CALP: OSCE MODEL TO RESPOND TO CLIMATE CHALLENGES 03/10/2023

OSCE Expert and International Negotiations Conflict Management Consultant **Ida Manton** presented the Negotiating, Managing Conflicts and Decision-Making OSCE Model to the participants of the 13th Central Asian Leadership Program on Environment for Sustainable Development (CALP).

The CALP participants – 15 young professionals of the Central Asian ministries of agriculture, ecology, water resources and energy and representatives of green business and civil society of CAS – studied in practice the EEF Simulation "Environmental Cooperation for Regional Security".

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UN Climate Center in Turkmenistan to be useful for all of Central Asia 04/10/2023

The Permanent Coordinator of the UN in Turkmenistan, Dmitry Shlapachenko, confirmed that the establishment of the Regional Center for Climate Technologies for Central Asia in Turkmenistan is progressing steadily, the CentralAsia.news information resource reports.

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Youth climate conference in Dashoguz: sharing experiences and developing solutions 04/10/2023

On the eve of the Youth Conference (COY18) and the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Youth Conference on Climate Change was held in Turkmenistan, organized by the Government of Turkmenistan jointly with the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Turkmenistan, the embassies of Great Britain and United Arab Emirates.

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Tajikistan creates Fund to cover costs of International Year of Glacier Protection 06/10/2023

The Government of Tajikistan has instructed to create an Organizing Committee for the

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implementation of the UN General Assembly resolution on the “International Year for Glacier Protection”.

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Water resources

Uzbekistan intends to lay water pipeline in Fergana Valley 02/10/2023

The hokim (head) of the Fergana region in Uzbekistan has reportedly reached a preliminary agreement with the Chinese company Sinomach to construct a water pipeline from the Andijan reservoir to the regional capital, Fergana. The project aims to address the issue of a shortage of drinking water in the region, as the water supply in 2022 was only 72.4%, which is lower than the 74% access rate in 2017, Nova24.uz reports.

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Spanish company intends to provide clean water to Turkmens 02/10/2023

During the Turkmen-German Business Forum in Berlin, negotiations were held with the Turkmen side regarding future project developments, Alejandro Martin Royal, the Regional Manager for Agriculture in Central Asia of the Spanish company TYPSA: Consulting Engineers Architects said, Orient.tm reports.

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WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA: TWO LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS TO BE LAUNCHED IN ASTANA AND CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES 02/10/2023

3 October 2023, Almaty - The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) is initiating two major projects in the field of sustainable water use, which will be implemented jointly with the relevant government agencies of the Central Asian countries. Financial support for these socially significant and very relevant projects is provided by the international charitable foundation "The Coca-Cola Foundation" and the NGO "Global Water Challenge". The total amount of investments exceeds USD 600,000. The projects are expected to benefit more than 22,000 people in the Central Asian countries directly and more than 230,000 indirectly.

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The Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC), with financial support from the international development organization "The Coca-Cola Foundation" and the "Global Water Challenge," has launched the projects on **"Integrated Watershed Management in the Ishim River Basin in Kazakhstan"** and **"Increasing Economic Independence and Improving the Status of Women in Rural Central Asia through Access to Irrigation Water and Infrastructure"**.

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Energy sector

Kazakhstan names new vice minister of energy 03/10/2023

Ilyas Bakytzhan has been appointed to the post of the vice minister of energy of Kazakhstan, Kazinform cites the press service of the Kazakh government.

Born in 1982 in Turkestan city, South Kazakhstan region, Ilyas Bakytzhan is a graduate of the Kazakh Humanitarian Law University, Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the Russian President.

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Kazakhstan aims to strengthen status of energy leader in Central Asia – Energy Minister 04/10/2023

KAZENERGY Forum is called to ensure an effective dialogue between the participants of energy markets, focus on trends and directions of the energy system development, Kazakh Minister of Energy Almasadam Satkaliyev said Wednesday, Kazinform correspondent reports.

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Kazakhstan proposed to link energy systems of SCO member countries 04/10/2023

Kazakhstan proposes to explore the prospects of integrating energy systems within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), said Almasadam Satkaliev, the Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan, during the Energy Forum of the SCO held in Astana.

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Tajikistan expects increase in electricity generation in the amount of 375 MW 05/10/2023

Tajikistan intends to increase its electricity generation to 375 MW, stated Sorbon Khokhukhammamadzoda, Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Energy Forum in Astana.

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Turkmenistan increase pace of electricity production 06/10/2023

Turkmenistan's Vice Premier, Baymyrat Annamammedov, responsible for overseeing the industrial, construction, and energy sectors in the government, has reported an increase in electricity production during the first nine months of 2023, Orient.tm reports.

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Kazakhstan to supply electricity to Kyrgyzstan at night time instead of Russia 06/10/2023

The new protocol to the agreement on the transit of Russian electricity through Kazakhstan to Kyrgyzstan allows Kazakhstan to supply its own electricity to its southern neighbor during surplus hours, said Nurzhan Kerimkulov, Managing Director for System Services and National Grid Development at KEGOC, Kursiv reports.

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Gazprom to increase gas supplies to Uzbekistan in the future 06/10/2023

Russian gas supplies to Central Asia could be increased, said Russian President Vladimir Putin during a meeting of the Valdai International Discussion Club. Gas deliveries will begin in October of this year, Interfax reports.

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The President of Turkmenistan assessed the work of the fuel and energy complex for 9 months 06/10/2023

During the regular meeting of the Turkmen government on the results of the work for the first nine months of this year, Deputy Prime Minister Batyr Amanov reported to President

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Serdar Berdimuhamedov on the results of the work of the supervised oil and gas industry.

During the reporting period, the employees of the Turkmen fuel and energy complex were pleased with their results. And first of all, this concerns the gas sector.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghan Kushtepa channel - disaster for Central Asia? 02/10/2023

Videos have appeared on social media that purportedly show the construction process of the "Kushtepa Canal" by the Taliban, which is intended to divert water from the Amu Darya River. The Novf24.uz portal gathered the opinions of experts who answered the question: "How will this canal affect Central Asia?"

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Uzbekistan and Germany are interested in a peaceful and stable Afghanistan 03/10/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 29 September, the first summit in the "Central Asia - Germany" format was held in Berlin with the participation of the heads of all Central Asian countries, including the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the Federal Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz.

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Tajikistan's MFA: On the Afghan issue, Tajikistan is guided by national interests 05/10/2023

The fifth meeting of the Moscow format on consultations on Afghanistan took place in Kazan, the capital of Russia's Tatarstan Republic, on September 29.

The event brought together special representatives and senior officials from China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Media reports say Afghanistan's acting foreign minister attended the meeting, which also featured representatives of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Turkiye as guests of honor.

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Afghanistan has undertaken to complete the power transmission line through which Turkmen electricity will flow 07/10/2023

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In Kabul on Saturday, a contract was signed with a local private company to carry out the remaining work to complete the 500 kV Turkmenistan-Afghanistan power transmission line.

Acting Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Afghanistan Abdul Latif Mansour said that this project will be completed in two years, and its implementation will solve the electricity needs of residents and industrialists of Kabul and other provinces, TOLOnews.com. **writes**.

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At least 1,000 dead and injured in Afghanistan earthquake 08/10/2023

At least 1,000 people were killed and injured in a series of earthquakes that hit the northwestern part of Afghanistan on Saturday, officials said, Anadolu Agency reports.

Afghanistan Disaster Management Authority's spokesman Mullah Janan Saiq said the death toll could further rise, adding that the tremors caused heavy damage in northwestern Herat and Badghis provinces.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Central Asia in focus of US interests 02/10/2023

The American establishment is trying to buy itself a place in the Central Asian sun

During the United Nations General Assembly in New York in late September 2023, President Joe Biden held discussions with the leaders of Central Asian countries, paying particular attention to the post-Soviet republics: Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan, collectively known as the "C5" in the USA.

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Tajik leader holds a number of bilateral meetings in Berlin 02/10/2023

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Republic of Germany, according to the Tajik president's official website.

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Rahmon says Tajikistan is interested in increasing economic cooperation with Germany and the countries of the region 02/10/2023

On September 29, Tajik President Emomali Rahmon took part and spoke at the first Meeting of the Heads of State of Central Asia and the Federal Republic of Germany in Berlin.

The Tajik president's official website says the heads of state discussed further areas of beneficial cooperation.

Emomali Rahmon reportedly expressed confidence that the results of the meeting would contribute to the further strengthening of cooperation.

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Joint declaration by heads of state of Central Asia and Germany 02/10/2023

The first meeting of Heads of State of Central Asia and the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Olaf Scholz resulted in adoption of a Joint Declaration.

Published on the official website of the Federal Government of Germany, the document, in particular, notes that the participants diverse and multi-faceted bilateral cooperation, as well as the German-Central Asian cooperation within the framework of the European Union (EU) and multilateral formats.

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Kyrgyzstan considers cooperation with German business priority 05/10/2023

The First Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan, Adylbek Kasymaliev, held a meeting with a delegation from the Federal Union of Medium-sized Businesses in Germany, led by a member of its federal board, Jan Andreas.

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Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan to jointly develop cybersecurity 05/10/2023

Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan have signed a memorandum of understanding in the field of cybersecurity. The two countries will collaborate to combat and mitigate the impact of cyberattacks. This memorandum was announced by representatives from the Uzbekistan

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Cybersecurity Center, Kursiv reports.

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Ashgabat and Dushanbe discuss the establishment of air communication 05/10/2023

The establishment of air communication between Ashgabat and Dushanbe, as well as other opportunities for bilateral cooperation in the transport and communication sphere were discussed by Mammetkhan Chakyyev, Director General of for Transport and Communications Agency under the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan, and Niyatbekzoda Vafo, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan to Turkmenistan. This is stated in the message of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, published on Thursday, October 5.

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The leaders of Uzbekistan, Russia and Kazakhstan launched supplies of Russian gas to Uzbekistan through Kazakhstan 07/10/2023

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – Today, a solemn ceremony was held dedicated to the start of supplies of Russian natural gas to consumers of the Republic of Uzbekistan through the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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