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Climate Change and Environment

Turkmenistan and IUCN will expand cooperation in the field of nature conservation 01/01/2024

The Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on November 11, 2023, agreeing to expand cooperation in the field of sustainable management of natural resources, protection of biodiversity and other related issues.

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Kazakhstan heads Fund for Saving Aral Sea 05/01/2024

As of January 1, 2024, Kazakhstan assumes the chairmanship of the International Fund for the Saving of the Aral Sea. The country is committed to deep partnerships with Central Asian states, as well as with other international organizations and financial institutions, to address issues related to the relic water reservoir, stated Nurzhan Nurgigitov, the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of Kazakhstan, as reported by TNW.com.

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During a meeting on November 20, 2023, with the Ambassador of Switzerland to Kazakhstan, Salman Balom, and representatives of the Blue Peace Central Asia (BPCA) program, Nurgigitov emphasized Kazakhstan's commitment to implementing initiatives outlined by the President of Kazakhstan. This includes the establishment of an international water-energy consortium in the region, taking into account the interests of all Central Asian countries.

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The UN General Assembly resolution "Central Asia in the face of environmental challenges" was discussed in Geneva 05/01/2024

A round table dedicated to the UN General Assembly resolution "Central Asia in the face of environmental challenges: strengthening regional solidarity for sustainable development and prosperity," adopted on the initiative of Uzbekistan was held in Geneva.

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Turkmenistan and China join forces against desertification 08/01/2024

Scientists from China visited Turkmenistan and, during an informative trip to the village of Bokurdak, exchanged views with scientists from the National Institute of Deserts, Flora, and Fauna of Turkmenistan, Turkmenportal.tm reports.

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Water resources

Uzbek officials consider measures for improving water use efficiency 04/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 4 January, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev got acquainted with the presentation of proposals to improve water use efficiency in agriculture.

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Loans to be allocated for the implementation of projects to introduce water-saving irrigation technologies 08/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Presidential Resolution "On measures to improve the water resources management system and increase the efficiency of their use

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at the grassroots" was adopted.

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Energy sector

Uzbekistan plans to increase the total capacity of solar power plants to 2.6 gigawatts, wind power plants to 900 megawatts in 2024 02/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – On 2 January, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev got acquainted with a presentation on the work carried out in 2023 and measures planned for 2024 to implement investment policy and increase the share of renewable sources in the energy sector.

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Six power plants launched in Uzbekistan at once 04/01/2024

Five solar and one wind power station in six regions of Uzbekistan have been commissioned and connected to the grid. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, who participated in the ceremonial event, emphasized that favorable conditions have been created in recent years for the development of activities in the private sector and leading foreign companies in the industry. Projects to expand Uzbekistan's renewable energy capacity are successfully carried out with their participation.

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Turkmenistan Energy Investment Forum in Paris invites experts and market players 06/01/2024

Registration for the Energy Investment Forum of Turkmenistan/TEIF 2024, which will be held on April 24-25 in Paris, has been opened. New investment projects in the energy sector of Turkmenistan will be presented during the international roadshow.

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The renewable energy industry is actively developing in Turkmenistan 08/01/2024

Taking into account the need to intensify the transition to the use of renewable energy sources, Turkmenistan pays special attention to this area of the electricity industry.

Currently, a solar and wind power plant with a capacity of 10 megawatts is being built in

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the Gyzylarbat etrap of the Balkan region, the Balkan newspaper reports. Its construction is carried out within the framework of the implementation of the "Concept for the development of the regions of the Turkmen Lake "Altyn Asyr" in 2019-2025."

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Ashgabat and Kabul signed an agreement for the supply of Turkmen electricity in 2024 01/01/2024

Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS) Chief Executive Officer Breshna Sherkat Alhaj Mullah Muhammad Hanif Hamza and his accompanying delegation met with Energy Minister Annageldi Saparov and the management of Turkmenenergo during a two-day visit to Turkmenistan. During the visit, an energy supply agreement for 2024 was signed.

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Uzbek companies to be able to transport goods across Afghanistan 02/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Afghanistan will lift the restrictions imposed on national carriers from Uzbekistan in international cargo transportation through its territory.

According to information from the Ministry of Transport, important agreements were reached after a meeting between the Minister of Transport of Uzbekistan Ilkhom Makhkamov and representatives of the delegation headed by the acting. Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation Khamidullo Okhunzoda.

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Tajikistan increases its supply of military equipment to protect border with Afghanistan 03/01/2024

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan has added Toyota Hilux vehicles equipped with detectors for detecting nuclear and radioactive materials to its arsenal.

This information is stated in a statement by the Agency of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Safety of the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan, Sputnik reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Uzbekistan declared 2024 Year of Youth Support 06/01/2024

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev has declared 2024 as the Year of Youth Support. With this announcement, he signifies Uzbekistan's commitment to strengthening the role of youth in the country's socio-economic development, Uzbekistani media reports.

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Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan discuss issues of implementation of investment agreements and trade contracts 06/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 5 January, a meeting between the Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of Uzbekistan Laziz Kudratov and the Minister of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan Arman Shakkaliev was held in Tashkent.

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Tajikistan makes efforts to become transport hub in Central Asia 08/01/2024

In Tajikistan, in 2024, the implementation of projects for the reconstruction of highways, construction of bridges, and avalanche corridors will continue.

This was announced by the Ministry of Transport of Tajikistan, adding that the goal of these projects is to turn Tajikistan into a transit country, Sputnik reports.

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A meeting was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic 08/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 8 January 2024, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Rakhmatulla Nurimbetov held a meeting with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic Musa Djamanbaev.

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