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Climate Change and Environment

Persons with disabilities are more vulnerable to the consequences of climate change in Uzbekistan, says a World Bank study 08/01/2024

During natural disasters, persons with disabilities are most at risk because emergency alerts and evacuation routes may not be accessible to them. The World Bank conducted a study in Uzbekistan on this topic and shared recommendations on the needs of people with disabilities.

Read more: [here](#)

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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The national positions declared by the President of Turkmenistan at COP28 were published as a document of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly 09/01/2024

The national position statement on climate change and environmental security, made by the President of Turkmenistan during the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) in Dubai on December 1-2, 2023, was published and distributed in the six official languages of the UN as an official document of the 78th session of the General Assembly. About this reports MFA of Turkmenistan.

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Chinese company to build large waste incineration plant in Bishkek 10/01/2024

Bishkek, Jan. 10, 2024. /Kabar/. The Chinese company Junxin Environment Protection

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will build a large waste incineration plant in Bishkek, the capital's mayor's office reported.

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Prospects for cooperation in the field of ecology, construction of energy-efficient buildings and waste recycling projects were discussed 10/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A meeting was held at the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change with the participation of Deputy Minister Jusipbek Kazbekov and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of China and Uzbekistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan establishes environmental cooperation with China 11/01/2024

At the Ministry of Ecology, Environment Protection, and Climate Change of Uzbekistan, Deputy Minister Zhusipbek Kazbekov, along with representatives from the Trade and Industry Chambers of China and Uzbekistan, held negotiations, Daryo.uz reports.

Read more: [here](#)

The procedure for maintaining the state cadastre of hunting resources in Turkmenistan was approved 11/01/2024

The Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan approved the procedure for maintaining the state cadastre of hunting resources. The order was published on the official website of the Ministry of Justice of Turkmenistan.

The procedure for maintaining the state cadastre of hunting resources determines the procedure for collecting, summarizing, using and systematizing information about hunting resources in the territory of Turkmenistan.

Read more: [here](#)

A textbook "Environmental Safety" has been prepared in Turkmenistan 11/01/2024

The team of the Innovative Scientific and Educational Center of the Yagshygeldi Kakayev International University of Oil and Gas prepared the textbook "Environmental Safety", the "Neutral Turkmenistan" newspaper informs.

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The textbook was prepared in order to familiarize with the concepts of pollutants and the possibility of processing emissions from anthropogenic activities and their safe disposal. The book provides instructions for developing design solutions related to the modernization of technological equipment.

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WHAT DID KAZAKHSTAN AND UZBEKISTAN DISCUSS AT THE 6TH MEETING OF THE KAZAKHSTAN-UZBEKISTAN JOINT WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY ISSUES IN THE SYRDARYA RIVER BASIN? 11/01/2024

During the 6th meeting of the Kazakhstan-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group (Commission) on environmental protection and water quality issues in the Syrdarya River Basin, information on the implementation of the Commission's Work Plan for 2023 was reviewed and discussed. The meeting was held with the support of the Blue Peace Central Asia project in December 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan.

One of the key points of discussion was the continuation of the agreed water quality monitoring on the Syrdarya River. Representatives of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan expressed satisfaction with the full implementation of water sampling at the approved sites, as well as analysis of physical and chemical indicators of water quality.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmen-Russian relations are expanding in the field of geodesy and cartography 12/01/2024

Representatives of the Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography and the Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography of Russia visited Turkmenistan in order to establish scientific and practical partnership in the field of geodesy, cartography and land cadastre, Turkmenportal [reports](#), referring to the Neutral Turkmenistan newspaper.

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Ministry of Environment proposes to introduce several measures to solve air problems 12/01/2024

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan commented on air pollution in Tashkent.

Today, the increasing level of air pollution in large cities, including Tashkent, is associated with an increase in emissions from electrical and thermal energy sources and from vehicles, which requires the development of measures to diversify them.

Read more: [here](#)

Flash mob for clean air by activists: “We need long-term solutions, not one-off measures” 14/01/2024

Activists, bloggers and artists held a flash mob #TozaHavoKerak in the Tashkent city center to draw attention to environmental problems, emphasizing poor air quality. They expect the authorities to take long-term and comprehensive solutions rather than one-off measures, they said. Photos included.

Read more: [here](#)

Agriculture and services have become the main drivers of Uzbekistan’s business climate in 2023 15/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The business climate has become more moderate, Uzbek enterprises have improved their estimates, expecting a positive trend in economic development over the next months. During the year, the highest level of the current state of business among the industries was noted in agriculture – 52% in February and June, and the lowest in construction – 27% in February.

Read more: [here](#)

Water resources

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 at the grassroots” was adopted.

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DUSHANBE WATER PROCESS. Five Interactive Dialogues Will Be Held

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as part of the Third Dushanbe Water Conference 11/01/2024

DUSHANBE, 11.01.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – The project of the program of the Third Dushanbe Water Conference on the International Decade for Action «Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028,» which will be held in June 2024 in Dushanbe, was developed following the program of the UN Water Conference held in New York in March 2023.

Read more: [here](#)

In 2024, Karakalpakstan plans to attract investments worth \$2.1 billion 11/01/2024

Investments worth \$2.1 billion are planned to be attracted to Karakalpakstan in 2024. Water conservation technologies will be introduced in six thousand hectares of land. 220 billion soums will be streamlined to citizens' initiatives.

Read more: [here](#)

Methods of effective water resources management were discussed with World Bank specialists 12/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A meeting was held between Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan Adiz Boboev and World Bank (WB) representatives.

The meeting was also attended by the head of the World Bank's water resources management projects Azad Abdulhamid, Senior Economist of the World Bank Eskender Trushin, Deputy Director of the Department of Formation and Analysis of the program for the development of Socio-industrial Infrastructure Jamol Tukhtaev, head of the division of cooperation with the World Bank Group Behzod Hamroev.

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Energy sector

Uzbekistan increases efficient use of renewable energy in Samarkand 11/01/2024

The transition to green economy in Uzbekistan implies bringing the capacity of photovoltaic power plants to 2.6 GW and wind power plants to 900 MW in 2024, [Trend](#) reports.

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One of the largest projects is being implemented in Samarkand region. At the moment, the first phase of the project with a capacity of 20 MW has been launched.

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Chinese company creates nuclear battery that can operate for 50 years without recharging 12/01/2024

China has invented a nuclear battery that can operate without recharging for 50 years. The development was announced by the Chinese startup Betavolt Technology on its official website.

The company's specialists have developed an atomic battery smaller than a coin, but capable of operating for about half a century without recharging or maintenance. It can be used in mobile phones, drones, pacemakers and any other devices that require power.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan plans to boost capacity of green energy facilities in 2024 12/01/2024

Uzbekistan plans to increase the total capacity of solar power plants to 2.6 GW, wind power plants to 900 MW, and to create energy storage with a capacity of 400 MW in 2024, [Trend](#) reports.

This was revealed in an annual report, discussed at a recent government meeting. The report also included measures planned for 2024 to increase the share of renewable sources in the energy sector.

Read more: [here](#)

When importing renewable energy sources, deferment of customs duties is allowed 12/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The Government Resolution "On regulation and development of the organization of energy supply based on renewable energy sources" was adopted.

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Japan becomes participant in alternative energy market in Central Asia 15/01/2024

The Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry of Japan has signed memorandums of

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cooperation on decarbonization with the governments of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, Orient.tm reports.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Turkmenistan and Afghanistan to begin implementation of joint railway project 10/01/2024

An agreement has been reached on providing land to Turkmenistan for the expansion of a joint railway during negotiations between the Head of the Afghanistan Railway Department (ARA) and the Ambassador of Turkmenistan in Kabul, Orient.tm reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan and Uzbekistan increased trade 6 times 11/01/2024

The volume of trade between Afghanistan and Uzbekistan significantly increased in 2023, reaching a sixfold growth compared to the previous year. This information was presented by the Afghan Ministry of Industry and Trade, Tolonews reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan increases trade with Turkmenistan 15/01/2024

The trade turnover between Afghanistan and Turkmenistan reached \$481 million in 2023, the TOLONews network reported. This information was provided by a representative of the Afghan Ministry of Commerce and Industry while commenting on the meeting between the acting Minister of Trade and Industry of Afghanistan and the Ambassador of Turkmenistan in Kabul.

Read more: [here](#)

Realpolitik in action: Kazakhstan to cooperate with Afghanistan – New episode of New Time TV Show is available now 15/01/2024

Kazakhstan has removed the Taliban from its register of prohibited terrorist organizations. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan noted that the decision was made in strict accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations. Experts of the New Time's special "[Explainer](#)" section are convinced that the current decision is a pragmatic approach commonly known as a 'realpolitik'. Kazakhstan's national interests dictate it to establish relations with Afghanistan, considering the political reality in which the Taliban is the sole representative of the country.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Uzbekistan wants to remove all barriers to trade with Kazakhstan 08/01/2024

Uzbekistan wants to expand the trade with the neighbors and especially with Kazakhstan. Tashkent aims to reach the volume of trade with Kazakhstan up to \$10 bln.

Read more: [here](#)

What might await Central Asia in 2024? 09/01/2024

Radio Liberty asked some of its most perceptive journalists and analysts to anticipate tomorrow, to unravel the future, to forecast what the new year could have in store for its vast broadcast region.

Read more: [here](#)

A meeting was held at the MFA of Turkmenistan with the Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan 09/01/2024

On January 9, 2024, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Ahmet Kurbanov met with the Ambassador of Kazakhstan Askar Tajibaev. About this reports MFA of Turkmenistan.

During the meeting, the parties discussed the prospects for strengthening relations between Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan on a wide range of bilateral cooperation.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmenistan and Tajikistan discussed the bilateral cooperation 10/01/2024

On January 9, 2024, a meeting was held between the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Ahmed Kurbanov and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tajikistan Vafo Niyatbekzoda, the press-service of the MFA of Turkmenistan reports.

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Working Groups of the Tajik and Kyrgyz Governmental Delegations Meet in Batken 15/01/2024

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DUSHANBE, 15.01.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – In accordance with the agreement reached, from January 10 through January 15, the Kyrgyz city of Batken hosted a regular meeting of topographic working groups and working groups on legal issues of the Tajik and Kyrgyz governmental delegations on the border delimitation and demarcation.

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