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Climate Change and Environment

Uzbekistan, China effectively cooperate in environmental protection and climate change 22/01/2024

Today, environmental problems are on the agenda not only of one country, but also of the whole world. As in many other areas, Uzbekistan effectively cooperates with China in ecology, environmental protection, and climate change, UzA reports.

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Ministry of Ecology: 160 enterprises in three districts of Tashkent need to install dust filters 23/01/2024

The Ministry of Ecology sent a warning about the installation of dust and gas cleaning equipment at 160 enterprises of environmental impact categories I and II located in the Chilanzar, Sergeli and Yangikhayot districts.

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Uzbekistan, Sweden discuss issues of cooperation in field of environmental protection 23/01/2024

Ambassador of Uzbekistan Nodir Ganiyev met with the head of the international business department of the Swedish Institute of Environmental Research, Gina Hedbring, and the project manager of this organization, Simone Andersson.

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Youth is the driving force in the fight against climate change 25/01/2024

January 25 this year at the Institute of International Relations Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan held a “Round table”, designated as “Road Map of Youth Initiatives in the fight against climate change in Turkmenistan - youth for climate action."

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The IIR of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan will host competitions on the topic of ecology among university students 26/01/2024

At the Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Turkmenistan has announced competitions on the topic of ecology among university students. Competitions are held with the aim of expanding understanding of the role and significance of 28-th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Change climate (COP-28) among young people. In addition, among the main goals - attracting the attention of young people to issues of global cooperation in areas of ecology, environmental protection, stimulation of activity and participation of youth in solving universal problems associated with change climate, its influence on socio-economic development, environmental sustainability and biodiversity.

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RAMSAR REGIONAL INITIATIVES ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING: CENTRAL ASIA PRESENTED ITS RESULTS 26/01/2024

On January 25, 2024, the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands held the Annual Planning Meeting of Ramsar Regional Initiatives (RRI), where RRIs members presented their achievements and exchanged ideas on future activities.

The meeting was attended by 40 representatives of 21 RRIs around the world. The discussion was based on a theme of "Capacity Building" and strategies on how RRIs and the Secretariat can support each other.

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OUTCOMES OF UNFCCC COP28 FOR KAZAKHSTAN. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CARBON NEUTRALITY 26/01/2029

The need for further integration and unification of the Central Asian region, stated the Director of the Country Office of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia in the Republic of Kazakhstan **Nuray Satimov** at the round table "Results of COP28 and recommendations for achieving carbon neutrality in the Republic of Kazakhstan".

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Emomali Rahmon reiterates the necessity of making two-year food stocks; this time due to climate change 29/01/2024

President Emomali Rahmon once again calls on Tajikistanis to make two-year food stocks; this time due to climate change and deterioration of the socioeconomic situation in the world.

"In recent years, I have always emphasized that every family in the country must have a supply of necessary food products for up to two years," Rahmon noted in his congratulatory message on the occasion of the Sada festival on January 28.

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Uzbekistan to introduce an environmental rating for each region 29/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- From 1 April, an environmental rating will be introduced for each region, assessing the level of air, water and environmental pollution. This became known after a video conference meeting led by the President.

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Water resources

Kazakh President surveys water supply facilities construction progress in Almaty 25/01/2024

The Head of State surveyed the progress of construction of two safe drinking water reservoirs Balkhash and a pump station, Kazinform News Agency learnt from the Akorda press service.

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Feature of Uzbekistan's policy in field of water use - consolidation and experience 26/01/2024

The emergence of new challenges and threats resulting from global climate change, deteriorating water-ecological conditions, and a growing deficit of water resources raises concerns in all Central Asian countries. In these circumstances, optimism is instilled by the clear understanding among regional countries that there is a need to unite efforts in developing and implementing joint coordinated actions to protect the environment, as

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stated by Nozim Khasanov, the head of the International Institute of Central Asia in Tashkent. This information is reported in an article on Avesta.

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Turkmenistan concerned about creating additional water reserves 28/01/2024

In Turkmenistan, at the latest meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers, Deputy Prime Minister Tangryguly Atakhalliyev informed about the ongoing efforts in the country to improve conditions and mechanisms for the rational use of water resources, efficient irrigation of agricultural lands, improvement of land reclamation, and the creation of additional water reserves.

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High-quality drinking water - for public health 29/01/2024

Habitually opening the water tap at home, receiving this needed resource for everyday life, few people think about how much human labor, the work of complex multi-stage mechanisms, engineering and technical devices, energy resources are necessary for the operation of technological equipment and processes to ensure clean and safe drinking water in our homes. One can get an idea of this at the largest plant of the country for the production of high-quality fresh water, located in the Ak Bugday etrap of Ahal velayat. The tour was conducted by Serdar Gurbanov, representative of the "Aşgabatagyzsuw" Production Association of the Ashgabat city Khakimlik.

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Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan agree not to politicize water, transport and logistics issues 29/01/2024

The heads of the foreign ministries of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan agreed not to politicize water, transport and logistics issues, Kazakh Foreign Minister Murat Nurtleu said following his talks with his Kyrgyz counterpart in Bishkek, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

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EU and AFD support Uzbekistan in developing drinking water infrastructures and fostering climate-smart and inclusive investments in the livestock sector 29/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The European Union in Uzbekistan (EU) and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Uzbekistan have signed two Contribution

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Agreements for implementation of Drinking Water Programme and Sustainable Livestock financing in Uzbekistan.

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Uzbekistan joins the UN and WHO protocol on water and health 29/01/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Uzbekistan has become the 29th country in the world and the first in Central Asia to join the UN and WHO protocol on water and health.

According to Dunyo news agency, joining the protocol will help protect the population of Uzbekistan from water-related diseases and provide support in the field of water supply, sanitation, hygiene and healthcare.

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Uzbekistan to pay Kyrgyzstan $280,000 dollars for water 29/01/2024

In 2023, Uzbekistan paid $240,000 to Kyrgyzstan for water. It was reported that it will pay $280,000 this year.

Almazbek Sokeyev, director of the Kyrgyz Water Resources Service, told about what the country receives in exchange for supplying water to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

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Energy sector

Uzbekistan increased electricity and gasoline production, but reducing gas production 23/01/2024

Gas production in Uzbekisan in 2023 dropped to 46.7 billion cubic meters, decreasing by 9.6% or 4.97 billion cubic meters compared to the same period the previous year, according to the report from the Statistical Agency on Industrial Production, Gazeta.uz reports.

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Tajikistan increased electricity supplies abroad by 3.8 times 25/01/2024

In December 2023, Tajikistan exported electricity amounting to more than $7.2 million, which is 3.8 times higher compared to the previous month, according to the report from

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the Statistical Agency of Tajikistan, Asia Plus reports.

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The European Union, Germany, and the German Development Bank will continue to support the construction of the Sebzor Hydroelectric Power Plant (HPP) in Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO), Tajikistan 25/01/2024

Representatives of the European Union, the German Embassy, and the German Development Bank have confirmed their commitment to financial support for the implementation of the Sebzor HPP construction project, as reported by the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan.

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Kyrgyzstan supplied almost 8 times more electricity to Kazakhstan 29/01/2024

In 2023, Kyrgyzstan increased its electricity export to Kazakhstan almost eightfold, which is used to meet the domestic demand of Kazakhstan rather than for re-export, Kazakh media reports.

According to the National Statistics Bureau of Kazakhstan, from January to November 2023, Kazakhstan produced 102.4 billion kWh of electricity, while importing 17.8 billion kWh.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Kyrgyzstan delivered more than 100 tons of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 22/01/2024

Kyrgyzstan has delivered humanitarian aid weighing 111 tons to Afghanistan, consisting of food and essential items, the Kyrgyz Ministry of Emergency Situation announced.

The shipment, transported by 11 trucks, included 75 tons of flour, 20 tons of sugar, 5 tons of sunflower oil, 500 beds, an equal number of warm blankets and mattresses, as well as winter clothing worth 1 million soms, along with hygiene products.

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Kyrgyzstan expands economic ties with Afghanistan 25/01/2024

In the capital of Afghanistan, Kabul, a meeting took place between the Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic, Daniyar Amangel'diyev, and the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, Amir Khan Muttaki. During the meeting, the prospects for the development of trade and economic relations between the two countries were discussed, the press service of the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan reports.

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Kyrgyz minister and acting Deputy PM of Afghanistan discuss situation of Kyrgyz of Afghan Pamirs 26/01/2024

Bishkek, Jan. 26, 2024 /Kabar/. Minister of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan Daniar Amangeldiev met on Thursday in Kabul with acting Deputy Prime Minister for Administrative Affairs of Afghanistan Abdul Salam Hanafi.

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Still, it's interesting - who is behind Taliban's bold project? 26/01/2024

The current authorities in Afghanistan - the Taliban - began the construction of the irrigation canal "Kosh-Tepe" in March 2022.

The stated goal is to irrigate lands in the provinces of Balkh, Jowzjan, and Faryab, creating job opportunities for 250,000 people.

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Representatives of business communities of Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan meet in Kabul 27/01/2024

Bishkek, Jan. 27, 2024. /Kabar/. A business meeting between the business communities of Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan took place at the site of the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment, the press service of the Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic reported.

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Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan agreed on cooperation in agriculture 27/01/2024

Bishkek, Jan. 27, 2024. /Kabar/. Deputy Minister of Water Resources, Agriculture and

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Processing Industry Mail Aliyaskarov visited Afghanistan to strengthen trade and economic cooperation.

During the visit, the deputy minister met with senior representatives of the Afghan government. Bilateral negotiations were held with First Deputy Prime Minister of Afghanistan Abdul Ghani Baradar and acting Afghan Minister of Trade and Industry Nuruddin Azizi.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakhstan presents expert programs for specialists from Central Asian countries 24/01/2024

Information about the projects of the Kazakh Agency for International Development (KazAID) in 2024 was presented to diplomats from Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan in Astana, Orient.tm reports.

During the project presentation, special attention was given to the "Dostyq" program for public servants from Central Asian countries, focusing on effective public administration and e-government. The program's implementation is planned from April 1 to April 5, 2024, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore.

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President Emomali Rahmon Receives Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu 25/01/2024

DUSHANBE, 25.01.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – On January 25, the Founder of Peace and National Unity — Leader of the Nation, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, received the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Murat Nurtleu, who arrived on an official visit to Tajikistan.

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President of Kazakhstan to visit Tajikistan 26/01/2024

The roadmap for preparing President of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev's state visit to Tajikistan in 2024 has been finalized, Trend reports.

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Kazakhstan and Tajikistan to establish cooperation in banking sphere 27/01/2024

Deputy Prime Minister – Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu met with Orienbonk CEO Hasan Asadullozoda, Kazinform News Agency reports.

During the meeting, the parties debated cooperation in interbank accounts relations, exploring the experience of Kazakhstan in banking operations digitalizations, etc. They agreed to support joint agricultural projects and other promising projects.

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Trade turnover between Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan by end of 2023 increases by 14.6% 29/01/2024

Bishkek, Jan. 29, 2024. /Kabar/. Trade turnover between Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan by the end of 2023 increased by 14.6% and amounted to 1 billion 232 million US dollars, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Jeenbek Kulubaev told following a meeting with his Kazakh counterpart Murat Nurtleu, who is on a visit to Bishkek.

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Kyrgyz President to visit Kazakhstan 29/01/2024

Bishkek, Jan. 29, 2024 /Kabar/. President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov will visit Kazakhstan for an official visit in 2024, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Jeenbek Kulubaev told following a meeting with his Kazakh counterpart Murat Nurtleu, who is visiting Bishkek.

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Kyrgyz and Kazakh FMs sign cooperation program for 2024-2026 29/01/2026

Bishkek, Jan. 29, 2024 /Kabar/. A cooperation program between the foreign ministries for 2024-2026 was signed as a result of negotiations between Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan Jeenbek Kulubaev and Kazakhstan Murat Nurtleu.

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