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Climate Change and Environment

The 6th session of the UN Environment Assembly begins in Nairobi 26/02/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- A delegation of Uzbekistan led by the Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change Aziz Abdukhakimov participated in the opening ceremony of the 6th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), which takes place from 26 February to 1 March in Nairobi (Kenya).

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Kyrgyzstan creates artificial glaciers to combat climate change consequences 27/02/2024

Over the past 30-40 years, the world, particularly, Kyrgyzstan, has faced the increase in temperature. It leads to increased evaporation, and hence to soil drought. *CABAR.asia* reports that the problem of water regulation at distant pastures and farming lands can be solved by artificial glaciers.

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The rights and responsibilities of public environmental supervision were approved 28/02/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Until 1 June 2024, the Ministry of Ecology will conduct special training in the form of self-study for candidates for public environmental supervision. This is envisaged by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers dated February 24 of this year "On approval of the regulations on the public environmental inspector."

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Kazakhstani economy should prepare for climate change, Vice Minister 29/02/2024

Kazakhstani economy should prepare for climate change, First Vice Minister of Water Resources of Kazakhstan Bolat Bekniyaz said.

Two years ago, Kazakhstani climatologists explored the drained bottom of the Aral Sea. According to their projections, air temperature will rise by 1.7 degrees Celsius by 2030, and

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by 2.5 degrees by 2050 which is higher than the average global temperatures. That's why she should get ready and adapt our economy to climate change, he told a briefing.

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2024 Has Been Declared the Year of Environmental Education in Dushanbe 01/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 01.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – Based on the Decree of the Chairman of Dushanbe Rustam Emomali, 2024 has been declared the Year of Environmental Education in Dushanbe.

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Tajikistan and Germany Will Develop Cooperation in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction 01/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 01.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – Issues of cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction, training and retraining of specialists were discussed on February 27 by the Chairman of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense Rustam Nazarzoda and the Ambassador of Germany to Tajikistan Yorck Schuegraf.

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OSCE SG meets Central Asian officials to discuss climate change implications for security and stability in the region 04/03/2024

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) says OSCE Secretary General Helga Maria Schmid is visiting Turkmenistan from March 4-6 for meetings with the Ministers for Environmental Protection from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and with the Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan.

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SECOND TRAINING OF THE NATIONAL CLIMATE NETWORK OF UZBEKISTAN 04/03/2024

The second training of the National Climate Network of Uzbekistan took place at the office of the branch of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) in Uzbekistan.

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Water resources

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Kazakhstan joins Int'l Convention on regulation of transboundary river water use 29/02/2024

Kazakhstan seeks to address transboundary river water sharing within the Convention on the Law of Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses adopted by the country's Senate, Kazinform News Agency cites the ministry of water resources and irrigation.

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BRIDGE HUB: In Uzbekistan, a reduction in current water consumption of up to 15 percent can be achieved 29/02/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – "Bridge hub" is a large company of Germany. Today in the capital, representatives of the company organized a seminar in the format of a presentation. Representatives of various industries of our country and Central Asia, JSC "Uzsuvtaminot" took part in it.

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Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan reached an agreement on the distribution of water from the Syrdarya 29/02/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan reached an agreement on the distribution of water from the Syrdarya River. This was announced by the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of Kazakhstan Nurzhan Nurzhigitov during a meeting with farmers.

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New Deputy Ministers of Water Resources appointed 29/02/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- New deputy ministers of water resources have been appointed in Uzbekistan.

Timur Butunbaev, who previously held senior positions in the Presidential Administration, became the first deputy minister of water resources of Uzbekistan.

Khabibulla Kuvondikov, the previous director of UET Construction, has been appointed Deputy Minister of Water Resources of Uzbekistan.

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New Water Code of Kazakhstan: tariff adjustments, water conservation, modern personnel 29/02/2024

The new draft Water Code of Kazakhstan was submitted to the lower chamber of the Kazakh Parliament, Majilis. More about the main peculiarities of the new Water Code elaborated by the Water Resources and Irrigation Ministry in the review of Kazinform News Agency correspondent.

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Water supplies in Central Asia are not endless 29/02/2024

Central Asia annually uses over 60 billion cubic meters of water for irrigation from the basins of the Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers. This is six times more than the designed capacity of the Nurek Reservoir.

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How Central Asia's countries shared water resources? 29/02/2024

The five main river basins in Central Asia are formed by the Amu Darya, Syr Darya, Balkhash-Alakol, Ob-Irtysh, and Ural rivers.

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Turkmenistan is committed to the water dialogue in the spirit of good neighborliness and the norms of international law 04/03/2024

Turkmenistan is active in its initiatives on the systematic use of water resources, taking into account the interests of all States in the region and the comprehensive solution of water and economic problems based on the principles of equality and mutual consent. "Our country stands for water cooperation with neighboring countries to be carried out in accordance with international law, in the spirit of traditional good-neighborliness and brotherhood," Kerim Saparov, Head of the Department of Agrarian Reforms of the Ministry of Agriculture of Turkmenistan, said at the Turkmen-Afghan Economic Forum in Ashgabat.

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Energy sector

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Uzbekistan implements green energy projects worth $13 bln 28/02/2024

In the regions of Uzbekistan, projects for the construction of modern solar, wind, and hydropower plants worth $13 billion are being implemented, Podrobno.uz reports.

During a meeting on priority issues related to increasing the use of renewable energy sources in 2024, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted that Uzbekistan has sufficient potential in solar and wind energy to generate 10-12 times more electricity than the current demand.

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Uzbekistan discuss construction of small nuclear power plants with Rosatom 29/02/2024

Uzbekistan and the State Corporation "Rosatom" are in discussions regarding the construction of small nuclear power plants (NPPs), as reported during the government hour in the State Duma of Russia by the General Director of Rosatom, Alexey Likhachev, Sputnik reports.

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Green energy is becoming one of the drivers of the country's economy, Uzbek Minister 29/02/2024

On February 28, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev chaired a meeting on priorities for increasing the use of renewable energy sources, UzA reports.

Analysis shows that the potential of solar and wind energy in Uzbekistan is 10-12 times higher than the current electricity demand. However, such significant opportunities have not been used for many years.

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Attracting Funds for the Construction of the Roghun HPP Discussed in Abu Dhabi 01/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 01.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – On February 28, on the sidelines of the 13th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Minister of Economic Development and Trade Zavki Zavkizoda met with the Director General of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi.

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French Voltalia began building solar power plant in Uzbekistan 01/03/2024

In the Khorezm region, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev participated in the ceremony marking the start of the construction of a 100 MW photovoltaic station by the French company Voltalia, Gazeta.uz reports.

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President of Turkmenistan instructed to increase electricity exports 02/03/2024

President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdymukhamedov emphasized the need to increase electricity exports and the capacity of the country's energy sector. This information was revealed after the latest meeting of the Turkmenistan government, the Turkmenistan State News Agency TDH reports.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Taliban asked Turkmenistan to increase electricity supplies and scholarships to Afghan students 27/02/2024

Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Afghan government formed by the Taliban movement, has requested the authorities of Turkmenistan to increase the supply of electricity to the Herat province. The request was made during a meeting with the head of the Turkmen Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rashid Meredov, on February 26, "Chronicle of Turkmenistan"reports, citing the press service of the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Turkmenistan and Taliban government to expand border railway station 28/02/2024

Ashgabat will sign a contract with the Taliban government in Afghanistan to expand the Turgundi railway border station. This was announced following the meeting between the Acting Foreign Minister of the Taliban, Amir Khan Muttaki, and the head of the Turkmen Agency for Transport and Communications, Mammetkhan Chakyev, Eurasiatoday reports.

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Member countries of CSTO to finalize project to strengthen Tajik-

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Afghan border 02/03/2024

There are all the possibilities to reach agreed decisions on the project of the Targeted Interstate Program of the CSTO to strengthen the Tajik-Afghan border, said Valery Semerikov, the Deputy Secretary-General of the CSTO, the CSTO press service reports.

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Afghan businesswomen take part in business events in Ashgabat 03/03/2024

Acting Minister of Industry and Trade of Afghanistan Nuruddin Azizi arrived in Turkmenistan at the head of a representative trade and economic delegation, which also included 15 women entrepreneurs, TOLO news reported.

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Turkmenistan expands electricity supply network to Afghanistan 04/03/2024

Turkmenistan is taking consistent steps to increase the volumes and diversify the routes of electricity supply to Afghanistan. Myrat Artykov, the head of the Ministry of Energy's International Projects Department for the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan direction, shared details about current and planned initiatives in this area at the Turkmen-Afghan Business Forum in Ashgabat, Orient reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakhstan ratified Treaty on Allied Relations with Uzbekistan 28/02/2024

The Mazhilis (lower house) of the Parliament of Kazakhstan has ratified the Treaty on Allied Relations with Uzbekistan, signed in Tashkent on December 22, 2022, Trend reports.

The document is ratified with the aim of elevating Kazakh-Uzbek relations to a new level of interaction and bilateral cooperation. It also aims to contribute to the further strengthening of the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and sustainable

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economic development of the two states.

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Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan discussed support measures for cargo transit and visa issues 29/02/2024

The Minister of Transport and Communications of Kyrgyzstan, Tilek Tekebayev, and the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Turkmenistan to Kyrgyzstan, Nury Golliev, discussed current issues of bilateral cooperation in the field of transport in Bishkek, the press service of the Ministry of Transport of Kyrgyzstan informed.

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Topographic and Working Groups of the Tajik and Kyrgyz Governmental Delegations Hold Meeting 03/03/2024

DUSHANBE, 03.03.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – From February 25 through March 3, 2024, the Kyrgyz Batken region hosted a regular meeting of topographical and working groups on legal issues of the governmental delegations of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic on delimitation and demarcation of the state border, reports the State Committee for National Security.

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