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Climate Change and Environment

Forest ecosystems in GBAO being restored 22/04/2024

CABAR.asia says forest lands In the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region, or GBAO, that previously were degraded are now being restored. The "bottom-up" approach that involves the active participation of local residents in decision-making on forest restoration and sustainable use reportedly played a key role in this process.

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It is intended to develop beekeeping in the Aral Sea region 22/04/2024

Karakalpakstan is planning to collect honey in the territories previously occupied by the Aral Sea, the information and analytical agency Vestnik Kavkaza reports.

Thus, Aral Sea honey can become a new beekeeping brand. To do this, specialists will grow the honey plant Tamarisk.

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Tajikistan and Italy sign several agreements on cooperation 23/04/2024

DUSHANBE, 23.04.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – After the completion of official meetings and negotiations between Tajikistan and Italy, a signing ceremony of new cooperation documents took place in the presence of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Honorable Emomali Rahmon, and the Prime Minister of the Italian Republic, Mrs. Giorgia Meloni.

In total, 7 new documents were signed following the summit meeting:

— *Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Sustainable Development between the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Environment and Energy*

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Security of the Italian Republic;

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'Staggering number' of workers exposed to climate change-related hazards: UN labor agency 23/04/2024

A "staggering number" of workers worldwide are exposed to climate change-related hazards in the workplace, and the numbers will likely worsen, a new International Labor Organization report said on Monday, Anadolu reports.

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Turkmenistan develops international cooperation to protect the marine environment 24/04/2024

The Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation to protect biodiversity and protect the environment and promote their conservation in the Caspian Sea with the Blue Marine Foundation (UK), an organization specializing in restoring ocean health and protecting marine life.

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Participants of the Insurance Market of Uzbekistan learn more about Climate and Disaster Risk Finance 24/04/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The United Nations Development Program (UNDP), with the National Agency for Perspective Projects of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Association of Professional Participants in the Insurance Market of Uzbekistan, conducted a training for insurance sector specialists on the topic “Climate and Disaster Risk Finance” with the involvement of an international expert.

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Experts share knowledge on adapting to climate change and building community resilience through nature-based solutions 24/04/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 18-19 April 2024 within the regional project "Climate Change and Resilience in Central Asia" funded by the European Union, another regional workshop on building resilience to climate change through nature-based solutions was held in Namangan.

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Uzbekistan, Russia sign a program of events on cooperation in the field of environmental protection 26/04/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- On 25 April, the 4th meeting of the Russian-Uzbek Working Group on the implementation of the Agreement between the Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation took place.

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Water resources

Kazakhstan and Germany discuss water management and agriculture issues 22/04/2024

During the meeting with diplomats and representatives from the EU countries on April 18 in Astana, Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov stressed the necessity of cooperation with EU nations, particularly in the realms of water management and agriculture. Approaches for technology and knowledge transfer were discussed, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

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Uzbekistan strengthens cooperation with Spain in improving drinking water supply systems 23/04/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- With the support of the Embassy of Uzbekistan, a delegation of Uzbekistan headed by the acting chairman of the board of Uzsuvtaminot JSC Dilshod Azimov visited Spain, Dunyo news agency reported.

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Director of the International Centre for Water Security & Sustainable Management Invited to the Third Dushanbe Water Conference 24/04/2024

DUSHANBE, 24.04.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – On April 22, the Ambassador of Tajikistan to the Republic of Korea Salohiddin Kirom met with the Director of International Centre for Water Security & Sustainable Management (iWSSM) under the auspices of UNESCO Bongwoo Shin.

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Water projects in Kazakhstan to be financed by Islamic Development Bank 29/04/2024

As a member of the Islamic Development Bank within 29 years, Kazakhstan will be allocated grants and financing for realization of water system projects, Kazinform News Agency reports with reference to the Government of Kazakhstan.

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Water continues to arrive along Ural River in Atyrau 29/04/2024

The water level of the Ural (Zhaiyk) River is sitting at 443cm in Atyrau city, the hydrological survey of the Kazhydromet National Met Office said, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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More than 32,000 people return to their homes, almost 13 mln cu.m. of melt water pumped out as Kazakhstan continues to battle floods 29/04/2024

According to the latest information by the Ministry of Emergency Situations, 38,254 people have returned to their homes throughout the republic. At the same time, 6,727 people continue to be in evacuation centers, ready for evacuation if necessary. Since the beginning of the floods, more than 12.9 million cubic meters of melt water have been pumped out. As part of the flood control, 7 million bags and 1.5 million tons of inert material were laid, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

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Energy sector

David Cameron: Britain Wants to Support Large Hydropower Projects for the Production of Green Energy in Tajikistan 23/04/2024

DUSHANBE, 23.04.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – Yesterday during the visit to Norak HPP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of Great Britain David Cameron noted that this is the first time the British Foreign Secretary has come to your country.

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President of Tajikistan held talks in Italy on HPP Rogun 24/04/2024

President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon in Rome met with the head of the WeBuild company Pietro Salini, with whom he discussed the progress of work on the construction of the Rogun hydroelectric power station, the press service of the President of Tajikistan reports.

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Kazakhstan seeks to develop hydrogen energy 24/04/2024

The country's energy ministry has presented the concept of the development of hydrogen energy until 2040, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

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Turkmenistan Advances TAPI Energy Project with Strong Commitment to International Law 24/04/2024

Turkmenistan is making significant progress on the TAPI natural gas pipeline, which aims to supply 33 billion cubic meters annually to South Asia. Speaking at the Turkmen Energy Investment Forum (TEIF 2024) currently being held in Paris, Muhammetmyrat Amanov of TAPI Pipeline Company Limited highlighted that the Turkmenistan section of the pipeline is complete and the ongoing discussions to advance the project beyond Turkmenistan are in strict alignment with international standards.

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The Days of Sustainable Energy of the EU and Turkmenistan will be held in Ashgabat and Turkmenbashi 24/04/2024

The European Union and Turkmenistan Sustainable Energy Days 2024 (SED) will be held in the cities of Ashgabat and Turkmenbashi from April 27 to May 3.

"SED events are aimed at raising awareness about energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and the relationship between energy and climate change," the EU delegation to Turkmenistan said in a statement.

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WB allocates $143 mln for Uzbekistan to implement Clean Energy for Buildings Project 24/04/2024

The Ministry of Energy and the World Bank jointly hosted an event in Tashkent to mark the official launch of the Clean Energy for Buildings Project.

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Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan sign MoU on cooperation in energy sphere 25/04/2024

Bishkek, April 25, 2024 / Kabar/. Ministries of Energy of Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the energy sector.

According to the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic, the document is aimed at developing bilateral cooperation in the energy industry in the following areas:

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IsDB approves US$150 million for Roghun hydropower plant project in Tajikistan 29/04/2024

A statement released by the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) on April 27 says the bank has approved approximately US$418 million to fund new development projects in member countries. The meeting was reportedly held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the first day of the 2024 IsDB Group Annual Meetings and the Golden Jubilee marking the 50th Anniversary of the Bank.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Kazakhstan to use Beineu terminal to boost grain and flour exports to Afghanistan 25/04/2024

Kazakhstan is looking at utilizing the capacity of the Beineu terminal to boost its grain and flour exports to Afghanistan, this was known during a meeting between Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Serik Zhumangarin and First Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of Afghanistan Abdul Ghani Baradar, Kazinform News Agency cites primeminister.kz.

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Uzbekistan to transfer humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 25/04/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) – On 25 April, a delegation from Uzbekistan went to Afghanistan to deliver humanitarian aid, the press service of the khokimiyat of Surkhandarya region reported.

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Kazakhstan to assist Afghanistan in developing digital government 26/04/2024

Kazakhstani digital solutions Data Lake, Smart Bridge and Gov.kz have been presented during the official visit of the Kazakh delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Serik Zhumangarin to Afghanistan, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

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Central Asian governments seek cooperation with Afghanistan in water management 26/04/2024

The construction of the Qosh Tepa Canal has reached its second phase in Afghanistan. Once completed, the canal will take up to 40% of the Amu Darya River's flow, resulting in a critical water deficit in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. In this article, Kazinform News Agency delves into the challenges that Central Asian countries face in water management strategy.

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Kazakhstan offers its cars for sale in Afghanistan 29/04/2024

The Kazakh-Afghan business forum was held in Kabul. It presented the products and services of 35 companies from Kazakhstan, such as Qarmet, the Doscar Group dealership center (Kia, Chevrolet brands), the Kentau Transformer Plant, the Kaspy Group of companies (manufacturing of metal structures, production agricultural machinery).

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Kazakhstan, Afghanistan plan to establish a technical committee for

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geological exploration 29/04/2024

Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Serik Zhumangarin and the Minister of Mines and Petroleum of Afghanistan, Shahabuddin Delawar, held a meeting where they discussed the prospects for cooperation in the field of geological exploration and mining. Representatives of domestic companies ERG Exploration and Kazakhmys Barlau also participated in the negotiations, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports, citing prime minister's press-service.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Presidents of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan confirmed their commitment to strengthening full-scale bilateral cooperation 24/04/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The key event of the past week in the foreign policy activities of the Republic of Uzbekistan was the state visit of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to the Republic of Tajikistan on 18-19 April 2024.

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Central Asian countries continue to come under pressure from external forces 26/04/2024

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) -- The states of Central Asia continue to be subject to pressure from external forces. This was stated by Secretary of the Security Council under the President of Uzbekistan Viktor Makhmudov at the XII international meeting of high-ranking representatives responsible for security issues.

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Batken Hosts a Meeting of Working Groups of the Tajik and Kyrgyz Government Delegations 27/04/2024

DUSHANBE, 27.04.2024 (NIAT Khovar) – In accordance with the agreement reached, from April 21 through April 27, the Kyrgyz city of Batken hosted a regular meeting of topographic working groups and working groups on legal issues of the Tajik and Kyrgyz

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Government Delegations on the Border Delimitation and Demarcation.

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