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Climate Change and Environment

EU offers Kyrgyzstan financing for environmentally friendly extraction of some minerals 16/07/2025

Bishkek, July 16, 2025. /Kabar/. Kyrgyzstan actively participates in international forums to attract investment in environmental projects, Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision Meder Mashiev told Kabar Agency.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and UAE Expand Cooperation in Meteorology and Environmental Protection 22/07/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 21 July, a high-level meeting was held in Tashkent between Uzbekistan's Agency for Hydrometeorology, led by Director Shavkat Khabibullaev, and a delegation from the United Arab Emirates headed by Dr. Abdulla Ahmed Al Mandous, Director of the UAE National Center of Meteorology and President of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Read more: [here](#)

Restoring Sustainable Landscapes. A Contract Signed between CAREC and the Forestry Agency under the Ministry of Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan 23/07/2025

Within the framework of the project "RESILAND CA+: Uzbekistan Resilient Landscape Restoration", the Forestry Agency under the Ministry of Ecology, environmental protection and climate change of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) signed a three-year contract to strengthen regional cooperation.

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Tajikistan faces soil degradation amid climate change: what needs to be

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done? 24/07/2025

Climate change is becoming a serious threat to agriculture in Tajikistan, exacerbating the process of soil degradation. According to experts, [nearly 70% of the country's arable land is at risk of destruction](#), and about 10% of the population lives in areas where soil quality is deteriorating. This problem is already significantly [affecting agricultural crops](#) such as cotton, with yields dropping due to the poor condition of the soil.

Read more: [here](#)

Climate Change Not a Threat to Tajikistan's Deep Groundwater Reserves 25/07/2025

Climate change does not pose a threat to Tajikistan's deep groundwater reserves, according to Ilkhom Oymukhammadzoda, head of the country's Main Geology Department. He made the statement during a press conference in Dushanbe, as reported by *Asia-Plus*.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan faces glacier avalanches and worsening air quality 25/07/2025

Tajikistan's Hydrometeorology Agency (Hydromet) has issued a warning about heightened risks of glacier avalanches and deteriorating air quality in several regions of the country from July 25 to 28.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmenistan at the Environmental Conference in Altai: From Oil and Gas Resources to "Green" Smart Cities 25.07.2025

Altai Republic, Russian Federation, July 25 | ORIENT. Turkmenistan took an active part in the International Environmental Conference, which was held on July 25 in the Altai Republic on the territory of the Manzherok resort. The forum, dedicated to environmental conservation and biodiversity, brought together representatives of eight partner countries, including the Russian Federation, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

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Water resources

PM Bektenov orders to ensure tough control over rational water use

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Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov has held a meeting of the Cabinet to discuss vegetation period and irrigation water supply in Kazakhstan's southern regions, in line with the President's directive to ensure sustainable development of agricultural sector, Kazinform News Agency learned from primeminister.kz.

Read more: [here](#)

Roundtable Held in Uzbekistan to Discuss Development of Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems 17/07/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 16 July 2025, a roundtable discussion titled “Innovative Approaches to the Development of Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems in Uzbekistan” was held in Tashkent.

Read more: [here](#)

Water Is Disappearing, Demand Is Growing: Central Asia Between Hydropower and "Peaceful Atom" 21/07/2025

BISHKEK – Central Asia is entering an era where the traditional reliance on hydropower no longer guarantees the future stability of its energy balance. At the roundtable discussion “**Water or Peaceful Atom? Prospects for Solving Energy Problems in Central Asia Amid Water Scarcity,**” organized by the Center for Strategic Initiatives “Oy Ordo” in Bishkek, representatives of government bodies, diplomats, and experts debated whether nuclear energy could become a solution in the face of melting glaciers and growing energy needs.

Read more: [here](#)

Installation of Smart Water Meters Begins in Tashkent 25/07/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — A large-scale installation of smart drinking water meters has begun in residential areas of Tashkent, according to the city's water supply company Toshkent shahar suv ta'minoti. The project is being implemented in partnership with Uzsuvtat'minot and French company Suez, as part of a presidential decree dated 18 November 2022.

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KazNU and UPV researchers publish new study on river morphodynamics in Kazakhstan 28/07/2025

We are pleased to announce the publication of a new scientific paper authored by [LESLIE](#) project researchers, entitled: “Forecasting Channel Morphodynamics in the Ulken Almaty River (Ile Alatau, Kazakhstan)”, published in Water (MDPI), Volume 17, Issue 13 (2025).

[Access the article here](#)

Read more: [here](#)

Energy sector

Uzbekistan and Hungary Sign Protocol on Nuclear Energy Cooperation 15.07.2025

Uzbekistan and Hungary have taken a significant step toward strengthening their strategic partnership in nuclear energy. During the official visit of a Hungarian delegation to Tashkent, Uzbekistan’s Uzatom Agency, the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Hungarian energy company MVM EGI Zrt. signed a protocol outlining key areas of cooperation on a nuclear power plant (NPP) project, the statement of Uzatom says.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan and Uzbekistan agree on energy Supplies from Rogun HPP 17/07/2025

The Government of Tajikistan has approved a draft agreement with Uzbekistan outlining the basic principles of cooperation in the electric power sector, according to information from Tajikistan’s Ministry of Justice, cited by *Avesta.tj*.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan to Increase Electricity Exports by 8.7% on Average Every Year 18/07/2025

Tajikistan plans to increase electricity exports by an average of 8.7% per year over the next three years, according to the government-approved forecast of key macroeconomic indicators for 2026–2028, reports *Asiaplus.tj*.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

President Tokayev receives Special Representative of Kazakhstan for Afghanistan 16/07/2025

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has received Special Representative of the Kazakh President for Afghanistan, Yerkin Tukumov. The Head of State pointed out his special role amid development of the bilateral contacts with the Afghan authorities, Kazinform News Agency reports citing the Akorda press service.

Read more: [here](#)

First Round of Political Consultations Between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan Held in Kabul 17/07/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Saidov held a meeting with Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan Agree to Step up Economic Cooperation 18/07/2025

Afghanistan reaffirmed its role as a strategic land bridge between Central and South Asia during a high-level trilateral meeting in Kabul on Thursday. The foreign ministers of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan gathered to discuss deeper economic cooperation, expanded regional trade, and enhanced transit connectivity, *Afintl.af* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan Launches Legal Framework for Overseas Employment 21/07/2025

The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of Afghanistan has officially launched a nationwide initiative for overseas employment registration. This marks an important milestone in the government's efforts to create legal and regulated job opportunities for Afghan citizens abroad, *Ariananews.af* reports.

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Trans-Afghan Railway: Uzbekistan's Second Strategic Project Enters Practical Stage 21/07/2025

The Trans-Afghan railway will be Uzbekistan's "second major strategic project" after the

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China–Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan line, Deputy Transport Minister Jasurbek Choriev said in an interview with “Uzbekistan 24,” *Gazeta.uz* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and the Taliban Discuss Security and Economic Cooperation in Afghanistan 22/07/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — On 22 July, a delegation from Uzbekistan led by Chairman of the State Security Service Bahodir Kurbanov visited Kabul for talks with acting Minister of National Defense of the Taliban government, Mohammad Yaqoob.

Read more: [here](#)

Taliban, Uzbekistan Officials Discuss Major Electricity Projects In Afghanistan 28/07/2025

A senior Taliban official met with Uzbekistan’s ambassador in Kabul to discuss large-scale electricity projects aimed at strengthening energy cooperation between the two countries, Afghanistan’s national power company said Sunday, *Afintl.af* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan’s Exports Reached \$1.7 Billion Last Year, Say Taliban Officials 29/07/2025

Afghanistan’s exports reached approximately \$1.7 billion in 2024, according to a report by the Taliban-controlled National Authority for Statistics and Information, *Afintl.af* reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan to Launch “Seamless Transit” Pilot Project by 2026 17/07/2025

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have agreed to implement a pilot project called “**Seamless Transit**” by the end of 2026, *Sputnik Uzbekistan* reports.

The decision was made during a meeting of the working group, according to Kazakhstan’s State Revenue Committee under the Ministry of Finance.

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Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan Sign 16 Agreements, Discuss Border Issue

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and CASA-1000 Project 17/07/2025

Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov arrived in Dushanbe at the invitation of Tajikistan's President Emomali Rahmon, *Sputnik Tajikistan* reports.

During the talks, the two leaders discussed finalizing border delimitation, boosting economic cooperation, and implementing the regional energy project CASA-1000.

Read more: [here](#)

Treaty between Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on junction of borders ratified 18/07/2025

Bishkek, July 18, 2025. /Kabar/. President Sadyr Zhaparov signed the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Ratification of the Treaty between Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on the Junction Point of the State Borders of the Three States, signed on March 31, 2025 in the city of Khujand".

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan Increases Investments in Kazakhstan 18/07/2025

Kyrgyzstan invested over \$20.2 million in the economies of EAEU member states in 2024, with almost the entire amount - \$19.9 million - directed to Kazakhstan, reports [Akchabar.kg](#).

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan seek new route to Persian Gulf 21/07/2025

The calm in the Strait of Hormuz no longer guarantees stability, and the escalating tensions in West Asia are increasingly felt across Central Asia. Traditional supply routes through the Persian Gulf have come under threat, directly affecting the export of grain, food products, and energy resources, the *Eurasiatoday.ru* article says.

Read more: [here](#)

Presidents of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan Hold Unplanned Working Meeting in Cholpon-Ata 29/07/2025

Tajik President Emomali Rahmon and Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov held an unplanned working meeting in the city of Cholpon-Ata, located in Kyrgyzstan's Issyk-Kul Region, to discuss the outcomes of recent reciprocal state visits and key aspects of bilateral

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