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Climate Change and Environment

Uzbekistan's President Calls for Expanding Fruit and Vegetable Exports Despite Climate Challenges 30/07/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev chaired a video conference focused on increasing the country's exports of fruits, vegetables, and other food products.

The Head of State noted that over the past three years, 250,000 hectares of cotton and grain fields have been converted to food production, 160,000 hectares of new orchards and vineyards have been established, 107,000 hectares of old plantations have been renewed, and 1,500 food production projects worth a total of US\$1 billion have been launched. In addition, storage facilities for 100,000 tons, drying capacity for 70,000 tons, and sorting and packaging lines for 46,000 tons of produce have been created.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan Needs \$111 Million to Solve Air Pollution in Capital 01/08/2025

According to a World Bank report, \$111 million is needed to improve air quality in Dushanbe, *Asiaplus.tj* reports.

The capital of Tajikistan ranked fourth among the world's most polluted cities in 2023,

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according to data from the Swiss company IQAir.

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President of COP29: “Tajikistan’s Initiative Is a Powerful Call for Global Action to Preserve Glaciers” 05/08/2025

DUSHANBE, 05.08.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan’s initiative to declare 2025 the International Year of Glaciers’ Preservation is becoming increasingly relevant in the face of accelerated glacier melt and growing climate threats. With billions of people around the world dependent on glacier-fed water, this call for global action marks an important step in mobilizing the international community and strengthening cooperation to safeguard water resources and ensure a sustainable future. The President of the 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29), Mr. Mukhtar Babayev, shared his views with a correspondent of NIAT “Khovar”.

Read more: [here](#)

RESILAND Tajikistan. Awareness-Raising Seminar on Pasture Use Held in GBAO 07/08/2025

A training seminar on the rational use and protection of pastures was held in the Murghab, Shughnan, Rushan, and Vanj districts of the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO) under the Resilient Tajikistan Landscape Restoration Project ([RESILAND Tajikistan Project](#)). The Project is implemented by the Committee for Environmental Protection and the financial support of the World Bank.

Read more: [here](#)

Yerlan Zhumabayev: Forest Monitoring as the Foundation for Biodiversity Conservation 13.08.2025

In Almaty, innovative approaches to forest monitoring and sustainable forest management in watershed areas were discussed at the seminar “*Innovative Approaches to Monitoring and Sustainable Management of Forests in Watersheds*”.

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Water resources

Uzbekistan Adopts New Water Code§ 30/07/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev

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has signed a law approving the country's new Water Code.

The document establishes the legal framework for the rational use and protection of water resources, water bodies, hydraulic structures, and land within the national water fund.

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PM Bektenov highlights need to toughen control over water distribution in southern regions 31/07/2025

Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov has inspected today key water reservoirs in Turkistan region, Kazinform News Agency reports citing the Government's press service.

Read more: [here](#)

Ashgabat Celebrates Day of Amu Darya: Water as a Source of Creativity and Life 31/07/2025

A unique series of creative master classes has ended in the capital on the eve of Amu Darya River Day. These classes, organized as part of a regional water management project, have become a vivid and life-affirming reminder: water is not only a valuable resource, but also an inexhaustible source of inspiration that unites people of different generations.

Read more: [here](#)

Central Asian water resources officials call for urgent overhaul of pumping infrastructure in northern Tajikistan 04/08/2025

Water resources officials from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan have jointly stressed the urgent need to modernize aging pumping stations in Tajikistan's Sughd province, which are consuming electricity at rates far exceeding acceptable norms due to severe wear and outdated equipment.

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Tajikistan Strengthens Water Cooperation with Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan 05/08/2025

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Issues of regional cooperation on the use of water resources from the Syr Darya River basin, the implementation progress of the Trilateral Protocol on the operation of the "Tajik Sea" reservoir during June–August 2025, and other matters related to the water sector were discussed during a trilateral meeting of the heads of the water authorities of Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan to support Kazakhstan during irrigation season 12/08/2025

Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan have agreed to supply Kazakhstan with 600 million cubic meters of water to help stabilize irrigation in the country's south, Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister Kanat Bozumbayev said, according to the Prime Minister's official portal.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan Approves Water Management Program 13/08/2025

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev has approved the 2025–2028 Water Resources Management Program aimed at modernizing the country's irrigation system, *Dunyo.uz* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Energy sector

Kyrgyzstan and UK Launch Joint Project to Boost Renewable Energy Investments 07/08/2025

Kyrgyzstan and the United Kingdom have launched a joint initiative aimed at improving the investment climate in the renewable energy sector. The project is supported by the UK Foreign Office's Green Cities, Infrastructure and Energy Expertise Centre (GCIE), according to a statement from the British Embassy in Kyrgyzstan, as reported by *Economist.kg*.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan to Produce Domestic Nuclear Fuel 08/08/2025

Kazakhstan will begin producing its own nuclear fuel, Deputy Chairman of the Atomic Energy Agency Asset Makhambetov announced on August 8, *Zakon.kz* reports. Negotiations on the project are currently underway.

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Turkmenistan Pursues Energy Export Diversification While Upholding Neutrality 08/08/2025

Turkmenistan continues to advance its strategy of diversifying energy exports while maintaining its neutral status, Ambassador to Russia Esen Aidogdyev wrote in an article for *National Defense* magazine.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajik Ambassador, SGE representative discuss attraction of Swiss investment in Tajikistan's economy 11/08/2025

DUSHANBE, 11.08.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On August 8, 2025, the Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan to the Swiss Confederation, Sharaf Sheralizoda, held a meeting with Xavier Cornut, Consultant for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States at Switzerland Global Enterprise.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Afghanistan faces worsening climate crisis with millions affected in early 2025 30/07/2025

Afghanistan experienced an alarming surge in climate-related disasters during the first three months of 2025, with nearly five million people impacted by a series of severe environmental shocks, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), *Ariananews.af* reports.

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Turkmenistan and Afghanistan Sign \$5 Million Deal to Upgrade Turgundi Port 01/08/2025

Turkmenistan and Afghanistan have signed an agreement to develop the infrastructure of the port of Turgundi, a key trade hub connecting the two countries. The \$5 million agreement aims to strengthen regional transport connectivity and improve transit efficiency between South and Central Asia.

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Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan getting closer: trade instead of isolation 01/08/2025

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Afghanistan is seeking a path out of international isolation through trade with Central Asia, and Kyrgyzstan is emerging as one of its key partners, *Eurasiatoday.ru* reports.

During a meeting between Afghanistan's Minister of Industry and Trade, Nooruddin Azizi, and Kyrgyz Ambassador Turdakun Sydykov, the two sides discussed ways to strengthen economic cooperation. Topics included the participation of an Afghan delegation in the upcoming economic forum in Bishkek, the creation of a joint working group on trade, and the simplification of transit procedures - including within a trilateral format with Tajikistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan and Afghanistan Sign US\$20 Million Agreements 04/08/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — In Kabul, Afghan and Uzbek entrepreneurs signed cooperation agreements worth more than US\$20 million, according to Ariana News and ToloNews.

The document was concluded during a joint business forum organized by the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI), which brought together business leaders and entrepreneurs from both countries.

Read more: [here](#)

Taliban, Azizi Energy Ink \$10 Billion Power Agreement 04/08/2025

The Taliban's Ministry of Water and Energy has signed a \$10 billion agreement with Azizi Energy to produce, transmit, and distribute 10,000 megawatts of electricity across Afghanistan, *Afintl.af* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Taliban minister urges traders from 12 countries to invest in Afghanistan 06/08/2025

Acting Minister of Industry and Commerce, Nooruddin Azizi, met late Tuesday with traders from twelve countries and called on them to invest in Afghanistan, *Afintl.af* reports.

In a statement issued by the ministry, the traders, who traveled to Afghanistan, are from Turkey, Qatar, Bahrain, Palestine, Yemen, Oman, Jordan, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Malaysia, and India.

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Turkmenistan to launch development of key trade port in Afghanistan's Herat province 06/08/2025

Turkmenistan is set to begin the development of the Torghundi port in Afghanistan's Herat province, marking a significant step toward boosting regional trade and infrastructure cooperation between the two countries, *Afintl.af* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

UN SDG Hub in Almaty Could Play Strategic Role in Supporting Afghanistan 07/08/2025

The upcoming UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Regional Hub in Almaty could become a key platform for long-term international support to Afghanistan, said Erkin Tukumov, Special Representative of the President of Kazakhstan for Afghanistan, in an interview with the "*Big Diplomacy*" program on *Jibek Joly* TV channel, as reported by *Kazinform*.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan, Afghanistan Agree on Joint Textile Projects 08/08/2025

Chairman of the Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Davron Vakhobov paid a working visit to Afghanistan, holding a series of high-level meetings in Kabul and Kandahar, the CCI press service reported.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

UN Conference in Turkmenistan to Address Challenges Facing Landlocked Developing Countries 04/08/2025

The Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) will be held from August 5 to 8 in the Avaza tourist zone on the Caspian coast of Turkmenistan. The forum will focus on the current challenges and long-term development prospects of countries without access to the sea.

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At UN Conference, Uzbekistan Proposes Six Key Initiatives to Support Landlocked Countries 05/08/2025

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At the UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries in Avavza, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev outlined major challenges and key initiatives aimed at improving transport connectivity and ensuring fair participation of such countries in the global economy.

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Kazakhstan Shares Experience at UN Conference on Landlocked Countries Development 06/08/2025

At the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), taking place in Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan's proactive engagement and growing partnership with China have drawn particular attention. As the largest economy among the LLDCs, Kazakhstan presented its successful strategies for overcoming geographic isolation and creating alternative trade corridors, *Eurasiatoday.ru* reports.

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Tajikistan, Kazakhstan approves roadmap for the development of interparliamentary cooperation 07/08/2025

DUSHANBE, 07.08.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – Today, the third meeting of the Standing Commission on Cooperation between the National Assembly of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan was held in Dushanbe, reports press-office of the Upper house of the Tajik parliament.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan ranked second among main foreign trade partners of Tajikistan 08/08/2025

DUSHANBE, 08.08.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On August 8, the 19th meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission of Tajikistan and Kazakhstan on Economic Cooperation was held in Astana, the Republic of Kazakhstan, under the leadership of the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan Khokim Kholikzoda and the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Roman Sklyar, with the participation of delegations from both sides, reports the State Committee for Investments and State Property Management of the country.

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Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Azerbaijan Outline Strategic Cooperation in Key Sectors 09/08/2025

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Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Azerbaijan have agreed to deepen strategic cooperation in energy, transport, logistics, industry, and agriculture. The agreement was reached during the Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, held in the Turkmen resort city of Awaza, *Orient.tm* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmen-Uzbek trade turnover: plans to increase to \$2 billion and more 11/08/2025

In recent years, trade between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan has multiplied several times, exceeding \$1 billion. Following talks between Turkmenistan's National Leader Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in Ashgabat this month, the two sides agreed to raise this figure to \$2 billion, with prospects to increase it further to \$5 billion, reports *Orient.tm*.

Read more: [here](#)

Central Asian countries can become a catalyst for a new reality 11/08/2025

Central Asian countries are successfully turning their lack of direct sea access into strategic advantages, said Dr. Guzel Maitdinova, Doctor of Historical Sciences, as reported by *Dunyo.uz*.

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Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan agreed on Action Plan for the Implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation between finance ministries 12/08/2025

DUSHANBE, 12.08.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan have agreed on an Action Plan for the Implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation between finance ministries of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan for 2026–2028.

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