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Climate Change and Environment

Ozone hole shrinks in 2024 compared to previous years 16/09/2025

The ozone hole shrank in 2024 compared to previous years, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said in a report released on Tuesday to commemorate International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, Anadolu Agency reports.

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President Emomali Rahmon met with leadership and staff of the Committee for Environmental Protection 17.09.2025

DUSHANBE, 17.09.2025 (NIAT Khovar) – On September 17, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Leader of the Nation, His Excellency Emomali Rahmon, met in the new building of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan with leaders and employees of the sector.

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Kazakh leader urges clergy to confront nuclear threats, climate change, and AI ethics 18.09.2025

Climate change — a dire threat for Central Asia

The Kazakh leader placed special emphasis on climate change, calling it a pressing moral as well as scientific and economic issue. He stressed that Central Asia is warming faster than many other regions, leading to droughts, glacier melt, and dwindling freshwater reserves.

“Spiritual traditions teach us to live in harmony with nature, because Earth is our common home given by the Creator, and caring for it is our shared responsibility,” Tokayev said.

He proposed that religious leaders work together to draft a joint declaration on ecological responsibility, rooted in spiritual and moral values.

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President sets ambitious agenda for environmental protection sector reform 19/10/2025

Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon has emphasized the global and national importance of ecological security, the sustainable use of natural resources, and proactive climate action.

He stated this on September 17 while presiding over the official opening of the new headquarters of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan.

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Seminars on Sustainable Pasture Management Held in GBAO: A Step Towards Environmental Conservation and Community Development

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A series of training seminars were recently held in the **Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO)** as part of the project "**Resilient Landscape Restoration in Tajikistan.**" The initiative aims to strengthen environmental capacity in local communities while enhancing sustainable livelihoods. The focus of these events was the sustainable use of pasture resources — a critical component of the mountain ecosystems in Tajikistan.

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Tajik leader addresses 80th UN General Assembly, calls for global cooperation on climate, peace, and development 24/09/2025

President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon yesterday delivered a wide-ranging speech at the General Debate of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly, highlighting key global challenges and urging stronger international cooperation.

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Water resources

**Kazakhstan to launch national water assessment system in 2026
15/09/2025**

The system includes data on surface and underground waters, hydraulic structures, and other water management facilities. It is expected to use AI and satellite monitoring data in the future to determine the country's water balance, assess the actual water needs of the economy and people, and analyze and monitor the use of water resources.

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**125 Kazakh water management specialists pass training in China
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The fourth batch of Kazakhstani water industry specialists is attending advanced training courses in China, Kazinform News Agency cites the Kazakh Water Resources and Irrigation Ministry.

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UN report urges rethink of global water crisis affecting millions 22/09/2025

A new United Nations report has called for a fundamental reassessment of the global water crisis, which continues to deprive millions of people of their right to safe drinking water, [WAM](#) reports.

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Tajikistan stresses urgency of preserving Central Asia's glaciers and water sources 24/09/2025

Tajikistan called on the international community to address urgent challenges related to the cryosphere, warning that the region's glaciers - key sources of freshwater - are rapidly disappearing, President Emomali Rahmon said during the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly, [Trend](#) reports.

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Kazakhstan and South Korea to cooperate in water sector digitalization 25/09/2025

Following instructions from Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation Nurzhan Nurzhigitov, the RSE Kazvodkhoz signed a memorandum of understanding with South Korea's K-Water Corporation, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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Energy sector

Turkmenistan Accelerates Green Energy Transition and Digital Transformation of Oil & Gas Sector 16/09/2025

Turkmenistan is actively advancing projects in renewable energy and the digital modernization of its oil and gas industry, signaling a strategic shift toward sustainable

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development and technological innovation.

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Kyrgyzstan Joins Key IAEA Conventions, Signs 6-Year Cooperation Program in Vienna 18/09/2025

AKyrgyz delegation led by Minister of Natural Resources, Ecology, and Technical Supervision Melis Mashiev participated in the 69th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna. During the forum, Kyrgyzstan formally acceded to two critical international conventions: the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency, *24.kg* reports.

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Neutrality, Gas, Green Energy & Tech of Turkmenistan as Pillars for Global Investors 18/09/2025

At the Investment Forum in Awaza, Turkmenistan's Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmet Gurbanov presented the country's long-term strategy to position itself as a reliable and predictable partner for international business, *Orient.tm* reports.

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EDB and Orta Asia to invest over \$6 billion in construction of HPP on Suusamyr 19/09/2025

The Eurasian Development Bank (EDB) and ORTA ASYA Investment Holding have announced the launch of a strategic partnership to implement major hydropower projects in Kyrgyzstan, reports *Akchabar.kg*.

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Kazakhstan to modernize energy sector, cutting wear by 15% 19/09/2025

Kazakhstan operates 77 power-generating enterprises, 19 of which have equipment wear exceeding 65%, Vice Minister of National Economy, Assan Darbayev, said at a meeting on the practical development of the utilities and energy sectors' modernization national project, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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Turkistan region to invest 60 bln tenge in its energy sector until 2029 22/09/2025

Turkistan region proceeded to implement the energy and utilities sectors modernization national project, Kazinform News Agency cites the Energy Ministry.

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Turkmen experts study Italy's experience in developing energy parks 26/09/2025

Experts from Turkmenistan visited Italy to learn about best practices in developing energy technology parks. The study tour, organized by the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat, took place from September 22 to 24.

Representatives of the State Energy Institute of Turkmenistan met with their Italian counterparts from the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission and the Polytechnic University of Milan. They discussed the organizational, legal, and technological aspects of energy parks.

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Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan agreed to expedite implementation of Kambarata HPP-1 project 26/09/2025

Bishkek, Sept. 26, 2025. /Kabar/. The third ministerial roundtable on the preparation of the Kambarata Hydroelectric Power Plant-1 project was held in Brussels, Belgium, with the participation of the authorities of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. According to the Kyrgyz Ministry of Energy, the Kambarata HPP-1 is a key regional initiative aimed at strengthening energy security and rational use of water resources in Central Asia.

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Turkmenistan Actively Develops Hydrogen Energy and Strengthens Scientific Cooperation 27/09/2025

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Turkmenistan, following its policy of implementing environmentally friendly energy sources, is actively developing hydrogen energy. This area, aligned with the global agenda of transitioning to low-carbon fuels and combating climate change, is one of the priorities of the policy pursued by the Hero-Arkadag and the Estemeed President.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Uzbekistan Begins Development of Tuti-Maidan Gas Field in Afghanistan 16/09/2025

A formal ceremony marking the launch of exploration and production at the Tuti-Maidan natural gas field took place in northern Afghanistan, signaling the start of major energy cooperation between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan's de facto Taliban-led government, according to *Asiaplus.tj*.

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UN to continue its assistance to Afghanistan in all sectors – Otunbayeva 17/09/2025

Roza Otunbayeva, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan, said during her farewell meeting with Mullah Abdul Wasi, Director General of the Office of the Prime Minister, that the United Nations will continue its assistance to Afghanistan in the areas of health, natural disasters, and other sectors, *Ariananews.af* reports.

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Kazakhstan dispatches over 272 tons of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan 26/09/2025

The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan, with the assistance of the Kazakhstan Agency for International Development (KazAID), delivered a large consignment of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan by rail, Kazinform News Agency cites KazAID.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

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Central Asia's Strategic Insecurity in a Turbulent World 16.09.2025

Central Asia's presidents, joined by the president of Azerbaijan and the head of the U.N. Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia met for their sixth consultative meeting in August 2024.

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Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan to expand economic partnership 16/09/2025

Bishkek, Sept. 16, 2025 /Kabar/. Kyrgyz Speaker Nurlanbek Turgunbek uulu met with the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon.

According to the press service of the Kyrgyz Parliament, the sides discussed issues of expanding political, economic, cultural and humanitarian ties between the republics, and strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation.

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Parliaments of Central Asian Countries Gathered In Bishkek To Synchronize Laws 23/09/2025

The 3rd Interparliamentary Forum of Central Asia opened today at the Ala-Archa State Residence in Bishkek under the theme "*Parliaments of Central Asia: Effective Solutions for Comprehensive Regional Development*." Parliamentary leaders and senior representatives from all five regional states — Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan — convened to strengthen legislative cooperation.

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CA integration processes developing upward path 23/09/2025

Bishkek, Sept 23, 2025. /Kabar/. In recent years, integration processes in Central Asia have been developing steadily and upward path, Maulen Ashimbayev, Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan told during the III Inter-Parliamentary Forum in Bishkek.

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