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Climate Change and Environment

Turkmenistan Showcases Climate-Resilient Transport Achievements at OSCE Meeting 14/10/2025

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Turkmenistan's latest progress in developing climate-resilient transport infrastructure was a key topic at the meeting of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee held in Vienna, *Orient.tm* reports.

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Why glacial ice from the Pamirs was sent to Europe 17/10/2025

A team of international scientists has extracted a rare ice core from the Pamir Mountains in Tajikistan and delivered it to Europe, where it will be preserved for future climate research. The announcement was made during an international conference on climate change and water resources, held in Dushanbe on October 13.

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The Team Europe Initiative Working Group holds first meeting on water, energy and climate change 22/10/2025

The first meeting of the *Team Europe Initiative (TEI) Working Group on Water, Energy, and Climate Change* was held in Dushanbe on October 20, bringing together representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

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Mountain regions development discussed in Bishkek 23/10/2025

Bishkek, Oct. 23, 2025 /Kabar/. Dinara Kemelova, Special Representative of Kyrgyz President for the Five Years of Action for Mountain Regions Development, met with Oleg Guchgeldiyev, a representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and Giorgio Grusso, Programme Coordinator of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (Rome).

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Global warming pushes Earth's tipping points toward critical thresholds 24/10/2025

Rising global temperatures are driving the planet's tipping points toward critical thresholds that could trigger irreversible climate changes, according to Levent Kurnaz, director of

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Bogazici University's Center for Climate Change and Policy Research.

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Tajikistan approves new land development program for 2026-2030 27/10/2025

The Government of Tajikistan has approved a [new state program](#) aimed at the development of new agricultural lands and the restoration of degraded farmland for the period 2026-2030. The program envisions the reclamation of 11,800 hectares of new land and the restoration of 16,750 hectares of degraded land.

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Water resources

EU supports water sector reforms in Kyrgyzstan 13/10/2025

Bishkek, Oct. 13, 2025. /Kabar/. The European Union will allocate a grant of 17 million euros to Kyrgyzstan to implement water sector reforms.

According to the Finance ministry, on October 10, a meeting was held between Kyrgyz Deputy Minister of Finance Ulugbek Kalenderov and the Director General for International Partnerships of the European Union for Asia and the Pacific, Peteris Ustubs within the framework of the Global Gateway Forum held in Brussels, Belgium.

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Rome Water Dialogue 2025: Kyrgyzstan raises concerns about glaciers preservation 15/10/2025

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers - Minister of Water Resources, Agriculture and Processing Industry Bakyt Torobaev spoke at the session Impactful Water Solutions as part of the Rome Water Dialogue 2025 forum in Rome, [Kabar](#) reports.

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Majilis ratifies international protocol on water and public health

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Majilis has ratified the Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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Turkmenistan and the University of Montana launch partnership on cybersecurity and water resources 23/10/2025

On October 22, in Missoula (USA), a series of working meetings took place between the Turkmen delegation and the University of Montana's leadership, including Vice Provost Andrea Lawrence. The main goal of the visit was to systematically develop cooperation in line with Turkmenistan's higher education modernization priorities.

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Energy sector

Tajikistan to play key role in energy supply for Central and South Asia, says Tajik minister 15/10/2025

Tajikistan is positioning itself as a central player in the energy sector of Central and South Asia, with a focus on developing its vast hydropower resources and ensuring the country's energy independence, according to Daler Juma, Tajikistan's Minister of Energy and Water Resources.

Speaking at the Dushanbe Invest-2025 International Investment Forum on October 14, Juma emphasized Tajikistan's hydropower potential, which stands at 527 billion kilowatt-hours of clean and economically viable electricity annually.

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Tajikistan Launches Major Green Energy Investment Projects 15/10/2025

President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, speaking at the *Dushanbe Invest 2025 International Investment Forum*, announced the start of attracting investments for the construction of the Shurab Hydropower Plant with a capacity of 1,000 megawatts, as well as the creation of several solar and wind power stations with a total capacity of 2,000

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megawatts, reports *Sputnik Tajikistan*.

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EBRD and EIB to take part in financing of Kambar-Ata-1 HPP 20/10/2025

An memorandum of understanding was signed between the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Investment Bank, and the energy ministries of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan, *Asiaplus.tj* reports.

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Kazakhstan's Almaty to build waste-to-energy plant 21/10/2025

On August 29 this year Kazakh Ecology and Natural Resources Minister Yerlan Nyssanbayev and an investor signed the agreement. The plant is projected to process up to 1,600 tons of domestic household waste and generate up to 60 megawatts of electric power. The volume of investments will exceed 145 billion tenge.

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Turkmenistan Lays Foundation for Green Energy Transition Through UN-Led Initiative 22/10/2025

A joint United Nations program aimed at accelerating Turkmenistan's transition toward sustainable and "green" energy successfully concluded with a final event in Ashgabat on October 21, according to *Orient.tm*.

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Green energy training center and Central Asian business school opened in Bishkek 23/10/2025

Bishkek, Oct. 23, 2025. /Kabar/. First Deputy Chairman Daniyar Amangeldiyev participated in a number of events aimed at developing human capital and the country's educational potential. These events included the opening of a green energy training center as part of the 85th anniversary celebrations of Vocational School No. 100, as well as the grand opening of the Higher School of Business of Central Asia.

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Uzbekistan's Solar and Wind Power Plants Generate 9 Billion kWh in 2025 27/10/2025

Uzbekistan has produced 9 billion kWh of electricity from its solar and wind power plants since the beginning of 2025, according to the Ministry of Energy. Over the past four weeks, generation increased by approximately 1 billion kWh, reports *Gazeta.uz*.

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Tajikistan and IsDB discuss cooperation and support for Rogun hydroelectric power station 27/10/2025

First Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan Yusuf Majidi held talks with Rami Ahmed, Vice President for Operations of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB), focusing on the country's key development initiatives, including the Rogun hydroelectric power station, Khovar reports citing Ministry of Finance of Tajikistan.

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President Zhaparov participates in opening of Karakul HPP 27/10/2025

Bishkek, Oct 27. 2025. /Kabar/. President Sadyr Zhaparov is participating in the opening ceremony of the Karakul HPP today, October 27, as part of his working visit to Jalal-Abad region.

The construction of the Karakul HPP is one of the major achievements within the framework of comprehensive measures being implemented to ensure the country's energy security, provide stable and uninterrupted electricity supply to the region, and strengthen our national economy.

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Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Border between Tajikistan and Afghanistan is secure – Mujahid 14/10/2025

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid stated that security on the Tajik-Afghan border is being ensured and that special attention is being paid to this section, *Sputnik Tajikistan* reports.

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Turkmenistan and Afghanistan begun construction of Arkadag Bright Path gas pipeline in Herat 21/10/2025

On October 20, in Afghanistan's Herat province, the National Leader of the Turkmen people and Chairman of the Halk Maslahaty, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, held a meeting with Abdul Ghani Baradar, Deputy Prime Minister of Afghanistan for Economic Affairs, *Orient.tm* reports.

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Shrinking International Aid Deepens Impact of Climate Crisis in Afghanistan 23/10/2025

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) has warned that Afghanistan is on the verge of a deeper economic and humanitarian collapse as international aid continues to decline, *Afintl.af* reports.

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Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Kazakhstan Plays a Key Role in Central Asian-Russian Dialogue – expert 13.10.2025

Kazakhstan plays a key role in shaping the practical agenda of the “Central Asia–Russia” dialogue, said Daria Saprynskaya, a researcher at the Laboratory for Contemporary Studies of Central Asia and the Caucasus at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, *Kazinform* reports.

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ADB Approves \$500 Million Policy-Based Loan to Support Reforms in Uzbekistan 15/10/2025

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$500 million policy-based loan to Uzbekistan to improve public sector efficiency, enhance economic governance, and accelerate the country's integration into the global economy, according to the ADB's office in Tashkent.

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Central Asia-India meeting on security issues held in Bishkek

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Bishkek, Oct. 16, 2025 /Kabar/. The third Meeting of Security Council Secretaries/National Security Advisors in the Central Asia-India format was held in Bishkek under the chairmanship of Baktybek Bekbolotov, Secretary of the Security Council of the Kyrgyz Republic, the press service of the Presidential Administration reports.

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Tajikistan Signs \$4.1 Billion in Agreements at Dushanbe Invest-2025 Forum 17/10/2025

At the opening of the Dushanbe Invest-2025 International Investment Forum, President Emomali Rahmon announced the signing of 52 cooperation agreements totaling \$4.1 billion, with the participation of 1,500 delegates from 50 countries, reports *Asiaplus.tj*.

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Kazakhstan to Build One of Central Asia's Largest and Greenest Metallurgical Plants 21/10/2025

Construction is set to begin in the city of Rudny, Kostanay region of Kazakhstan, on one of Central Asia's largest metallurgical facilities — a hot briquetted iron (HBI) plant designed to cut carbon emissions by more than 50%, *Eurasiatoday.ru* reports.

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Uzbekistan and Tajikistan: Over three decades of mutual understanding and trust 23/10/2025

Relations between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan are rooted in deep historical, cultural, and spiritual ties. The two brotherly nations, united by a shared destiny and centuries-old traditions of neighborliness, have progressed along a complex path since gaining independence, from political caution and periods of estrangement to solid mutual understanding, strategic partnership, and trust. Today, their cooperation stands as a vivid example of how good-neighborliness, respect, and shared interests can serve as a strong foundation for regional stability and development, UzA reported.

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