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Climate Change and Environment

Large portion of Ismoil Somoni Glacier breaks off in Tajikistan 28/10/2025

A large chunk of the Ismoil Somoni Glacier has broken off in the Tojikobod district of Tajikistan, [according to the country's Emergencies Committee](#). The incident reportedly occurred on October 25 at around 11:00 AM near the village of Safedobi.

Read more: [here](#)

Green Climate Fund Approves \$250 Million for “From Glaciers to Farms” Program 29/10/2025

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) has approved \$250 million to support the “From Glaciers to Farms” program, a flagship adaptation initiative implemented by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), reports *Avesta.tj*.

Read more: [here](#)

GCF commits \$250 million to ADB's glacier resilience program in Central Asia and beyond 30/10/2025

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) has approved \$250 million in funding for the "Glaciers to Farms" program, a major climate adaptation initiative led by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The program aims to bolster water and agricultural resilience in glacier-dependent regions across Central Asia, the South Caucasus, and Pakistan.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan to develop national biodiversity strategy amid growing environmental challenges 30/10/2025

Tajikistan has begun drafting a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan — a landmark document that will shape the country's long-term vision for environmental protection, sustainable resource management, and low-carbon development.

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Central Asia faces billions in climate adaptation costs, UN report warns 31/10/2025

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Developing countries around the world will need up to \$310 billion annually by 2035 to manage the mounting impacts of climate change, according to a new [report](#) from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Among the regions, most at risk is Central Asia.

Read more: [here](#)

Dehdal Glacier in Tajikistan shifts over 5 kilometers in 15 minutes 01/11/2025

A massive section of the Dehdal Glacier in Tojikobod district (Rasht Valley in eastern Tajikistan) unexpectedly shifted more than five kilometers in just 15 minutes, according to specialists from the country's Hydrometeorology Agency (Hydromet).

Read more: [here](#)

Central Asian Countries Unite to Shape Common Climate Position Ahead of COP30 04/11/2025

The Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan organized a regional dialogue of Central Asian countries aimed at developing a coordinated position ahead of the upcoming 30th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP30), which will take place in Belém, Brazil, *Khovar* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

COP30: Kyrgyzstan calls for mountain ecosystems protection 07/11/2025

Bishkek, Nov. 7, 2025. /Kabar/. Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic Edil Baisalov is participating in the Climate Summit of World Leaders, as part of the 30th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP30) in Belém, Brazil.

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Uzbekistan launches major grassland restoration initiative to strengthen food security and ecosystem protection 10/11/2025

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Uzbekistan has announced the launch of a large-scale project to restore grassland areas across the country. The initiative, aimed at enhancing food security and promoting sustainable agricultural development, comes as part of [new measures](#) outlined in a presidential decree on October 31, 2025.

Read more: [here](#)

Water resources

Kyrgyzstan and EBRD Sign Memorandum to Boost Infrastructure, Irrigation, and Transport Projects Worth up to €400 Million 28/10/2025

Kyrgyzstan's Minister of Finance Almaz Baketaev and Matteo Patrone, Vice President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), signed a memorandum of understanding that paves the way for a new framework agreement on supporting priority national projects in municipal infrastructure, irrigation, and transport worth up to €400 million, the Kyrgyz Ministry of Finance informed, *Economist.kg* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan launch joint work to boost regional cooperation and investment 29/10/2025

In a significant step toward strengthening regional water governance and enhancing investment prospects, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan have officially launched a bilateral commission for the joint management of water resources.

Read more: [here](#)

Clean drinking water issue resolved in Batken 31/10/2025

Bishkek, Oct. 31, 2025 /Kabar/. Ak-Suu village in Leilek district of Batken region is provided with clean drinking water.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, this issue was raised by delegates at the III People's Kurultai, held in 2024. In order to solve the problem of providing the population with clean water, 1 million 800 thousand soms were allocated from the budget of Ak-Suu aiyl okmot to lay water pipes of 1 thousand 200 meters.

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Uzbekistan and Finnish Water Forum Sign Declaration on Cooperation

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Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — The Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Finnish Water Forum (FWF) have signed a Declaration of Understanding aimed at developing bilateral cooperation in the fields of water management and eco-technologies.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan to Build First Modern Wastewater Treatment Facility Based on Chinese Experience 07/11/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — In Uzbekistan, the Chinese company Qingyan Environmental Technology will construct a wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 40,000 cubic meters of water per day, also equipped with air purification systems.

Read more: [here](#)

Uzbekistan Joins Protocol on Water and Health 07/11/2025

Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UzDaily.com) — Uzbekistan has joined the Protocol on Water and Health, a supplement to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, marking one of the key events of the Protocol meeting held from 5 to 7 November in Budapest. With this accession, the number of participating countries in the agreement, aimed at strengthening water supply, sanitation, and hygiene systems in the WHO European Region, has reached 29, the [UN News](#) reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan, Israel sign memo to foster water cooperation 11/11/2025

Kazakhstan's Water Resources and Irrigation Ministry and Israel's Regional Cooperation Ministry on Tuesday signed a memorandum of mutual understanding and cooperation, Kazinform News Agency reports.

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Energy sector

Energy Ministry says Kazakhstan to achieve energy surplus before 2029 28/10/2025

Energy Minister Yerlan Akkenzhenov revealed on Tuesday plans to carry out 68 projects to boost Kazakhstan's electric power supply by 6.7GW before 2029 end, Kazinform News Agency correspondent reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan to build first hydropower green data center in GBAO's Darvoz district 28/10/2025

Tajik company darya.ai, which specializes in sustainable technologies in the field of artificial intelligence, and Yotta Data Services Private Limited, India's largest data center developer and part of the Hiranandani Group, have announced the creation of a joint venture to build and operate a green data center in Darvaz, Khovar reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Tajikistan and IDB discuss priority projects, including Rogun HPP 28/10/2025

Tajikistan's First Deputy Minister of Finance Yusuf Majidi met with Rami Ahmed, Vice President for Operations of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB), in Jeddah to discuss key national projects, including the construction of the Rogun Hydropower Plant, *Khovar* reported.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan to Invest \$1.5 Billion in Construction of Kambar-Ata HPP 29/10/2025

Kyrgyzstan will allocate \$1.5 billion for the construction of the Kambar-Ata-1 Hydropower Plant, Minister of Energy Taalaibek Ibraev said in an interview with *Birinchi Radio*.

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EBRD May Provide \$500 Million to Each Country Participating in Kambarata HPP-1 Project 30/10/2025

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is considering providing

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up to \$500 million each to Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan for the construction of the Kambarata Hydropower Plant-1. EBRD Vice President Matteo Patrone announced this during a meeting with journalists on October 29, *Akchabar.kg* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmengaz Presents New Energy Cooperation Opportunities in Germany 31/10/2025

At the Turkmenistan Economy Days Forum in Germany, Deputy Chairman of the State Concern Turkmengaz, Berdimyrat Amanov, presented the country's vast energy potential and invited German companies to expand cooperation in the oil and gas sector, *Orient.tm* reports.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakhstan Expands Oil Exports to Germany, Strengthening Its Role in Europe's Energy Security 05/11/2025

In recent months, Kazakhstan has significantly increased its oil exports to Germany, reaffirming its growing role as a reliable energy supplier for Europe.

According to Kazakhstan's Ministry of Energy, 180,000 tons of Kazakh oil were delivered to Germany via the Druzhba pipeline in September, with volumes rising to 225,000 tons in October — a 21% increase. Despite this growth, the annual export plan was adjusted from the initially projected 2.5 million tons to around 2 million tons. For comparison, 1.5 million tons were shipped along this route in 2024.

Read more: [here](#)

Kyrgyzstan Strengthens Energy Efficiency Measures and Modernizes the Power Sector 07/11/2025

The Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic has adopted measures to improve energy efficiency and promote the rational use of electricity. As part of this initiative, the government decided to optimize indoor and outdoor lighting, as well as the operation of electrical equipment in administrative state institutions, between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

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Uzbekistan Discovers High-Pressure Gas Field in Karakalpakstan - A Unique Deposit 10/11/2025

A new high-pressure gas field has been discovered in Uzbekistan's Muynak district of

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Karakalpakstan, according to *Gazeta.uz*.

Chairman of Uzbekneftegaz Bahodir Sidikov said in an interview that the field, named Muynak, has already demonstrated exceptional productivity in its initial drilling stages.

Read more: [here](#)

Kazakh Government appoints new Vice Minister of Energy 11/11/2025

Yerlan Akbarov has been appointed Vice Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan by the Government Decree, Kazinform News Agency cites the press service of the Kazakh Government.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan's multilateral relationship with CA countries

Taliban Governor Of Balkh Visits Uzbekistan After Tajikistan Trip 28/10/2025

The Taliban's governor of Balkh province, Yusuf Wafa, has travelled to Termez, Uzbekistan, along with a delegation, days after visiting Tajikistan, *Afintl.af* reports.

Haji Zaid, spokesperson for the Balkh governor, said in a statement on Monday, 27 October, that Wafa's visit to Uzbekistan was official, releasing a video showing his motorcade driving through the streets of Termez.

Read more: [here](#)

Afghanistan and Kazakhstan Aim to Boost Bilateral Trade to \$3 Billion 29/10/2025

Afghanistan and Kazakhstan have reaffirmed their commitment to expanding bilateral trade and investment following high-level economic talks in Astana between senior officials from both countries, *Ariananews.af* reports.

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15 documents signed at Kazakhstan-Afghanistan Business Forum in Shymkent 30/10/2025

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On October 29, Shymkent hosted the Kazakhstan-Afghanistan Business Forum, during which 15 documents worth 303 million US dollars were signed, Kazinform News Agency reports.

Read more: [here](#)

The Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov Charitable Foundation Will Provide Aid to Children in Afghanistan 06/11/2025

During a working visit to the city of Arkadag on November 5, National Leader of the Turkmen People and Chairman of the Khalk Maslakhaty of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov held a meeting of the Board of the Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov Charitable Foundation for Assistance to Children in Need of Care. The meeting focused on further improving the Foundation's activities, its legal framework, and expanding international cooperation.

Read more: [here](#)

Turkmenistan Sent Aid to Earthquake-Ravaged Afghanistan 07/11/2025

Turkmenistan sent a large shipment of humanitarian aid to the fraternal people of Afghanistan, devastated by the recent catastrophic earthquake.

The decision to provide support was made at the direction of National Leader of the Turkmen people, Chairman of the Khalk Maslakhaty of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov.

Read more: [here](#)

Cooperation between Central Asian countries

Turkmenistan Took Part in WTO Forum on Central Asian Integration Issues 28/10/2025

A Turkmen delegation led by Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy B. Yalakov participated in the high-level forum “*The CAREC Region and the Multilateral Trading System: Deepening Integration in and Beyond Central Asia*”, *Turkmenportal.com* reports.

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Historic C5+1 Summit in Washington Marks a New Era of U.S.–Central

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Asia Relations 07/11/2025

On November 6, U.S. President Donald Trump held a meeting with the leaders of the five Central Asian states in the C5+1 format at the White House, calling the summit a “historic event” and reaffirming America’s commitment to strengthening strategic partnerships with the region, *Gazeta.uz* reported.

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