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IMPORTANT QUOTES

"Without stability in Afghanistan, security and sustainable development in Uzbekistan and the wider Central Asian region cannot be achieved"

Shavkat Mirziyoyev
President of Uzbekistan

"Central Asia's crucial mission is to build bridges between the poles of global politics and economics"

Kassym-Jomart Kemeluly Tokayev
President of Kazakhstan

"Furthering Uzbekistan's progress towards democratic development is important not only for the country itself, but also for the entire Central Asian region"

Kimmo Kiljunen
Member of Finnish Parliament, Chairman of the Finland-Central Asia Parliamentary Friendship Group

"The level of support for our reforms is higher abroad than at home"

Akmal Saidov
Head of the Constitution Reform Commission

"We need to take practical steps together to turn Central Asia into a crossroads hub for major routes between Asia and Europe"

Akramjon Nematov
First Deputy Director of the Institute for Strategic and Interregional Studies

"Uzbekistan is the only country that had direct contact with all centres of civilization"

Frederick Starr
founding chairman of the Central Asia - Caucasus Institute in Washington

NOTABLE EVENTS PAST MONTH

The dialogue between EU and Uzbekistan intensified in July on various levels:

- On the 4th of July Charles Michel spoke with Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.
- Large German (Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft) and French (MEDEF) business delegations visited Tashkent in early July.
- Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister - Minister for Investments & Foreign Trade visited Brussels to meet with the European Commission and witness the initialling of the text of negotiated Enhanced Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (EPCA),
- Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister - Minister for Investments & Foreign Trade visited London to meet with Europe's think-tanks and with the President of EBRD, H.E. Odile Renaud-Basso.
- EU and Uzbekistan have announced the dates for the EU-Central Asia connectivity conference to be held in Samarkand on November 18-19th 2022.

UN approves a special resolution on Central and South Asia initiated by Uzbekistan

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Tashkent hosts international conference on Afghanistan

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Tashkent hosts a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states

A meeting of foreign ministers that took place on July 28-29 paved the way towards SCO Leaders Summit to take place in Samarkand on September 15-16, 2022

GOVERNMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Karakalpakstan protests

After 2 days of social unrest in Uzbekistan's westernmost region (1-2 of July), the situation in Karakalpakstan returned to normal. Protests had erupted after the proposed amendments to the constitution that would have reduced the region's autonomy were published. The proposals were scrapped by the President after the protests erupted. According to the official data, about 20 people were killed, with four out of them, law enforcement officers. 274 civilians and 141 law enforcement personnel were wounded. The riots caused 3 billion 147 million soums (approx. 286 thousand USD) of damage. The state of emergency introduced in the region on the second day of the protests was lifted on 20th of July

[Official](#) statement by Prosecutor's Office

Parliamentary commission to investigate the events in Karakalpakstan

On the 15th of July, a joint Parliament's commission headed by the Ombudsman Feruza Eshmatova was established and started its independent investigation in Karakalpakstan. The commission includes representatives of the Oliy Majlis and people's deputies, heads and employees of non-governmental, non-commercial and public organizations. The list of commission members was not disclosed in the official report.

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Position of deputy khokim for innovation to be introduced in 27 districts and cities

Due to the decree, cooperation between regional departments of the Ministry of Innovative Development and deputy khokims of relevant districts on innovative development issues will be established.

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Strategy for social protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan is approved

The strategy endeavours to develop a social protection system based on International Labour Organisation's Social Protection Floors Recommendation (No. 202).

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Government sets up «Virtual Business Office» portal

According to the presidential decree, the unified interactive portal "business.gov.uz" will be transformed into the information portal "Virtual Business Office".

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The practice of delivering a citizen to the internal affairs department for identification is revoked

According to the resolution, from 1 January 2023, the E-patrol system will be gradually introduced, and the practice of bringing a citizen to the police department to establish his identity will be cancelled.

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REGIONAL COOPERATION & PARTNERSHIPS

NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA

Uzbekistan added to list of transit countries of export control evasion attempts for sanctioned goods

The US Department of the Treasury has added Uzbekistan to the list of countries through which sub-sanctioned goods can enter Russia and Belarus. FinCEN and BIS agencies urge financial institutions to "be vigilant against attempts by individuals or entities to evade export controls" imposed because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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"Meta" delegation to visit Uzbekistan

On the 16th of July, the Ambassador of Uzbekistan Zhavlon Vakhobov met with George Chen, regional representative of the US company Meta (Facebook) in the PRC, Mongolia and Central Asia. Following talks with the American side, an agreement was reached to organise a visit by a delegation of Meta to Uzbekistan this autumn.

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Uzbek companies at international textile industry exhibition in New York

US Senate confirms Jonathan Henick as country's new ambassador to Uzbekistan

The current US Ambassador to Uzbekistan, Daniel Rosenblum, who took office in May 2019, has been appointed ambassador to Kazakhstan.

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EUROPE

After 4 years of the negotiations Uzbekistan and the EU sign off on the Enhanced Cooperation & Partnership Agreement draft



(Image source: EEAS)

Uzbekistan-EU relations have completed a milestone on the 5th of June 2022, as the negotiations on the Enhanced Cooperation & Partnership Agreement (EPCA) between the two sides have been completed after the four years of intensive discussions. The final text was initialled in Brussels, witnessed by Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Investments & Trade, Sardor Umurzakov & Head of Cabinet for EU's High Representative for Foreign & Security Policy, Pedro Serrano. The agreement contains political, social, economic and security co-operation chapters, which will reinforce the bilateral partnership, increase Uzbekistan's investment potential and attractiveness, facilitate opportunities for economic growth, and boost Uzbek resilience. The Agreement draft will now make its way through EU and Uzbekistan's official institutions for final approval and endorsement before it is ready to be signed.

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Vladimir Norov and Josep Borrell discuss the prospects for the development of bilateral cooperation between Uzbekistan and the EU

On 4 July 2022, acting Foreign Minister Vladimir Norov had a telephone conversation with Josep Borrell, the European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

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The representatives of the Uzbekistan business mission led by Mirmukhsin Sultanov, first deputy chairman of Association "Uztekstilprom" attended the international textile industry "Texworld USA" held on July 19-21 in New York. The national stand "Made in Uzbekistana" is located on an area of about 140 square metres by 15 companies.

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Samarkand to host first regional conference on interconnectedness in "European Union – Central Asia" format



(Image source: KunUz news agency)

A high-level conference on the sustainable EU-Central Asia nexus will be held in Samarkand on 17-18 November. The announcement was made by Luc Devigne, Deputy Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia at the European External Action Service, who visited Uzbekistan on the week 28. Besides the participation of the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell and the EU Commissioner for International Partnership Jutta Urpilainen as well as the representatives of the five Central Asian governments and the EU, private sector representatives will also take part in the discussions. The conference will address three main topics: improving digital connectivity, transport network development, water and energy issues.

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Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov met with EBRD President Odile Renaud-Basso at the Bank's HQ in London

During the meeting which took place on the 7th of July, the parties focused on the issues of deepening bilateral cooperation, notably in such areas as support of the private sector, and promotion of environmentally friendly energy and resource solutions. The progress on the implementation of the current investment portfolio consisting of 16 projects worth over 1 billion euros, was reviewed in detail. A Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the development of institutional

July 2022

Uzbekistan's foreign minister meets with the executive director of the Eastern Committee of the German Economy

Acting Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov received Executive Director of the Eastern Committee of the German Economy Michael Harms as a promising direction for Uzbek-German cooperation in information and communication technologies. An agreement has been reached to study the issue of organising presentations of Uzbekistan's IT capabilities in European countries in the form of a "road show".

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Promotion of Uzbek exports to Britain

The Uzbek Export Promotion Agency and the British Export and International Trade Institute signed an agreement on cooperation between the two agencies. The document provides for a number of measures aimed at strengthening trade and economic ties and promoting Uzbek products on the British market.

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Defence Ministries of Uzbekistan and Spain establish cooperation

On the 21st of July the Spanish Defence Ministry hosted a signing ceremony for the Spanish part of the Memorandum of Cooperation with the Uzbek Defence Ministry.

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Latvia will provide grant assistance to Uzbekistan

Four grants were allocated by the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support development projects in Uzbekistan. The grant assistance of 400 thousand euros covers technical regulation, digitalisation, gender equality and food security. The projects will be implemented between 2022 and 2023.

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CENTRAL ASIA

President of Turkmenistan visited Uzbekistan



management and digitalization in the irrigation water supply sector in Uzbekistan was signed.

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Polish parliamentarians supported the intensification of Polish-Uzbek cooperation in the labour domain.

An understanding has been reached to send a letter on behalf of the Sejm to the Polish Ministry of Employment with a proposal to sign a bilateral agreement on opening the Polish labour market to workers from Uzbekistan.

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Uzbekistan's acting Minister of Foreign Affairs visited Russia

On 11-12 July, the Uzbek delegation led by the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov held several meetings in the Parliament, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other agencies of Russia. On the 12th of July, Minister met with the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the CIS Sergey Lebedev, as well as with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in order to exchange their views on the current issues of bilateral relations.

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A delegation from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus visited Uzbekistan

During the meeting, the deputy ministers of the two countries discussed the regular exchange of experience on training personnel, upgrading their skills and broadening their spiritual and educational outlook. The bilateral meeting also focused on public and media outreach.

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The outcome of the meeting between the presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

On July 21, at the fourth consultative meeting of the leaders of CA countries in Cholpon-Ata the following documents have been signed:

- joint statement of the consultative meeting of the leaders of the Central Asian countries;
- the concept of interaction between the Central Asian states within the framework of multilateral formats;

On July 14-15, the President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimuhamedow visited Uzbekistan. As a result, a Joint Statement, which secures the major arrangements and defines the long-term tasks strategic partnership between the two countries was approved. In addition, a total of 19 documents which include establishment of a joint major project coordination office, protection and rational use of the water resources of the Amu Darya, on the development of transport and transit cooperation, and a programme for the development of industrial cooperation for 2022-2025 were signed. Serdar Berdimuhamedow also visited Samarkand. [Learn more](#)

First Uzbek-Turkmen Interregional Forum takes place in Bukhara

The parties expressed their commitment to strengthen direct contacts between the regions of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. In addition, targeted B2G and B2B meetings of participants, as well as a signing ceremony of bilateral documents were held on the margins of the event. As a result of the Forum, investment and trade agreements worth a total of USD 451 million were signed. [Learn more](#)

Meeting of the working group to demarcate the Tajik-Uzbek state border

From 11 to 16 July 2022, a regular meeting of the working groups of the Joint Tajik-Uzbek Demarcation Commission was held in Fergana, Uzbekistan. During the meeting the demarcation works were discussed and mutually agreed proposals on the project demarcation line of the Tajik-Uzbek border were prepared. [Learn more](#)

The Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces of Uzbekistan received a military delegation from the Kyrgyz Republic

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Uzbekistan hosted a meeting between Major-General Erlis Terdikbaev and Major-General Shukhrat Khalmukhamedov, First Deputy Minister of Defence of the Republic of Uzbekistan - Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces. During the meeting an agreement was signed on the organisation of training of military personnel of the Kyrgyz Republic in higher military educational institutions of Uzbekistan was the next step taken in this direction. [Learn more](#)

CASPIAN REGION, MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH ASIA & AFRICA

Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili visited Uzbekistan

- regional program “Green Agenda for Central Asia”;
- a roadmap for the development of regional cooperation for 2022-2024;
- the decision of the heads of states-founders of the international fund for saving the Aral Sea to extend the powers of the president of the fund;
- “Treaty of friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation for development of Central Asia in the 21st century” was signed.

It should be noted that the initiative to hold a Consultative Meeting of the Heads of State of Central Asia was put forward by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in 2017 during the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly. [Learn more](#)

Deputy Prime Minister Sardor Umurzakov receives the Taliban delegation

On the 5th of July, Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov received the delegation of Afghanistan led by Acting Minister of Commerce and Industry Nooruddin Azizi. [Learn more](#)

Uzbekistan tightens border control over cholera outbreak in Afghanistan

The largest number of infected was recorded in the districts of Bagram and Daychopan. All 54 sanitary and quarantine points in the territory of the republic at state border crossings were provided with thermal imagers and non-contact thermometers for medical and sanitary examination of those arriving on the territory of Uzbekistan. [Learn more](#)

Major Uzbek-UAE energy projects were presented

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On the 18th of July, a Georgian government delegation led by Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili landed in Tashkent. On the next day, acting Foreign Minister Vladimir Norov held a meeting with Georgian Foreign Minister Iliia Darchiashvili, while President Shavkat Mirziyoyev received the Prime Minister of Georgia.

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Meeting with the Pakistani delegation

On July 15, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan - Minister of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Jamshid Kuchkarov met with Minister of Industry and Manufacturing of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Syed Murtaza Mahmood. Both sides expressed interest in further deepening cooperation in the production of agricultural machinery and chemical industry, as well as joint efforts to intensify the use of the Uzbekistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan transport corridor.

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Uzbekistan and Türkiye to develop cooperation in law enforcement sphere

On the 28th of July, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev received the Minister of Internal Affairs of Turkey, Süleyman Soylu. Development of practical cooperation in law enforcement and public security in the context of the implementation of agreements at the highest level were discussed.

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Commander of the National Guard of the Republic of Uzbekistan meets with the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye

According to the National Guard press service, the meeting discussed prospects for further expanding cooperation between the National Guard and the Turkish police and gendarmerie in the field of public security, training and professional development.

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President of Uzbekistan receives head of Iranian Parliament

On the 13th of July, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev received an Iranian delegation led by Chairman of the Islamic Council Assembly Mohammad Bagher Galibaf. A number of important bilateral events were planned for the coming months.

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EAST ASIA & PACIFIC

Japan to allocate more than \$2.7 million in grants for Uzbek civil servants to study at Japanese universities

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On the 12th of July, the President of Uzbekistan was informed about the implementation of the major energy projects in partnership with the United Arab Emirates. Besides the country's first large solar power plant in the navoi region, 5 other major energy projects, with a total value of nearly USD 3 billion, have been agreed upon. The renewable energy projects to be implemented jointly with the Emirati Masdar will be an important step towards bringing the share of green energy to 25 percent by 2030.

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Energy ministry: A new phase in relations with Saudi Arabia

On 25 July, an Uzbek delegation from the Ministry of Energy met with the Ministry of Energy of Saudi Arabia. The main topic of the meeting was the discussion of the construction of a 1.1 GW wind farm. As part of a visit to Saudi Arabia, an Uzbek delegation led by Deputy Foreign Minister Furkat Sidikov met with the chairman of the Shura Council (parliament), Abdullah bin Muhammad al-Sheikh, Walid al-Hariri, deputy foreign minister of the Saudi Arabia and with Deputy Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

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13th meeting of the Uzbek-Indian Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation

Sides agreed to sign the Agreement on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments in the near future as well as to hold a meeting of India-Central Asia transport ministers to work out practical mechanisms for developing logistics infrastructure, a regional network of multimodal transport corridors and increasing direct and transit freight traffic under the North-South initiative.

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Agreement on labour migration with Israel

From 25-27 July 2022 an Uzbek government delegation on labour migration paid a working visit to the State of Israel. During the visit the delegation signed an agreement between the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Government of the State of Israel on temporary employment of Uzbek workers in certain sectors of the labour market in Israel.

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Meeting with a delegation from Japan

Deputy Foreign Ministers of Uzbekistan and South Korea discuss the expansion of the special strategic partnership between the two countries

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MIFT discussed prospects for cooperation with the Republic of Korea



The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade (MIFT) has held talks with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea Yeon Seung-pae on the 15th of July. As a result, an agreement has been reached to intensify joint work on increasing the volume of technical assistance of the South Korean Government for the implementation of socially significant projects.

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On 21 July Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Jamshid Kuchkarov met with a delegation from Japan. The Japanese delegation consisted of representatives of the Japanese business community represented by the heads of "JIC Holding Co. Ltd", "BMA365 Chub Inbound Association", "Global Communication Co. Ltd, etc. The parties agreed to consider establishing a vocational and language training centre in Uzbekistan and a 24-hour support centre for migrant workers in Japan.

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A delegation from South Korea's Ministry of Health visited Uzbekistan

The delegation included representatives of the Korea Health Industry Development Institute and Bundang Hospital of Seoul National University. During the visit, the sides discussed the signing of the 2nd e-Health Action Plan between the two countries on the development of e-health, intensification of relations on the establishment of a national oncological centre in Uzbekistan.

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The 3rd meeting of the Uzbek-Bangladesh intergovernmental commission on trade and economic cooperation was held

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Tashkent hosted international conference on Afghanistan

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Uzbekistan will host SCO Women Forum

On the 20th of July, The Senate of the Oliy Majlis held a meeting on the organisation and high-level hosting of the next SCO Women's Forum in the city of Samarkand. The forum will be held on 18-19 August.

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Tashkent to host Forum of Heads of SCO Regions

On 3-4 August this year, within the framework of the Chairmanship of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Tashkent will host the Forum of Heads of SCO Regions. The main goal of the Forum is to draw the attention of the SCO member countries to the issues of further development of tourism, culture and agriculture.

Uzbekistan to host World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education

The Republic of Uzbekistan will host the Second World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education (WCECCE), co-organized with UNESCO from 14 to 16 November 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

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Memorandum on obligations of Iran as a SCO member to be signed in Samarkand

After signing its first memorandum of obligations at the Samarkand summit in September, Iran's accession to the Eurasia-spanning organisation will be finalised by April 2023.

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OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities visited Uzbekistan

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Delegation of Uzbekistan takes part in International Ministerial Conference on freedom of religion



On July 5-6, a delegation of Uzbekistan headed by Minister of Justice Ruslan Davletov visited the UK to participate in the International Ministerial Conference on Freedom of Religion or Belief in the city of London.

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Uzbekistan and EAEU sign a document on additional areas of cooperation

Chairman of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) Mikhail Myasnikov arrived in Uzbekistan on a working visit on the 11th of July. During the two-day visit, a number of bilateral meetings and negotiations were held, including a meeting with the president of Uzbekistan. Documents aimed at stepping up cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Union and Uzbekistan as a Eurasian Economic Union observer state were also signed.

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Uzbekistan improves its position in Global Peace Index

Uzbekistan ranked 86th out of 163 countries. Last year, the country was in 93rd place.

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OSCE/ODIHR Needs Assessment Mission visited Tashkent

Experts from the Needs Assessment Mission of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) were in Tashkent from 19-22 of July to check preparations for the upcoming republican referendum on the draft Constitutional Law "On Amendments and Additions to the Constitution of Uzbekistan".

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UNIDO to modernise Uzbekistan's silk industry



On August 2, 2022, President Mirziyoyev received the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE HCNM) Kairat Abdrakhmanov, who is in Uzbekistan on an official visit.

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Uzbekistan will host First Regional Forum of Labour Inspectors of Central Asia and Russia

On 9-12 August 2022, for the first time our country will host the First Regional Forum of Labour Inspectors with the participation of 60 experts from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Russia.

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OSCE Parliamentary Assembly adopted a joint Uzbek-Kazakh resolution

For the first time, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly adopted a resolution entitled "Implementation of the UN OSCE Sustainable Development Goals", initiated jointly by the two Central Asian countries Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. OSCE leadership expresses readiness to send an observer delegation to Uzbekistan for referendum on constitutional reform.

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Uzbekistan may face crisis across all poverty lines – UNDP

Uzbekistan is included in the group of countries with a high risk of rising poverty levels due to a sharp increase in prices for basic resources, according to the UNDP report.

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Abdulaziz Kamilov holds a meeting with UN Secretary General

On July 6, a delegation of Uzbekistan headed by Special Representative of the President for Foreign Policy Abdulaziz Kamilov, who is in the United States on a working visit, met with the UN Secretary General António Guterres.

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United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) Director General Gerd Müller and Uzbekistan's Permanent Representative to UNIDO, Ambassador Abat Faizullayev on the 15th of July, signed in Vienna a new project entitled "Modernisation of Uzbekistan's silk industry". The aim of the project is "to support the Uzbek government's efforts to accelerate socio-economic development through the innovative modernization of the silk industry. The project is for a three-year period with a budget of USD 2.48 million.

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A meeting of donors was held in Tashkent as part of the process of Uzbekistan's accession to the WTO

The Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) held a coordination meeting with donor States and relevant international organisations. Following the results of the event, an agreement was reached on effective coordination of technical assistance areas taking into account the current priorities and tasks of Uzbekistan, which will focus the further work of donors to provide support within the framework of the country's accession to the WTO.

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SSS Chairman of Uzbekistan pays a working visit to Kyrgyzstan



Chairman of the State Security Service (SSS) of Uzbekistan, Lieutenant-General Abdusalom Azizov took part in the 24th meeting of the conference of special services of the Turkic states. The conference participants assented to agree on mechanisms for response and interaction to localize terrorist threats emanating from Afghanistan and the Syrian armed conflict zone.

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On the 11th of July, the UN General Assembly unanimously approved the special resolution on strengthening the interdependence between Central and South Asia developed by Uzbekistan under the co-sponsorship of 40 countries, the press service of the head of state reported.



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Bukhara Declaration recognised as an official UN General Assembly document

On the 14th of July, The Bukhara Declaration, adopted by participants at the 16-20 May International Forum on Dialogue of Declarations in Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara, is recognised as an official document of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly.

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Uzbekistan becomes a member of UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

At the 9th session of the General Assembly of the Member States of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which is being held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, Uzbekistan was elected a member of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage the press service of the State Committee for Tourism reports. Uzbekistan became a member of the committee for 4 years, from 2022 to 2026. The republic received the largest number of votes of the countries - 105 out of 180.

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Uzbekistan attended IRS Summit

On the 26th of July, Uzbek Ambassador Zhavlon Vakhobov took part in the International Religious Freedom Summit (IRF Summit) initiated by former Ambassador-at-Large for Religious Freedom Sam Brownback. The IRF Summit is an international forum held annually in Washington DC since 2021. The forum brings together government representatives, faith leaders and civic activists from more than 80 countries.

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On the 29th of July, heads of the delegations of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation met together to make the last preparations for the upcoming high-level SCO summit in September in Samarkand. During the summit the documents on the organisation's enlargement were signed. Signed Memorandums were signed to grant SCO dialogue partner status to three countries - Egypt, Qatar and Saudi Arabia and probably Bahrain and Maldives. Belarus's application for full membership as well as granting Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia and Nepal observer status with the SCO will also be considered.

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LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Government: Citizens of 108 countries can buy real estate without a residence permit in Uzbekistan

The resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers "On approval of the list of foreign states, citizens of which are entitled to acquire new real estate objects under construction in the Republic of Uzbekistan" was adopted.

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A unified information system of the Road Safety Service to be launched in Uzbekistan

A Government Resolution "On measures to radically improve the system of examination, training, retraining and advanced training of drivers of motor vehicles" was adopted. Until 1 January 2023, the Unified Automated Information System of the Road Traffic Safety Service will be launched.

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Temporary procedure for granting subsidies for cotton areas established

In accordance with the Regulation, land users in 13 districts are provided with a subsidy in the amount of 1 million soums per hectare. This Temporary Regulation is valid until 1 January 2024.

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The Law "On Tax Counselling" was approved

The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Tax Consulting" is aimed at forming the institution of tax consultants, regulating relations in the field of tax consulting and creating a system for providing taxpayers with qualified tax consulting services. By law, the powers to regulate the sphere of tax consulting are transferred to the Chamber of Tax Consultants of Uzbekistan, which is a public organisation.

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Participants of special economic zones are provided with additional tax benefits

The Law "On amendments and additions to the Tax Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan" establishes that participants in special economic zones are exempt from income tax for a period of 3 to 10 years, based on the volume of investments they have invested.

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Senators approved a law aimed at increasing the income of the population

For business entities engaged in retail trade and public catering, hotel, passenger and freight transportation by road, vehicle maintenance, computer services, repair of household appliances, agro- and veterinary services, as

Persons who have established fish farming on the basis of cooperation are exempt from all taxes
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422 government regulations repealed

As a result of the systematisation of legal acts by the “regulatory guillotine” method, 422 Government resolutions became invalid by the government decision. 90 percent of the documents (331) that have become invalid are integral decisions, and 10 percent (91) are separate paragraphs of the documents.
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The President approved new types of tax benefits for a range of economic areas, including education, retail, non-residents, etc.
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well as entertainment centres, a 1 percent rate of social tax is applied.
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Senate considers execution of the State budget and the budgets of state trust funds

As a result of the timely fiscal and monetary policy carried out in the republic, the economic growth rate in 2021 amounted to 7.4%. In the 1st quarter of 2022, GDP growth was ensured by 5.8%.
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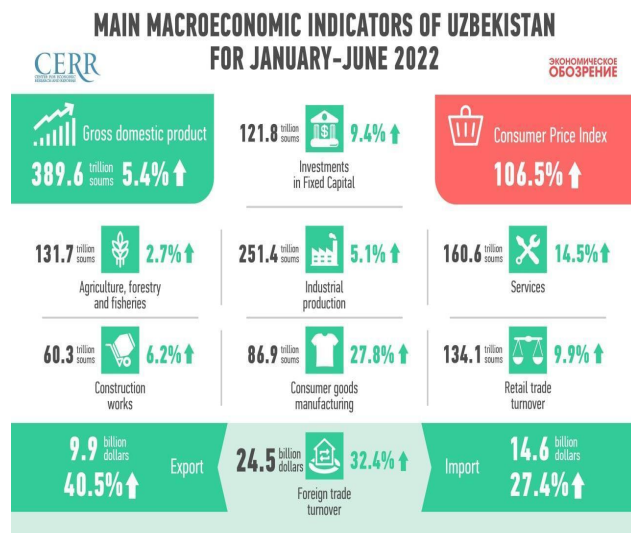
Procedure for the examination of investment agreements approved
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Mobile-ID identification system for individuals to be introduced in Uzbekistan
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ECONOMY SECTION

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS, LOANS, & PUBLIC FINANCE

Figure 1 Infographics: Development of the economy of Uzbekistan in the first half of 2022, CERR



- The gross domestic product (GDP) of Uzbekistan in January-June 2022 increased by 5.4% compared to the corresponding period of 2021.
- Investments in fixed assets increased by 9.4% in the first 6 months of this year
- Foreign trade turnover increased by 32.4% and amounted to \$24.5 billion.
- Industrial production increased by 5.1%
- The volume of output of market services increased by 14.5%
- Exports increased by 40.5% to \$9.9 billion, while imports increased by 27.4% to \$14.6 billion

Developing Asia's Economic Outlook lowered

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) revises the growth forecasts for developing Asia from 5.2% to 4.6% for 2022 and from 5.3% to 5.2% for 2023, reflecting worsened economic prospects because of COVID-19 lockdowns in the People’s Republic of China (PRC), more aggressive monetary tightening in advanced economies, and fallout from Russia’s protracted invasion of Ukraine.
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GDP growth in 1H2022 reached 5.4%, per capita indicator increased by 3.3% up to \$995.3 for six months
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Central Bank improves GDP forecast for 2022

In 2022, real GDP growth is expected at the level of 5.0-5.5% per annum. At the same time, the April forecast was 3.5-4.5%, the Central Bank reports in its review.
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Budget deficit will amount to at least 4% of GDP

Reportedly, the level of the budget deficit in 2022 may increase. An increase in the deficit limit to 4% may be equivalent to an additional 8-8.5 trillion soums of public procurement.
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Gold and foreign exchange reserves of Uzbekistan up

July 2022

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AKFA exports products worth US\$110 million

In 2022, AKFA will export its products in the amount of US\$110 million, which is twice as high as in 2021 (US\$55 million).

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Uzbekistan increases export of fruits and vegetables

In January-June 2022, Uzbekistan exported 821 thousand tons of fruits and vegetables for \$450 million.

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Uzbekistan export cherries to 14 countries

Uzbekistan exported 25,400 tons of cherries worth \$33.3 million to 14 countries in January-June 2022, according to the State Statistics Committee.

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Statistics Committee names products with high share in food imports

In the first five months of 2022, wheat had the largest share among the products imported from abroad - \$328.3 million. During the reporting period, wheat, sugar cane and margarine products had a relatively high share in imports.

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EBRD may allocate up to €95 million for purchasing electric buses to Samarkand

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development plans to provide Uzbekistan with a loan of up to €95 million, Spot reports referring to the bank's website. The funds are supposed to be used for the purchase of a batch of electric buses for Samarkand, as well as charging stations for them and other infrastructure. The initiative will be the city's formal introduction to the EBRD's "Green cities" program.

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South Korea to assist Uzbekistan with agricultural innovation project

The Government of the Republic of Korea has given a 21,4 million dollar grant to Uzbekistan to implement a project to introduce advanced technologies in agriculture.

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Uzbekistan's commodity exports up by more than 40% in H1 2022

As of July 1, 2022, Uzbekistan's gold and foreign exchange reserves amounted to \$35.58 billion. For comparison, as of June 1, 2022, this figure was \$35.4 billion.

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Uzbekistan among top three largest gold buyers in Q2

Uzbekistan became the third largest gold buyer in 2Q2022 after Iraq and Turkey - the country almost fully restored the part of the gold reserves sold in 1Q2022.

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Uzbekistan Airways raises significant revenue in H1 2022

In January-June, Uzbekistan Airways received 5.036 trillion soums of revenue

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Over 6 months, 16,300 cars were imported from abroad

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Over 1.3 million phones imported to Uzbekistan in 6 months

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Uzbeks spend 40-50 percent of their income on food

According to the analysis, global food prices are expected to rise by at least 20% this year. Taking into account the fact that Uzbeks spend 40-50% of their income on food, the government has to focus on mitigating the impact of the above risks on the population.

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IFC supports Hamkorbank to Expand lending to small businesses and women entrepreneurs in Uzbekistan

To spur private sector growth and support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), including those owned by women, IFC signed a new loan with Hamkorbank, Uzbekistan's largest private lender. IFC will provide a US\$15 million loan to the bank, helping it expand its lending to MSMEs, with a quarter of the financing earmarked for women-owned businesses.

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Meeting with Islamic Development Bank

On 4 July 2022, the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of the Republic of Uzbekistan with the financial support of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) agreed to implement the project "Sustainable Rural Development". This project envisages a long-term loan (USD 600 million) provided by the Islamic Development

July 2022

In the first half of the year, Uzbekistan's foreign trade turnover reached \$24.49 billion. Compared to the same period in 2021, it grew by 32.4%.

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TRADE & BUSINESS

The largest German business delegation visits Uzbekistan

The German-Uzbek Business Forum took place in Tashkent on the 5th of July. It is worth mentioning that the German delegation accounted for 110 business representatives from the different regions of the country, which was the largest business delegation ever sent from Germany to Central Asia. Cooperation in industry, agriculture, and education was discussed.

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South Korean business delegation visits Uzbekistan



An Uzbek-Korean business forum was held in Tashkent from 4-8 July. South Korean business was represented by 200 representatives from 115 companies such as KAKAO Group, Somang Global, Hanshin Engineering & Construction, HYUNDAI Construction, DaeWoo Construction, etc. A solid package of agreements on implementation of joint projects in the fields of agriculture, education, healthcare, and construction of urban infrastructure were signed.

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Additional guarantees for investors of the Republic of Belarus

Presidential Resolution on the approval of the Agreement on mutual promotion and protection of investments between the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Government of the Republic of Belarus was adopted.

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The State Assets Management Agency is expanding cooperation with Germany

On 5 July 2022, within the Uzbek-German international business forum, director of the State Assets Management Agency Akmalkhon Ortikov, executive director of the German Eastern Business Association Michael Harms and director of Mangold Consulting GmbH Christoph

Bank and for selected 157 mahalla gatherings of citizens in 21 districts of the Samarkand, Kashkadarya and Surkhandarya regions.

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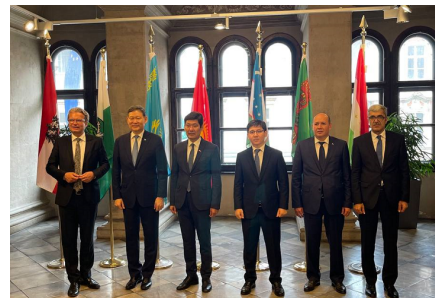


Support is guaranteed to every French entrepreneur interested in implementing projects in Uzbekistan

Business delegation led by Claude Imovin, Chairman of the French-Uzbek Business Council MEDEF International and Chairman of the Board of ORANO visited Uzbekistan from July 4 to 6, 2022. The delegation also included French Ambassador Bouchez Aurélia and executives of leading French companies Orano Mining, SUEZ, Voltalia, EDF, MEDEF International and Alstom and other executives of 30 French enterprises. The purpose of the delegation's visit is to further explore the possibilities of cooperation and projects within the framework of the strategic partnership between the two countries.

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First ever Central Asia Economic Forum in Austria



The Embassy of Uzbekistan in cooperation with the government of the Federal State of Styria (Austria), the Federal Economic Chamber (FEPA) organised an Economic Forum of Central Asian countries in the city of Graz. The forum was attended by heads of diplomatic missions as well as online speakers from the relevant ministries and agencies in charge of investment and foreign trade, as well as the heads of 30 major companies of the federal state.

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Mangold signed a trilateral Memorandum of understanding. It is planned to launch a process aimed at providing practical support to the development of corporate governance in Uzbekistan.

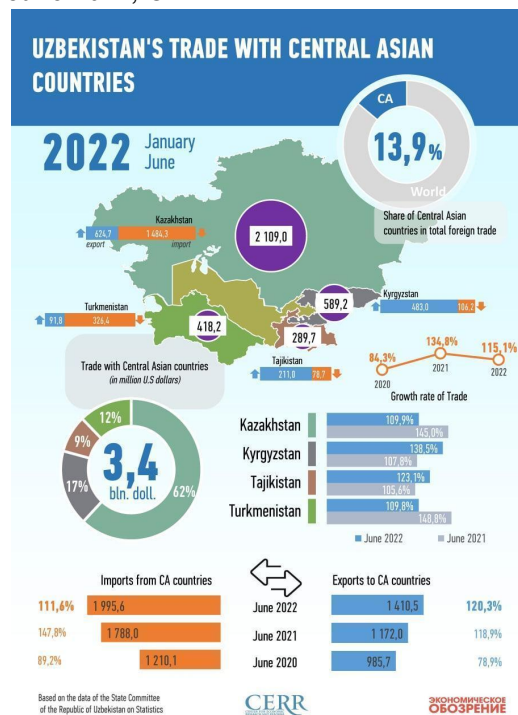
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Uzbek exports to EU increase by 86%

In the first five months of 2022, trade turnover between Uzbekistan and the countries of the European Union (EU) increased by 22%, while exports from Uzbekistan to the EU increased by 86%. Among the product categories that showed the greatest growth were chemical products (6-fold growth), textiles (90% growth) and food products (65% growth).

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Figure 2 Infographics. Foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Uzbekistan with Central Asian countries in June 2022, CERR



The volume of Uzbekistan's foreign trade with Central Asian countries increased by 15.1% and reached \$3.4 billion, which is 13.9% of the total volume of foreign trade. The volume of trade turnover of Uzbekistan with Central Asian countries at the end of June 2022:

- Kazakhstan – \$2.1 bln.
- Kyrgyzstan – \$589.2 mln.
- Turkmenistan – \$418.2 mln.
- Tajikistan – \$289.7 mln.

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Local Business Forum between Namangan and Malaysia

Sixth Eurasian Business Forum “Green Energy & Waste Recycling Forum”

Sixth Eurasian Business Forum "Green Energy & Waste Recycling Forum" (GEWR) brought together over 150 participants, including officials from Central Asian countries, representatives of the European Union, international organisations, NGOs and businesses. The participants discussed the establishment of a Central Asian hub for the promotion of climate projects and green finance, as well as cooperation between Central Asian countries and the European Union in these areas.

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Uzbekistan imported 90% of its electric cars from China

In January-June, Uzbekistan imported 1,125 electric cars worth \$34.1 million from 10 foreign countries. In the first half of the year, Uzbekistan imported the most electric cars from China (983) and significantly fewer from the UAE (73), Germany (27), Hong Kong (25), Lithuania (6) and Estonia (2).

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Uzbek and Kazakh companies boost cooperation

During the meeting, the Chamber of Entrepreneurs "Atameken" agreed to organise a return visit of the delegation to Uzbekistan with the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation, to start working on the opening of a Business and Industrial Council of Uzbekistan "UZBIC" Trade House in the city of Almaty.

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Over 50,000 new enterprises and organisations opened in Uzbekistan over 6 months

During the first half of this year, 51,708 new enterprises and organisations were registered in Uzbekistan. This is almost 3,000 less than in the same period last year.

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Number of small enterprises and micro-firms that are run by women announced

There are 36,472 small businesses and micro-firms run by women, the State Statistics Committee reported.

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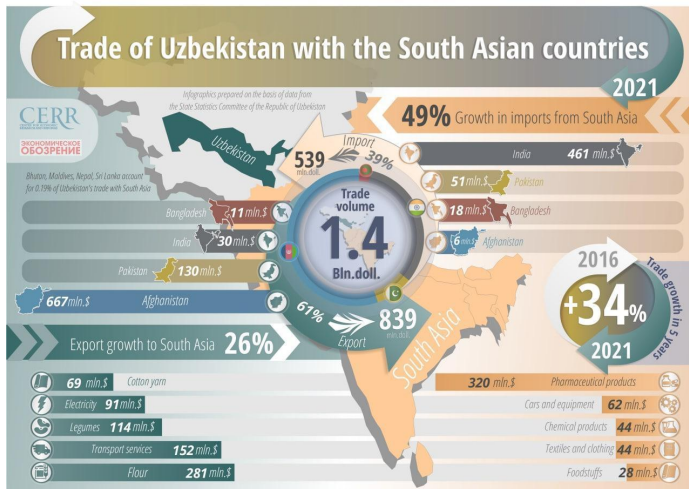
Tashkent leads in the number of private businesses

As of 1 July, the number of operating businesses in Uzbekistan was 497293, including 90752 private enterprises (18.2%) According to the State Statistics Committee, the highest number of private enterprises was in Tashkent city (12064).

The forum was attended by 12 representatives of more than 10 tourism companies in the state of Sabah, as well as about 30 business representatives operating in the tourism sector.

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Figure 3 *Infographics. Uzbekistan's trade with South Asian countries 2021, CERR*



Uzbekistan's trade with South Asian countries has grown by 34% in 5 years. In the trade turnover of Uzbekistan with the countries of South Asia, the largest volume accounts for Afghanistan – 48.9%, India – 35.6%, Pakistan - 13.2% and Bangladesh – 2.1%. The trade turnover with Maldives, Nepal and Bhutan is insignificant. The growth of Uzbekistan's exports to South Asian countries amounted to 26%. The growth of imports from South Asia to Uzbekistan amounted to 49%.

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Uzbek export company opens office in China

BMB Trade Group, an Uzbek company, has opened a representative office in Qingdao city centre, Shandong province, China.

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Online seminar "Opportunities for cooperation - Uzbekistan-Central Asia" held in Madrid

The event organised by the Embassy of Uzbekistan together with the Eurasian Business Alliance (Spain) was attended by heads of chambers of commerce and industry of Valencia and Alicante cities, representatives of leading industry associations of the region such as Invest in Valencia, IVACE, FEDACOVA. As a result, agreements have been reached to organise online talks between representatives of Valencia's business circles and relevant ministries, agencies and associations of Uzbekistan, as well as to organise reciprocal business visits.

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Uzbekistan allowed import of Indian agriculture products

India has been allowed to export bananas, mangoes, soybeans and rice to Uzbekistan, while Uzbek producers will be able to supply grapes, plums and cherries to the Indian market. The two sides are discussing lifting restrictions on other agricultural products as well. India may also transfer its agricultural know-how.

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Uzbek-Indian Business Forum in Delhi

The event was attended by the high-level politicians and ministers as well as more than 50 representatives of business circles of the two countries. The Forum resulted in the signing of a number of agreements in areas such as private medicine, pharmaceuticals, footwear and leather goods production, as well as training of highly qualified personnel. More than 80 Uzbek-Indian projects worth over 3 billion dollars are currently underway in various sectors of the economy.

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Tashkent and its region attract most of all foreign capital

As of July 1, the number of enterprises and organisations with foreign capital registered in Uzbekistan is 1,353. According to the State Statistics Committee, it has increased by 1,539 since 2021. Thus, Russian (2,654), Turkish (2,032), Chinese (2011), Kazakhstani (1,161) and South Korean (905) capital are the most active enterprises.

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EU-ITC Ready4Trade project helps Uzbekistan businesses reach \$108,000 in online sales

The International Trade Centre's European Union-funded Ready4Trade Central Asia project awarded 21 small businesses who collectively achieved online sales of around \$108,000 since they joined the programme. Overall, 40 businesses from 12 regions in Uzbekistan were trained on how to launch their first online channels and achieve sustainable sales.

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Uzbekneftegaz delegation met with the management of Vinson & Elkins, Legal & General, Mizuho, JPMorgan Chase & Co, Mitsubishi UFG, DeutscheBank

During the visit to London, the delegation headed by the Chairman of the Board of JSC Uzbekneftegaz Mehriddin

BANKING & FINANCE

The Central Bank does not expect energy prices to increase in the second half of the year

The Central Bank of Uzbekistan does not expect an increase in electricity and gas tariffs in the second half of the year, and based on this, it forecasts that inflation in 2022 will be 12%.

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Non-residents opened almost 15k cards and 47k bank accounts in 2Q2022 in local banks, the cash balance of Russian citizens reaching \$115mln.

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Figure 4 TOP-20 securities by the turnover of trading in 1H2022 at the Tashkent Stock Exchange, Avesta Investing

	Sectors	Sum, UZS	Num. of deals	Avg. price, UZS	% of turnover	% of equity	Mcap (bln. UZS)	Change in QM, 2022, %
QHSI	Cement	1 899 875 487 269	56	388 183.5	56.77%	95.55%	1 528.0	0.69%
KRBA	Bank	1 083 935 194 300	12	3 286.0	32.39%	76.92%	557.7	0.00%
KRBA1	Bank	75 429 431 471	5	3 957.4	2.25%	4.56%	557.7	0.00%
SVDG	Bank	71 340 730 107	90	130.5	2.15%	25.85%	459.7	60.97%
UNVB	Bank	22 232 928 033	157	8 360.4	0.66%	14.71%	150.0	-23.96%
NOVI	Winery	17 551 630 650	1	9 805.0	0.52%	51.00%	14.6	0.00%
UZHK	Metallurgy	16 537 252 632	6 416	55 626.4	0.49%	0.10%	4 564.9	1.27%
QZSM	Cement	12 407 376 360	4 900	4 310.5	0.37%	0.63%	1 529.2	-44.89%
WTRN	Winery	11 950 500 000	1	10 260.0	0.34%	51.00%	2.2	0.00%
ALSM	Insurance	10 281 107 786	64	1 615.8	0.31%	25.21%	49.8	-1.36%
AREL3	Industry	10 000 000 000	5	100 000 000.0	0.30%	100.00%	0.0	0.00%
AREL1	Industry	10 000 000 000	1	100 000 000.0	0.30%	100.00%	0.0	0.00%
AREL2	Industry	10 000 000 000	1	100 000 000.0	0.30%	100.00%	0.0	0.00%
URTS	Service	8 932 503 962	3 902	28 267.0	0.27%	0.50%	1 643.8	-23.05%
UDVNI	Oil and fat	8 346 279 891	73	9 779.9	0.25%	14.39%	51.6	-5.16%
KFLT	Insurance	7 822 688 187	121	469.6	0.23%	5.91%	1 575.1	389.53%
TRNU	Oil and fat	7 795 785 549	45	4 599.6	0.23%	41.84%	3.2	40.00%
UDVM	Oil and fat	7 500 229 729	7	4 240.2	0.22%	9.05%	138.9	0.00%
TRYS	Insurance	6 200 245 340	2	1 542.5	0.19%	8.94%	77.1	54.25%
QNGK	Construction	4 926 894 352	47	4 921.6	0.15%	49.69%	3.4	17.36%
QHSN		44 600 905 894	24 971		1.32%			
Total		3 346 574 272 931	40 885		100.00%			

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Asacabank and EBRD sign agreement to prepare for privatisation

Asakabank JSCB and EBRD signed the agreement, which will help the transformation of the bank and will allow EBRD to invest into the equity of the bank in future.

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Largest logistics cluster to be created in Uzbekistan



Abdullayev held meetings with representatives of major investment companies, international legal organisations and banks and discussed interaction issues. At each meeting, agreements were reached to ensure constant communication and exchange of information with banks and to develop all existing promising areas of cooperation.

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The Central Bank expects to achieve the long-term inflation target of 5% by the end of 2024 instead of 2023 as planned before.

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EBRD provides US\$ 50 million to Uzbekistan's SQB bank

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Share of cash in total money supply increased sharply

While in the first half of last year banks' cash expenditures exceeded revenues by 1.1 trillion soums, this year the gap has increased 10-fold to 11.7 trillion soums. The central bank had to meet this demand by issuing additional cash, due to which its share in the total money supply has increased.

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New agreement between IFC and Hamkorbank

IFC provides Hamkorbank with \$15 million to support micro and small businesses and women entrepreneurs

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Uzbekneftegaz may delay share placing

Uzbekneftegaz JSC (UZBN) might consider postponing the international IPO to 2023-2024 years after the consultations with Rothschild & Co.

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Uzbekistan and Lithuania are establishing practical cooperation in logistics

On the 26th of July, Uzbek Ambassador Kadambay Sultanov held online talks with Mindaugas Paulauskas, executive director of the Lithuanian logistics holding company *Girtaka Logistics*. It was agreed to organise negotiations in trilateral format with participation of representatives of the Embassy, the Chamber of

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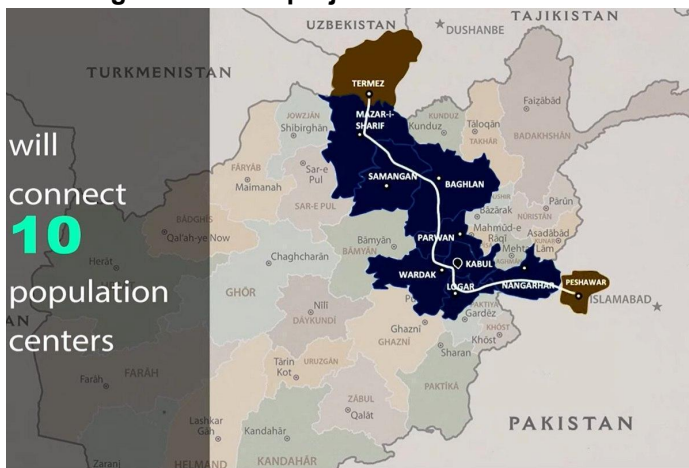
AD Ports Group, the leading facilitator of global trade, logistics, and industry, has launched a joint venture with SEG, one of the largest oil and gas companies in Uzbekistan, to open new logistics and freight businesses and signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop a food trading hub in Uzbekistan. The signing ceremony saw the announcement of AD Ports Group's office in Uzbekistan, the Group's first in the Central Asia region.

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Prospects for developing transport cooperation with Iran discussed

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Trans-Afghan railroad project revealed



Uzbekistan Railways JSC presented the design project of the Trans-Afghan railroad during the Afghanistan conference in Tashkent - a total 760km railroad project to connect Uzbekistan with Pakistan. The Estimated project cost is \$4.6bln and will take about 5 years until completion. When fully implemented, the project is expected to take 3-5 days rather than 35 days to transport cargo from Pakistan to Uzbekistan, and the cost per standard freight container could be reduced by almost three times.

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Trans-Afghan Railway Project has been put in practice

On the 18th of July, expeditionary works on the territory of Afghanistan to determine the route and feasibility of a railway connection "Termez-Peshawar" started.

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Russia plans to modernise Fergana airport and establish an airline in Uzbekistan

The khokim of Fergana region, Khayrulla Bozorov, received the representatives of the large Russian holding "Aeroporty Regionov" headed by Sergey Krasnov. At the

Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan and Girtoka Logistics to discuss practical issues of cooperation in the field of logistics support of national exports.

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Belgian companies intended to boost Uzbekistan's transit potential



Uzbek Ambassador to the Benelux countries Dilyor Khakimov held a meeting with the leadership of the Belgian company Camco Technologies, which specialises on digitization of border crossings and dry port terminals. Camco Technologies together with Irish CrossborderXP offer to introduce a "Platform of Automated Cross-border Trade and Settlement Integrated System" (ATTIS) - a software for trade and logistics, which is designed to digitise processes, connecting terminals and logistics nodes along the Eurasian railroad with the focus on China-Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Representatives of Camco Technologies expressed their willingness to visit Uzbekistan in the near future to establish cooperation and exchange experience with their Uzbek partners.

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Uzbekistan negotiates the purchase of 4 high-speed electric trains

On the 21st of July, the Embassy of Uzbekistan organised a meeting between a delegation from Uzbekistan Temir Yullari JSC and the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism of Spain to discuss the issue of preferential loans from the Internationalisation Fund of Spanish companies "FIEM" for the purchase of 4 high-speed electric trains "Talgo-250".

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Electric car imports increase 4.5 times

In January-June 2022, Uzbekistan imported 1,125 electric vehicles worth US\$34.1 million from 10 foreign countries. Imports of electric vehicles increased by 875 units, or 4.5 times, compared to the same period in 2021.

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Joint Uzbek-Spanish car production project is initiated

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meeting, the prospects of development of Fergana airport through reconstruction and modernisation and the possibilities of participation of “Aeroporty Regionov” holding in this process were discussed.

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China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway project is on Eurasian Economic Union's priority list

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) approved a draft order of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council "On the List of Priority Integration Infrastructure Projects in the Transport Sector of the EEU Member States" at its regular meeting in Vitebsk, Belarus".

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Uzbekistan restores bus service with Russian cities

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Kazakhstan opens 2 road checkpoints on border with Uzbekistan

As of 12th of July, Kazakhstan lifted the ban on the operation of the Tselinniy and Syr Darya road checkpoints across the state border with Uzbekistan.

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On 6-10 July the Embassy of Uzbekistan organised a visit of *SamAuto* executives to Spain to visit the factory of Rodriguez Lopez Auto in Orense (Galicia). It is planned to organise car production in Uzbekistan with the assignment of Spanish specialists. Once the project is launched, production of 500 to 800 ambulances and special vehicles per year is expected.

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Flydubai to launch flights from Dubai to Samarkand

Flights will be operated twice a week. The low-cost airline will fly to Samarkand on Tuesdays and Fridays, starting from September 20.

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Uzbekistan Airways resumes flights to Rome

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«WizzAir Abu Dhabi» will start regular flights from Abu Dhabi to Tashkent and Samarkand

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Uzbekistan Airways resuming regular flights between Tashkent and Tokyo

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AGRICULTURE, MINING, & MANUFACTURING

New unique Central Asia fibreglass production plant launched in Uzbekistan



As a result of the cooperation between Uzbekistan (JSCB Turonbank) & Germany (Deutsche Kabel AG Tashkent), the official launch of the Falk Porsche Fibreglass plant for the production of fibreglass and composite materials was announced. Annual exports are estimated as 10 mln EUR.

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Uzbekistan among top uranium miners in the world – WNA

Uzbekistan maintained its position as the world's fifth leading uranium miner in 2021. Last year, the republic mined 3.5 thousand tons of uranium. The figure was the same in 2020 and 2019, and a little less in 2018 (3.4 thousand tons).

JSC Thermal Power Plants introduced water heating collectors which use solar energy



TPP is producing solar water heating devices with the capacity of 200 litres of water per unit, using solar energy, the assets are being sold on the local market with competitive prices.

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«KIA Motors» plans to increase its car production in Uzbekistan

On July 5, Uzbek Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade Sardor Umurzakov received President of KIA Russia & CIS Sang Gwon Jong. The launch of the second phase of the Jizzakh project is planned and that will increase the annual production

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KNAUF launches its third plant in Uzbekistan



On 20 July in Shursuv village of Uzbekistan district of Ferghana region a ceremony was held in connection with commissioning of a new enterprise of German company "Knauf" for production of building materials on gypsum base.

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AMMC received a rating from Fitch for the 1st time

The international rating agency Fitch assigned a rating to Almalyk Mining and Metallurgical Combine at the level of "BB-" with a "stable" outlook.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & R&D

Uzbekistan reached 15th rank among 233 countries with the affordability of mobile internet

According to the source Cable.co.uk mobile internet prices were benchmarked among 233 countries, research results present the least price for 1GB is 0.13 USD and most expensive is 0.37 USD among 28 measured tariff plans.

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The EU allocated \$5.8 million in Uzbek research facilities

Between 2018 and 2022, the European Union has allocated around \$5.8 million to improve the facilities and laboratories of research institutes in Uzbekistan in the framework of activities for the development of horticulture.

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Number of active users of Humans exceeded 2 million people

Revenue in the first half of 2022 increased by 57% compared to the first half of 2021, and the number of active users of the service exceeded 2 million people.

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Technopark to be set up in Nukus

capacity to 100 thousand cars and create 3 thousand new jobs. According to the manufacturer's plans, localization will be brought to 30 percent, which will have a positive impact on the cost of cars.

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Uzbekistan increases passenger car production

160,523 cars were produced in Uzbekistan in the first half of the year, which is 51,743 more compared to the same period in 2021.

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EU-Uzbekistan cooperation in the agri-food sector

Between 2018 and 2022 the European Union has allocated about \$5,804,735 for the development of research facilities and laboratories in Uzbekistan in the framework of the "Horticulture Development Project". The project was co-funded by the EU and implemented by the World Bank and the International Strategic Centre for Agri-Food Development (ISCAD) under the Ministry of Agriculture of Uzbekistan. A total of 10 laboratories have been built or rehabilitated within the project.

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New platform to facilitate partnerships for startups in the Central Asia region



The Central Asia Economic Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program has launched a new platform to improve the ecosystem for startup businesses and discuss potential avenues for collaboration in the program's member countries. The platform consists of an interactive startup ecosystem map that will help locate and identify different players in the startup ecosystem in the CAREC region, and an innovation network to share information and resources.

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Uzbekistan plans to increase export of IT services to \$1 billion

President Shavkat Mirziyoev communicated with representatives of the IT industry at the Astrum Academy

The technopark will be located on 30 hectares of vacant land on the territory of the Nukus free economic zone for a period of 30 years.

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CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE

Government announced the list of 108 countries, in which citizens can buy real estate in Uzbekistan

Citizens from 108 countries are allowed to acquire real estate (excepting land) within Uzbekistan without residence permission. Mainly new buildings which were built no more than 3 years ago are permitted to be sold.

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The introduction of a new system in the field of design and construction has been determined

Development of general and master plans will take place in 3 stages. From now on, the Ministry of Construction will not solve such issues as determining the location of the store in the mahalla or lighting the building. Such issues will be resolved at the district and mahalla levels.

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ENERGY & FUEL

An educational and production cluster in the oil and gas sector will be created in Uzbekistan

The adopted Resolution establishes the Educational and Production Cluster in the oil and gas sector. One of the main activities of the educational cluster is the establishment of mutual integration of education, science and production in the oil and gas sector.

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TOTAL EREN commissions 131 MWp Tutly Solar Farm in Uzbekistan

Total Eren has successfully commissioned "Tutly", a 131 MWp solar farm located in the Samarkand region of Uzbekistan. The PV plant is expected to produce 270 GWh per year, enough to supply the needs of about 140,000 people in Uzbekistan while reducing CO2 emissions by about 160,000 tons per year.

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More than 12 international companies are involved in the tender for construction of wind farms in Karakalpakstan

The tender is being held according to the development strategy of the government of Uzbekistan which is aimed to acquire 12 GW by using renewable energy sources.

located in the Yukori Chirchik district, the presidential press secretary Sherzod Asadov reported.

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Tendency on the real estate market analysed.

Centre of Economical Researches & Reforms explained research which describes trends in the real estate market. Regardless of the short downfall in February the total volume of the sales is still on the same level.

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Accor and Hyper Group of Companies to open three hotels in Uzbekistan

The signed memorandums provide for the opening of Mövenpick Samarkand and Swissôtel Tashkent following the rebranding and renovation of the existing hotels, as well as the construction of the new Swissôtel Charvak hotel in Navobod village, Tashkent region.

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The World Bank will cooperate in particular in reinstallation and modernization of national electric systems

The World Bank is going to support JSC National Electric Networks in implementation of several investment projects which are aimed at renovation, construction and installation of high-voltage networks.

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Overview on the gasoline prices compared to average salary in Uzbekistan published

Compared to Kazakhstan and Russia the price is smaller, but greater than in Kyrgyzstan. For the average salary, citizens can buy 290 litres of petroleum, the median price for the litre is 0.95 USD.

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New power plant is being constructed in the Syrdarya region

Saudi Arabian ACWA Power invested 100 % of the project's cost. It is announced that the plant will produce 12 billion kWh annually. Most advantageous technical decisions are expected to be implemented.

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The amount of financial aid package from The WB for the realisation of the national electric grid renovation project has been announced

The “Electricity sector transformation and resilient transmission” project comprises elements of digitization of power grids elements and infrastructure. The volume of the funds budgeted reached \$427 million USD.

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From 2026, electricity, natural gas and liquefied gas will be moved to the wholesale market and prices will be set freely

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Veolia has started managing Tashkent's heating system

As of 1 July, France's Veolia has been given control of Tashkent's heating system for 30 years. In the first two years, a pilot project will be implemented in two districts of the capital.

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Energy prices are not expected to be increased in the second half of the year

The Central Bank of Uzbekistan announced that according to forecasts inflation in the second semiannual period will reach 12%. Previously, increases in tariffs for electricity and gas were postponed for an indefinite period.

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Uzbekneftegaz: Project implementation with US and French companies discussed

At the talks held with the American company Honeywell UOP, the Turkish Tekfen Engineering and the French Axens Solutions, sides discussed the implementation of new joint oil and gas projects. As a result of joint work, it will be possible to reduce the volume of products imported to Uzbekistan and expand the range of products with high added value.

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Rosatom and Uzatom signed Memorandum of Understanding on Nuclear Infrastructure Development

The cooperation is aimed at developing Uzbekistan's national nuclear infrastructure, as well as raising awareness among the general public about nuclear technology and its applications.

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Uzbekistan increases gasoline production

In January-June 2022, Uzbekistan produced 562.7 thousand tons of gasoline.

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Production of a new type of import-substituting industrial oil is planned in Karakalpakstan

Uzbekneftegaz is working on the implementation of the first promising investment project. The purpose of the project is to develop a way to produce oil which can be used to clean large compressors.

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SOCIAL, EDUCATION, & ENVIRONMENT SECTION

HUMAN RIGHTS & LOCAL LIFESTYLE

The State of Emergency in Karakalpakstan has been cancelled due to the President's decree

Starting from July 21 5.00 am, Presidential decree on the cancellation of the State of Emergency, the reason for this decision is the restoration of the order and guaranteed safety for the lives and health of the people.

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Central Asian Governments Agree to Intensify Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking at US-Supported Conference

The conference, which was led by the CTIP Commission, enabled law enforcement agencies from Uzbekistan,

Electronic bracelets will be applied towards suspects.

Recent decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers, in order to improve the quality of crime investigation processes and avoid additional illegal practices, electronic devices will transmit GPS signals, audio and visual information of suspects.

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USAID helped to return 35 victims of human trafficking to Uzbekistan

From October 2021 to the present, USAID and non-profit organization Istiqlol Avlodi helped to return 35 victims of human trafficking to Uzbekistan. They were provided with medical and social rehabilitation services.

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Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan to come together with civil society organisations and international experts to share best practices for fighting trafficking.

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Uzbekistan maintains its position in the US State Department's annual report on human trafficking in the world

On 19 July, the US State Department released its annual World Trafficking in Persons Report 2022, which analyses the situation in 188 countries around the world. In the new report, Uzbekistan remained in Tier 2, indicating significant efforts to combat human trafficking and forced labour.

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Nearly 1,800 officials prosecuted in six months

In the first six months of 2022, 1,785 officials were prosecuted in 1,429 criminal cases. Damage to State and public interests was assessed at almost 700 billion sums, of which almost 600 billion sums were recovered.

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UNDP: global cost of living crisis jeopardises tens of millions in 159 countries across the world on the line of poverty

Global cost of living crisis had been catalysed by the war in Ukraine. Aftermath of the war is already impacting the middle and low income class, prices increased too sharply.

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EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

Women in Uzbekistan will have access to the educational loan with the interest rate of 14%

According to the decree the loan must be started to be repaid only after 7 months during 7 years since the person graduates from the place of education. All of the funds will be transferred to the banks from the budget.

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Cooperation on the personnel training with Saudi Aramco discussed

Cooperation in personnel training was discussed during a meeting between Uzbekistan's First Deputy Energy Minister Azim Akhmedhadjaev and members of Saudi Aramco's management.

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Named the most violated field in the sphere of labour.

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Golden medal for Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan's Aitzhan Khalmakhanov won gold and Shakhzod Ruziohonov silver in the world junior Greco-Roman wrestling championships in Rome. Two other wrestlers took bronze medals for the national team.

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Gulnara Karimova wins case over frozen \$303 million

Gulnara Karimova won a victory at a Swiss court over allegations she took bribes, in a ruling that may help her reclaim 293 million francs (\$303 million) in frozen funds.

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Number of marriages decline in Uzbekistan over a year period

108,934 marriages were registered in the republic in January-June 2022.

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Skills4Girls program has been launched jointly between IT Park and UNICEF

Mentors will support girls aged from 12-18 to obtain skills in the field of IT, the program of digital literacy aimed to increase the share of girls in the field, improve their comprehensiveness in their own self-esteem.

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Unemployment in Uzbekistan returns to pre-pandemic levels

The overall unemployment rate is almost back to its 2019 levels (9.1%). For comparison, at its peak, in the pandemic year of 2020, it reached 13.2%.

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In the sector of labour legislation, a number of the most violations were detected in the field of public education, the total sum of the fines exceeded 8 billion soums.

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A vocational training centre is being created at the Ministry of Education and Science

A Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers "On measures to create a centre for preparing students for future professions" under the Ministry of Public Education was adopted.

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HEALTHCARE & COVID-19

The constant population of Uzbekistan reached 35.6 million

In the beginning of July, the population of Uzbekistan reached 35.603.443 of people. Among these numbers 17.913.057 are men and 17.690.386 are women. There are 222.671 more men than women in Uzbekistan.

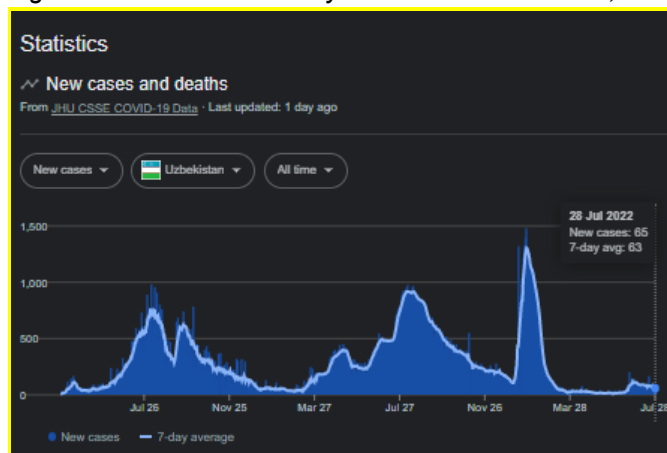
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Over 130,000 emergency calls received during hot days

A total of 130,115 calls were received by the Republican emergency medical service from July 17 to 06:00 on July 20, the head of the Dispatch centre for coordination of Emergency Medical Service of the Republican Scientific Centre of Emergency Medicine under the Ministry of Health Davlatbek Yuldashev reported.

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Figure 5 Total cases for July 30: 243.000 Deaths: 1,637



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Experts believe that there are opportunities to switch to a 4-day work week for some industries in Uzbekistan

IFMR conducted a study on the transition to a 4-day work week in Uzbekistan.

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The Ministry of Health announced points needed to transfer education from foreign and non-state universities

The press service of the Ministry of Health reported that students of foreign and non-state higher educational institutions are required to score 129 points in order to transfer education to Uzbekistan.

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Rumours regarding the spread of cholera in Uzbekistan are refused

Deputy Head of the Sanitary-Epidemiological Welfare and Public Health Service Nurmat Otabekov the information about the spread of cholera is not true. No cases have been detected.

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United States Donates 2 Million Doses of COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccines to Uzbekistan



This vaccine shipment is part of 1.2 billion doses of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines that the United States Government has pledged to donate to 115 countries through the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) facility.

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

World Bank about villages in Uzbekistan

A World Bank study of the water supply situation in some Uzbek regions revealed that 80% of the districts' populations lived in rural areas and had no piped water supply, relying on unsafe water drawn from irrigation channels and saline wells or bought at a high cost from tanker trucks that filled cisterns in front of each household.

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Exhibition of renewable energy kicked off in Tashkent

The purpose of the exhibition is to popularise the development of renewable energy sources and bring to the general public the products of local manufacturing enterprises.

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Several regions in Uzbekistan shatter heat records in July

For information, in the entire history of meteorological observations, the maximum temperature in Uzbekistan (about 50 degrees) was recorded in the Kyzylkum desert and the city of Termez (in early 1944). The maximum temperature in Tashkent of 44.6 degrees was recorded on July 18, 1997.

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CULTURE & TOURISM

The Uzbek-Belarusian film Kazbek will be released in May 2023

As a result of bilateral collaboration between Uzbekistan & Belarus a new movie is expected to be released in May 2023. The movie is a story of Mamadaly Topvaldiev, reconnaissance brigade commander which was fighting against Nazi's in Belarus during WW II.

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7 cultural heritage sites located in Bukhara are included in the Cultural Heritage List of the Islamic World

On July 3-6, the 10th session of the Islamic world of ICESCO was held at the headquarters of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ICESCO) in the city of Rabat (Morocco), a Dunyo news agency correspondent reports.

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Tashkent prepares for traditional Silk Road Tourism International Fair

Intensifying efforts to combat climate change



A joint project document was signed at the Hydrometeorological Service Centre (Uzhydromet) during a visit to Uzbekistan by Viorel Gutsu, sub-regional coordinator of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). The FAO project in Uzbekistan plans to develop a Monitoring, Reporting and Verification System. aims to reduce specific greenhouse gas emissions per unit of GDP by 35 percent by 2030, compared to 2010 levels.

[Learn more](#)

Announced the list of the countries where Uzbek citizens travelled the most.

The Statistics Committee provided the most popular destinations for the semiannual period. Traditionally leadership held by the neighbouring countries, excepting Afghanistan.

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Some 500,000 foreign tourists visited Uzbekistan in June

Uzbekistan in June 2022 was visited by 493,888 tourists from abroad. This is 307,146 people, or almost three times more than in the corresponding period last year.

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About 6 million domestic trips were organised by tourism entities

In the first six months, the country's tourism structures, together with their partners, organised around 6 million trips for the population.

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The Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Heritage together with the National PR Centre will hold the 27th Tashkent International Tourism Fair (TITF) from 30 November to 2 December.

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Museum Square will be created in Uzbekistan

On behalf of the President of Uzbekistan, 9 new museums will be created in the republic, 7 of which will be located in the Samarkand Museum Square. This was announced by Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Minister of Tourism and Cultural Heritage Aziz Abdukhakimov.

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A historical and archaeological park to be created in Karakalpakstan

This was told by the director of the State Museum of Arts of the Republic of Karakalpakstan named after I.V. Savitsky Tigran Mkrttychev during his speech at the International Scientific Conference "The Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan in the Focus of Modern Science", held on the eve of the VI International Congress of the World Society "CULTURAL HERITAGE OF UZBEKISTAN - THE FOUNDATION OF THE NEW RENAISSANCE".

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EUROUZ & MEMBER NEWS

SUMMARY

EUROUZ meets the Minister for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan



EUROUZ Secretary General Oybek Shaykhov was honoured to have an opportunity to exchange views with the Minister for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Sherzod Shermatov in Tashkent on how The Europe-Uzbekistan Association for Economic Cooperation — EUROUZ could support the ministry in its ambitious ICT sector transformation strategy, contribute to the development of new links between Uzbekistan and EU IT sectors and how more involvement from the European companies could further accelerate the development of new skills and projects inside the country. Uzbekistan is today emerging as one of the most tax efficient

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IT-business jurisdictions globally and the sides have agreed that more European companies could benefit from being informed about those opportunities.

The first meeting of the Working Group on studying issues of establishing the International Commercial Court in Uzbekistan

The first meeting of the Working Group on studying issues of establishing the International Commercial Court in Uzbekistan was held in the Strategic Development Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The meeting was attended by staff of the Supreme Court, the Supreme Judicial Council, the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other government agencies, and representatives of international organisations such as the UN Development Program, the EUROUZ, the Tashkent International Arbitration Centre. The discussions led to decisions on the agenda and the identification of short-term plans.

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Celebrating successes of our members

EUROUZ member AC BOILERS S.p.A. formerly ANSALDO CALDAIE has been engaged on a training project for Uzbekistan's JSC "Thermal Power Plants", staff. The training courses will last from the 27th of July until July 31 2022 for the first five sections, and from 26 September to 2 December 2022 for the next five. 100 specialists, engineers and managers of Uzbekistan's state power plant management company will undergo intensive training in Milan (Italy) on the operation of the steam generators, Heat Recovery Steam Generators, reinforcing their existing knowledge in theoretical classes conducted by qualified specialists of AC Boilers S.p.A.

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CHANGES IN AUTHORITY

- **Head of Presidential Administration of Uzbekistan**
Appointed - Sardor Umurzakov
Previously served as - Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Foreign Economic Relations - Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade
- **First Deputy Chairman of the Federation of Trade Unions**
Appointed - Zainilobiddin Nizomiddinov
Previously served as the Head of Presidential Administration of Uzbekistan
- **Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade**
Appointed - Jamshid Khodjaev
Previously served as the Minister of Agriculture
- **Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration**
Appointed - Komil Allamjonov
Previously served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Public Fund for Support and Development of National Mass Media
- **Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction**
Dismissed from the post - Bobur Abdinazarov
- **First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Karakalpakstan for Ecology and Development of the Aral Sea Region.**
Appointed - Amanbai Orynbaev
Previously served as Minister of Internal Affairs of Karakalpakstan
- **New prosecutor of Karakalpakstan**
Appointed - Erkabay Tadjiyev

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Previously served as the prosecutor of Kashkadarya region

- **Minister of the Interior Affairs of Karakalpakstan**
Appointed - Bakhtiyar Torebekov
Previously served as the Head of the Kungrad district police department