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IMPORTANT QUOTES

“Why is constitutional reform needed today? Some people, including the intelligentsia, are saying that our Constitution meets modern democratic requirements and questioning the need to amend it. Indeed, our Constitution is fully consistent with the best international experience, international standards and requirements. There is no doubt about it. At the same time, we need to better understand the important demand that rapid development itself places on us today. The difficult situation around us requires a more responsible approach to the future of our country and the adoption of urgent strategic decisions”

Shavkat Mirziyoyev
President of Uzbekistan

“Perhaps in the near future, all gas produced in Uzbekistan will remain in Uzbekistan, because chemical plants are expanding, it is necessary to support the domestic economy. Yes, there was export, but we still do not have the same economic dynamics. We need to create jobs, but export in its pure form - well, how profitable is this for the economy, when can it be processed and create additional value chains? Exports could stop by 2025-2026”

Behzot Narmatov
The board chairman of the Uztransgaz company

“During the year, changes were made to 30% of the legislative acts adopted during this period, including 80% of business-related documents. This negatively affects the stability of the legislation, “people and businesses demand legislation based on evidence”

Ruslanbek Davletov
Minister of Justice of Uzbekistan

“The adoption of the new Constitution will enable all citizens, including the incumbent president, to participate in the election of the head of state. Shavkat Mirziyoyev is not a politician clinging to power”

Sadyk Safaev
First Deputy of the Senate

SUMMARY

Uzbekistan intends to increase cooperation with China within the framework of the “One Belt, One Road” initiative

Acting FM of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov delivered a speech at the third meeting of foreign ministers in the “Central Asia-China” format.

Uzbekistan continues to discuss with Rosatom issues of optimizing the cost of nuclear power plant construction

The Uzbek side is currently discussing how much the energy produced by the NPP will cost, whether it will be competitive compared to other sources, and is also working to reduce the cost of building a nuclear power plant.

Uzbekistan attracting \$400 million from WB to cover state budget deficit

The loan will be provided by two members of the World Bank Group. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development will allocate \$150 million at a floating rate for 18 years with a 5-year grace period. The last installment will be made in August 2039.

Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan sign trade agreements worth over \$500 million

On the eve of the presidential visit of Azerbaijan to Uzbekistan, an Uzbek-Azerbaijani business forum was held in Tashkent, in which representatives of the business circles of the two countries took part.

US imposes sanctions against Uzbekistan-based company for supporting Russian military-industrial complex

The United States has banned American companies from cooperating with representatives of the Uzbek company Promkomplektlogistic. All their assets will be frozen. Other enterprises that are wholly or partly owned by Promkomplektlogistic are also included in the sanctions list. The US urged businesses not to cooperate with Promkomplektlogistic.

Turkmenistan opens a second corridor for transit of goods from Uzbekistan

Since June 25, Turkmenistan has opened another corridor for the transit of goods between Uzbekistan and Iran.

GOVERNMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Constitutional Commission approves first proposals and starts preparations for the referendum

The initial package of amendment proposals was adopted by the Commission during their 3rd meeting on the 10th of June. The meeting was broadcasted live and discussed the 41 amendments to 24 articles in the Constitution. Possible changes to human rights, peace, preservation of cultural heritage, and criminal law were accepted. It should be noted that on the 9th of June 19 188 proposals were submitted.

On the 24th of June the 1st draft amendments to the Constitution were adopted. The document has more than 170 amendments to 66 articles of the Constitution, which were selected out of over 60,000 proposals. The following day the draft was published in newspapers for public discussion until the 15th of July. On the proposal of the President, this stage would then be followed by a referendum.

On June 28, the Central Election Commission (CEC) held a meeting on the constitutional referendum, where the CEC Deputy Chairman Bakhrom Kuchkarov announced the regulations and procedures for the referendum. He added that the process will be similar to the elections. Once the referendum date is set all preparations, such as personnel trainings, must be done within 1-3 months.

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The constitution is not being amended for the sake of preserving the President's power, said Sadyk Safayev

First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis, Sadyk Safayev, explained that the need to amend the basic Law arose from the necessity to keep up with continuous external changes. In response to the public's negative options on the amendment, he stated that during his term the President proved to be a competent leader, working for the sake of the people and not power. And just as any other citizen, the President will have the right to participate in the upcoming presidential elections in 2026. He also noted that among public proposals, both requests to allow and prohibit extensions of the Presidential term were submitted.

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President Shavkat Mirziyoyev comments on the changes to the Constitution

In light of the Constitutional changes being made by the Constitutional Commission, the President of Uzbekistan has made several comments on the topic:

Civil unrest in the capital of Karakalpakstan as a response to the proposed constitutional amendment on the Karakalpak autonomy

Under the ongoing Constitutional changes, a number of amendments have sparked public unrest in Karakalpakstan. Namely, Articles 70, 71, 72, 74, and 75 have been modified to change the region's status from an autonomous republic to an ethnic minority group with its own language.

The civil march took place on the 1st of July in the city of Nukus, where attempts of storming government buildings and markets were stopped by the local police. The following day the President of Uzbekistan visited Nukus to meet members of its Jokargy Kenes (parliament), activists, and senior citizens. After the talks the President announced the cancellation of amendments to articles 70, 71, 72, 74, and 75 of the Constitution. Regarding the incident, the Jokargy Kenes has issued a statement noting that a group organizers have been detained and shall be questioned, local law enforcement has taken back control, and caution is being taken to external influences.

Simultaneously, an emergency situation in the region was announced, closing off Karakalpakstan from the 3rd of July to the 2nd of August. Checkpoints on Kazakh-Uzbek border temporarily closed. According to the President, such measures are necessary to ensure the security and stability of the region.

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The Council of Higher Education has expanded its powers and updated its composition

The Republican Council for Higher Education, according to [Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers, No. 319](#), the Council will be headed by the rector of the Tashkent State Transport University, Odil Abdurakhmanov. The Council has been given the power to coordinate all draft regulations in the field of higher education and control the national university and rector rating system. Also, a "School of Rectors" for the preparation of proper university management.

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Anti-Corruption Agency names a region with highest level of corruption

The director of the Anti-Corruption Agency Akmal Burkhanov at the meeting of the Anti-Corruption Council on the 14th of June announced that the most corrupt region in Uzbekistan was the Tashkent city with Uchtepa district having recorded the highest number of crimes.

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- Some powers of the President were advised to be transferred to the Oliy Majlis (Parliament). For instance, appoint and dismiss the chairman of the Accounts Chamber to the Senate.
- It was proposed to introduce the appointment of the head of the Anti-Corruption Agency and include anti-corruption matters into the competence of the parliament.
- Prohibit death penalty in Uzbekistan as the right to live is a natural right of every person. Furthermore, he noted that human dignity, life and freedom should be a core element of the Constitution.
- The criminal records of a person should not limit the rights of his or her relatives. And those who are deprived of liberty must be treated humanely.
- The idea of “Uzbekistan – a social state” was proposed to be consolidated in a Constitution that can protect all Uzbek people.
- Give authority to local communities - mahallas, to make decisions on their own and receive state support.
- Ensuring state bodies are controlled by the public, are transparent, compact, and economic. And, create an institution that will allow public participation in law making.

Overall, in 2021 184 corruption incidents were identified with the estimated cost of USD 7,6 million. In terms of public opinion and media, 26% of Tashkent citizens stated that they’ve encountered acts of corruption and 50% of such crimes published in mass media took place in Tashkent.

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Uzbekistan’s Presidential term proposed to be extended to 7 years

Under the draft amendment of the Constitution part 2 of Article 90 proposes a change in the presidential term, from 5 to 7 years. It should be noted that in the previous Constitutional reform in 2011 the term was reduced from 7 to 5 years. The draft with the abovementioned change was submitted for the public discussion on the 25th of June.

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REGIONAL COOPERATION & PARTNERSHIPS

NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA

The “Uzbekistan Caucus” making progress in approving a number of Uzbekistan-related resolutions

On the 8th of June Washington hosted the second meeting of the Uzbekistan Caucus friendship group, which was attended by Uzbekistan’s First Deputy Chairman of the Senate Sodiq Safoyev and the US authorities. Significant progress in Uzbek laws was emphasised while the rise in the membership from 4 to 17 legislators was noted. The friendship group has been working on the resolution to support the independence and sovereignty of Uzbekistan, which has significant received support from congressmen. Also, intentions on withdrawing Uzbekistan from the Jackson-Vanik amendment through the adoption of a special act HRes-1913 was sated as well. As a result, the “Minutes of the second meeting of the “Caucus on Uzbekistan” was signed by the “Uzbekistan Caucus” co-chairs.

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Uzbek Defense Minister hosted Commander of US Centcom



(Image source: Kun.uz)

Uzbekistan’s National Security Council Secretary Viktor Makhmudov, Defense Minister Bakhodir Kurbanov and the commander of the US Central Command, Michael Kurilla met on the 13th of June to discuss ongoing cooperation. It was noted that Uzbekistan and US have been

US expresses support for Uzbekistan's WTO accession

Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan Tanzila Narbayeva and the US Deputy Trade Representative (USTR) Christopher Wilson met in Washington. During the meeting the US side expressed readiness to take part in the 5th meeting of the Working Group on Uzbekistan's accession to the WTO and support Uzbekistan in the accession process. In addition, interest in furthering cooperation under the Central Asian-US Trade and Investment Framework (TIFA) via digital commerce and establishment of global supply channels was stated.

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EUROPE

President of Uzbekistan talks with the European Council President Charles Michel over the phone



(Image source: official twitter account of Charles Michel)

On the 4th of July, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a telephone conversation with the European Council President Charles Michel. The European Council President was informed about the latest developments in Karakalpakstan. He reiterated EU's commitment to further deepening cooperation, also on the basis of the upcoming Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA) as well as highly appreciated Uzbekistan's role in Afghanistan in preventing country becoming a safe haven for terrorism. President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and European Council President Charles Michel confirmed their strong mutual commitment to development of Uzbekistan – European constructive dialogue and full cooperation.

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Uzbekistan's deputy Prime Minister met with governor of Russia's Ivanovo Oblast

Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan received the delegation from the Ivanovo Oblast, Russia headed by its governor on the

successfully nurturing a healthy strategic partnership in combating terrorism and maintaining regional stability. The new US commander, still on his trip throughout the region, shall carefully evaluate the existing risks and opportunities to jointly tackle security issues in Central Asia with Uzbekistan. The US commander was also invited to a meeting with the President of Uzbekistan to discuss topical security issues, such as the Afghan crisis and regional connectivity.

After the meeting the US commander shared his impressions of the visit and seemed particularly impressed by the culture of Uzbekistan. He identified Uzbekistan as a security leader of the Central Asia region.

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Uzbekistan's acting Foreign Minister met with OSCE Chairman-in-Office - Foreign Minister of Poland

Acting Foreign Minister Vladimir Norov received the delegation of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on the 3rd of June. The Chairman-in-Office - Foreign Minister of Poland Zbigniew Rau discussed the OSCE and Uzbek-Polish relations. Under Uzbekistan's OSCE membership, issues of the Aral crisis and democracy were brought up and the creation of special projects were considered. In terms of inter-country relations, the increasing interest of Polish businesses in Uzbekistan was emphasized and the possibility of organizing delegations were stated. At the end, the Intergovernmental Executive Program in the field of culture, science, higher education, enlightenment and sports for 2022-2026 was inked.

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Uzbekistan sent a second round of humanitarian aid to Ukraine

On the 6th of June, the head of the administration of the Ukraine's Zakarpattia region, Viktor Mikita, stated that more than 19 tons of medicines were delivered from Uzbekistan via the humanitarian center in Slovakia. The cargo was immediately used for the treatment of military personnel involved in combat.

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Uzbekistan plans to increase trade and investment cooperation with the UK

Uzbekistan's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade and the British Deputy Secretary of State for International Trade met in Tashkent on the 7th of June. The meeting was also attended by London Stock Exchange, Standard

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2nd of June. Prospects of establishing inter-regional cooperation in industry, trade and education were discussed. In particular, the joint production of high-tech and competitive textile items and facilitating specialized education in this field.

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Uzbekistan's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade met with a number of Russian government authorities



(Image source: MIFT press service)

The Uzbek delegation visited Moscow on the 3-4th of June. Meetings were arranged with the Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Economic Development Minister Maxim Reshetnikov. Among a variety of topics particular attention was paid to the development of logistics, transportation, investment, and production.

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Spain set to open embassy in Uzbekistan

Spain is planning to set up a permanent diplomatic mission in Tashkent and later open an embassy. On June 27, Vladimir Norov hosted the newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Spain to Uzbekistan (stationed in Moscow) Marcos Gómez Martínez. During the meeting, parties discussed the ways to step up the Uzbek-Spanish political dialogue as well as the opening of branches and vocational training centres of Spanish universities in Uzbekistan, and the involvement of Spanish specialists and teachers in Uzbekistan.

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Chartered, and TheCityUk representatives. It was noted how Uzbekistan obtaining Great Britain's Enhanced Generalized System of Preferences scheme (GSP) has improved trade between the nations. To continue these positive developments, the parties agreed to joint export-oriented industries in Uzbekistan via British investment and conduct GSP-related trainings for Uzbek manufacturers and exporters.

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Uzbek-Turkish business forum held in Tashkent

Deputy Board Chairman of the Bursa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BTSO) Ismail Kush noted that Türkiye and Uzbekistan have taken important steps to develop cooperation, including the economic sphere. He praised the ongoing Uzbek-Turkish efforts in promoting business, expecting an increase in trade between the nations.

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Uzbekistan and Turkey discuss prospects for implementing large energy investment projects

Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan and Nihat Ozdemir president of the Turkish company Limak Holding discussed the possibility of conducting large-scale investment projects in the areas of heat and hydropower, processing of agricultural products and the development of tourism infrastructure. It was agreed to establish a joint working group to introduce advanced Turkish technologies in the field of construction of energy infrastructure facilities

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CENTRAL ASIA

The 3rd ministerial meeting in the “Central Asia - China” format took place in Nur-Sultan

On the 8th of June Foreign Ministers and their Deputies from China, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan met in Nur-Sultan. At the event, Uzbekistan was represented by the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov. During the meeting the following topics were brought up during the meeting:

- The need to maintain integrity and security in the region was highlighted and President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's proposition to adopt a UN resolution on the interconnectedness of Central and South Asia was supported.
- The re-establishment of the socio-economic infrastructure of Afghanistan with the support of the international community, in order to overcome the humanitarian crisis in the state.
- Resumption and passenger and cargo air transportation via “express corridors” and “green corridors” and use of multimodal transportation. For instance, the multimodal transport corridor “Lianyungang – Lanzhou – Kashgar – Irkeshtam – Osh – Andijan” and the transport corridor “Uzbekistan – Turkmenistan – Iran – Oman”. Furthermore, the Uzbek side expressed interest in deepening cooperation via the “One Belt, One Road” initiative.

Following the discussions, a “Roadmap” for the development of regional cooperation for 2022-2025 and Initiatives on interconnectedness and data protection between the regions were adopted.

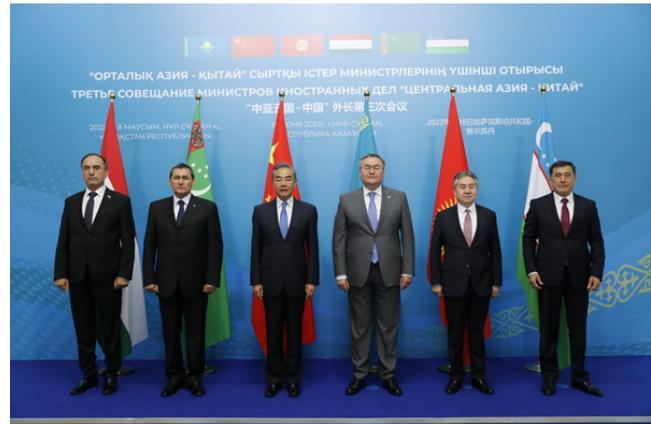
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AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST & SOUTH ASIA

Afghanistan started distributing humanitarian aid received from Uzbekistan

On the 3rd of June a ceremony was held in the Kaldar district of Afghanistan's Balkh province. It was announced that humanitarian aid will be distributed to the Kunduz, Samangan, Takhar and Jowzjan provinces. The aid comprises food kits which shall assist the population with the aftermath of recent severe floods and mudflows.

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(Image source: MFA of China)

Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan Foreign Ministers discuss bilateral cooperation issues

Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Vladimir Norov met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan Rashid Meredov. Progress in bilateral cooperation, in particular, trade growth was noted. The Foreign Ministers confirmed their firm commitment to the course of deepening relations of strategic partnership and alliance for the benefit of the two fraternal peoples.

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Uzbekistan's Foreign Ministry hosted a meeting with the Ambassador of Palestine

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Furkat Sidikov met with the Ambassador of Palestine to Uzbekistan Javad Muhammad Awad on the 2nd of June. Matters related to ongoing bilateral cooperation were discussed.

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Deputy Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan meets with Ambassador of Egypt

Ambassador of Egypt Amira Fahmy and Deputy Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Furkat Sidikov met on the 6th of

Uzbekistan sends 74 tons of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan



(Image source: MFA)

On the 25th of June to aid the earthquake-stricken Afghanistan Uzbekistan sent via air transportation 74 tons of food, essential items and medicines. According to available data, the natural cataclysm killed over 1.1 thousand people and injured 1,500.

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Uzbekistan and UAE to boost energy cooperation

A delegation headed by the Deputy Minister for Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Shukhrat Vafayev met with the CEO of Masdar Mohamed Al Ramahi in UAE. It was proposed to boost energy cooperation, particularly in renewables. Currently, a number of green-energy projects are planned for 2022 with a total output of 1 397 MW.

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Air flight communication agreement between Uzbekistan and Qatar approved

On the 7th of June the President's resolution "On the ratification of an international treaty" was approved. With this, air communication between the governments of Uzbekistan and Qatar was approved. The same document was signed by the ministers of both nations on the 9th of June 2021. The resolution shall help organize air traffic, appoint airlines, determine destinations, settle disputes, and establish representative offices. In addition, mutual tax and customs benefits were provided as well.

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June. Cooperation in the political, trade-economic, cultural-humanitarian spheres were discussed. Attention was paid to the organizational issues of the upcoming meeting of the intergovernmental commission.

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Egypt's Tourism & antiquities Minister and Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Egypt have met in Cairo

On the 6th of June Egypt's Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Khaled el-Enani and Ambassador of Uzbekistan Mansurbek Qilichev discussed matters related to cooperation in the tourism and archaeology sectors. The meeting was attended by other relevant government authorities. The possibility of increasing flights between the countries from the current 4 airlines and of sharing experience in the area of travel and historical tourism were considered. To support these intentions workshops and meetings shall be held. While the 1st meeting will be dedicated to tourism, the 2nd one will be devoted to antiquities.



(Image source: Egypt Min. of Tourism & Antiquities)

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Abdulaziz Kamilov meets with the Foreign Minister of the Taliban in Kabul

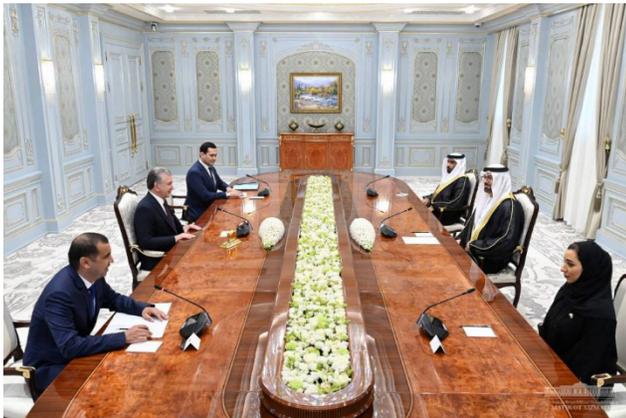
On the 19th of June the Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Foreign Policy, Abdulaziz Kamilov met with the Deputy Prime Ministers of Afghanistan in Kabul. Trade and the implementation of Uzbek energy, transportation, and communication infrastructure projects were discussed. Regional security and politics were touched upon as well.

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Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan start cooperation in copyright and related rights protection

The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Agency for Intellectual Property of Azerbaijan met on the 20th of June in Tashkent. Both sides have signed a

Uzbekistan considers new areas for partnership with the UAE



(Image source: UZA)

On the 10th of June a delegation of the UAE headed by the Minister of Cabinet Affairs Mohammad bin Abdullah Al Gergawi met with Uzbekistan’s President and Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade to discuss the prospects of new cooperation. During the meeting with the President, oth sides noted the following accomplishments achieved in terms of bilateral cooperation:

- Bilateral trade has doubled since the start of the year
- 45 new joint ventures have been created in Uzbekistan
- 17 major projects are being implemented with an investment of about USD 3 billion

Currently, DP World, Mubadala, and Masdar companies are taking part in improving Uzbekistan's logistics, trade, and energy sectors. At the end it was agreed to make a joint action plan to further promote cooperation in AI, innovation, HR, and public administration.

Particular attention was paid to the latter during a meeting with the Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade, where the Public Administration Efficiency Improvement Program., its 3-year results. Both parties agreed to extend the duration of the program for another 3 years to further receive UAE support on the spheres of finance, education, economics, public administration, food security and agriculture, customs and logistics.

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The President of Azerbaijan received chairperson of Uzbekistan’s Senate of Oliy Majlis

On the 30th of June the Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan Tanzila Norbaeva visited Baku The visit was arranged under the Baku Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement Parliamentary Network and the 1st Business Forum of women entrepreneurs of Uzbekistan

memorandum of cooperation in the field of copyright and related rights protection in light of the Uzbek-Azerbaijani Business Forum. The document shall initiate joint intellectual rights protection and exchange of experience in this field.

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Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan agree to create a joint Investment Fund

During the meeting in an expanded format on the 21st of June the Presidents of Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan agreed to create a joint investment fund for the promotion of projects. Specifically, for the projects that were signed during the Business Forum and that value over half a billion USD.

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The President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, did a state visit to Uzbekistan



(Image source: Presidential Press Service)

The President of Azerbaijan visited Uzbekistan from the 21st to the 22nd of June. During the visit a ceremony of signing bilateral documents and the declaration on deepening strategic partnership were held in Kuksaroy. 18 documents were signed between the governments, ministries and departments of the two countries covering a variety of industries. Both Presidents visited Uzbekistan’s Khoresm and Khiva regions.

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and Azerbaijan. Ongoing agreements between the two nations were discussed.

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EAST ASIA & PACIFIC

Mongolia and Uzbekistan intensify bilateral cooperation in tourism, trade, and transportation.

Deputy Foreign Minister of Uzbekistan Furkat Sidikov met with a delegation from Mongolia on the 3rd of June. The prospects of increasing agricultural trade were considered. To promote travel between the countries, Mongolia introduced a 30-day visa-free regime for Uzbek citizens. Following the talks, a Program for cooperation between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan and Mongolia for 2022-2023 and a Protocol of Understanding between the Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Roads and Transport Development of Mongolia were signed.

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Ambassador of South Korea discussed topical issues with Uzbekistan's Deputy Foreign Minister

Deputy Foreign Minister Gayrat Fozilov met with Ambassador Kim Hee-sang on the 6th of June. Bilateral cooperation, as well as interaction within multilateral structures, were discussed.

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Malaysia's Pahang state and Uzbekistan boosting inter-regional cooperation



(Image source: Dunyo news agency)

Ambassador of Uzbekistan Ravshan Usmanov and the head of the administration of the Malaysian Pahang state Van Rosdi Van Ismail discussed cooperation in trade, investment, education and tourism. The region is the third largest in Malaysia and is the main exporter of palm oil and rubber, a producer of fresh produce, vegetables and

Prospects for development of Uzbek-Mongolian cooperation were discussed

Uzbekistan's Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade and Mongolia's Deputy Ministers of Investments and Foreign Trade and Foreign Affairs met on the 3rd of June in Tashkent. To further strengthen ties it was proposed to increase trade in high value-added goods, expand cooperation in a variety of sectors, and establish cooperation between their business communities. To achieve these goals, it was agreed to develop a roadmap.

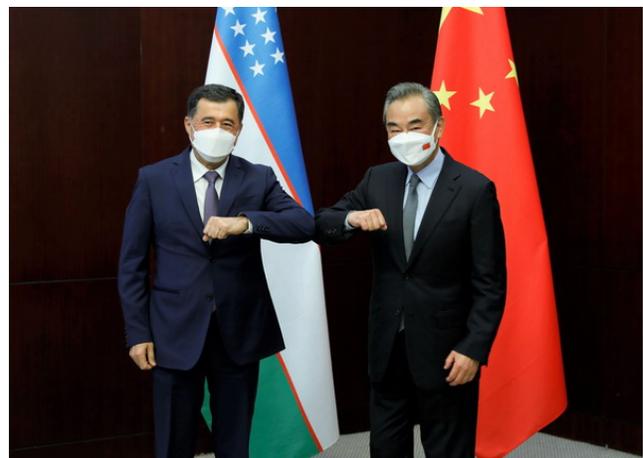
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MIFT considers mechanisms for deepening Uzbek-South Korean cooperation

The newly appointed Ambassador of South Korea Kim Hee Sang was invited to the Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade to discuss the current state of the partnership. It was noted that at present about 100 investment projects are being implemented in Uzbekistan for a total amount of more than USD 14 billion, which have brought the total South Korean investments to over USD 7 billion. Both sides agreed to stay focused on the goals of increasing trade turnover to USD 5 billion by 2025. It was agreed to create new mechanisms for interaction between the relevant institutions of both sides.

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Uzbek Acting Foreign Minister Vladimir Norov met with China's State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi



(Image source: MFA of China)

rice. Boosting cooperation in the electrical, automotive, silk processing, agricultural and food industries were considered. Due to common interests, Uzbekistan agreed to share experience, establish joint production and export of textile products. Also, it was proposed to create business, cultural and humanitarian ties between the Pahang and Fergana regions. Following the talks, it was agreed to share experience between the Pahang Technopark and the TexnoPark and IT Park and establish cooperation between the Gambang Halal Park industrial park and the Bustonlik-pharm FEZ on edible additives and medicine production.

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Japan-Uzbekistan Summit Telephone talk held to discuss recent world developments

On the 9th of June the President of Uzbekistan had a phone call with Japan's Prime Minister on matters involving regional development and world stability. The Japanese counterpart expressed support in the ongoing infrastructure and human resource advances in Central Asia. Emphasis was made on using mechanisms of cooperation, like the "Central Asia plus Japan" dialogue, to tackle the Afghan crisis and peacefully resolve the Russia-Ukraine war. Issues around North Korea were discussed as well.

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

18th EU-Uzbekistan annual Cooperation Committee meeting



(Image source: gov.uz)

On the 6th of July, the 18th meeting of the EU-Uzbekistan Cooperation Committee took place in Brussels. The meeting was co-chaired by Deputy Managing Director of the European External Action Service, Luc Devigne, and

On the 7th of June under the 3rd "China+Central Asia" (C+C5) Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nur-Sultan China's and Uzbekistan's Foreign Ministers met up. Among many issues, the importance of accelerating the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway construction project and intensifying cooperation under the SCO and in light of the upcoming SCO summit in Samarkand were stressed.

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Uzbekistan delegation attends International Meeting Stockholm +50



(Image source: Dunyo)

The Uzbekistan delegation took part in the International Meeting "Stockholm +50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity", which took place on 1-3 June in Sweden. The Stockholm Meeting was attended by delegations from 137 countries, as well as heads of more than 30 international

by the First Deputy Minister of Uzbekistan's Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade, Laziz Kudratov. The European side congratulated the Uzbek delegation on the conclusion of the negotiation on Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between Uzbekistan and the EU. Both sides looked ahead to the EU-Central Asia Sustainable Connectivity Conference to be held in November 2022 in Samarkand and agreed to discuss the possible dates for the next meeting of the Uzbekistan-EU Cooperation Council in Brussels. The upcoming practical implementation of the Multiannual Indicative Programme for 2021-2024 worth 83 million euros with the focus on digital and green growth was also announced.

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EU calls for open and independent investigation into Karakalpakstan violence

The EU called on Uzbekistan "for an open and independent investigation into the violent events in Karakalpakstan". The EU also noted Shavkat Mirziyoyev's swift reaction regarding the constitutional amendments, which had raised concerns among the population. The European side remained committed to supporting Uzbekistan's reform efforts, calling their partnership with Uzbekistan "a strong and growing".

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Bukhara is hosting the IV Forum of Young Leaders of the Organisation of Turkic States



(Image source: Bukhara regional administration)

Within the framework of the forum, seminars and training were provided for young leaders, experts, entrepreneurs, representatives of art, culture and sports, as well as media from Turkic-speaking countries. In addition, consultations were held with the heads of state and non-governmental organisations responsible for the youth policy of the

organisations. Participants were invited to take part in the first Aral Sea High-Level International Forum in Nukus planned for 2022.

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OSCE supports Uzbekistan's efforts to combat the financing of terrorism

On 3 June 2022, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan (PCUz) in co-operation with the Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) and the Uzbek Prosecutor General's Office organised an international scientific-practical conference themed "Legalization of the Proceeds of Criminal Activities and Financing of Terrorism: Modern Threats and Current Issues of Combating them". Experts from 16 countries and 15 international organizations discussed in Tashkent the implementation of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) international standards, development of international co-operation, enhancement of the role of law enforcement and supervisory authorities in strengthening national Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) systems.

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Participation of the Official Delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Dushanbe Water Conference



(Image source: Dushanbe Water Process)

On 6-9 June, the official Uzbek delegation led by participated in the 2nd International High-Level Conference on International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028" in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Delegation held bilateral meetings with representatives of the Government of Tajikistan and international partners and signed important water projects.

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member states and observers of the Organisation of Turkic States. During the forum, “Turkic World Youth Park” and the monument “Bukhara – the capital of the first youth initiatives of the Turkic world” were opened.

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Uzbekistan takes part in 12th WTO Ministerial Conference

The event took place from June 12 to 15, and was attended by trade ministers of WTO member countries and observer states, as well as by the heads of international organisations. Readiness was voiced to actively promote the process of Uzbekistan’s accession to the WTO, including during the upcoming 5th meeting of the Working Group of the organisation on June 21-22. Also on the sidelines of the ministerial conference, under the chairmanship of Uzbekistan, a regular meeting of the Informal Group of countries joining the WTO (IGAG) at the level of heads of ministerial delegations was held. Topical issues of the acceding countries were discussed within its framework.



(Image source: Dunyo)

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The Uzbek delegation participated in the 110th session of the International Labour Conference



(Image source: Senate press service)

The EU will give €1 million to build a mini-hydropower plant in Ferghana oblast

“Uzbekhydroenergo and the Hydro4U consortium will receive €1 million from the EU to purchase equipment for the new hydropower plant. The grant will cover half the cost of the project, which will provide power to 2,100 homes

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The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) concluded bilateral consultation with the Republic of Uzbekistan

The IMF staff team visited the country in June, collected economic and financial information, and discussed with officials the country’s economic developments and policies.

Executive Directors welcomed the authorities’ continued commitment to sound macroeconomic policies and structural reforms, and to fiscal sustainability. They particularly welcomed the measures to reduce the role of the state in the economy, by privatising state-owned banks and SOEs, opening markets to private businesses, and enhancing competition and governance. In this context, Directors stressed the importance of ongoing governance reforms, including strengthening anti corruption institutions and corporate governance of SOEs. [Learn more](#)

EU helps in improving information exchange for border crime analysis in Central Asia

From June 14 to 16 the Border Management Programme in Central Asia held a regional workshop in Nur-Sultan for representatives of border guard services and law enforcement institutions from Central Asian countries. The participants learned modern methods and tools of crime analysis, information exchange and forms of cooperation based on the Lithuanian experience.

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OSCE and Ministry of Preschool Education introduced an innovative environmental education programme in Uzbekistan

On 16 June 2022, during the national high-level conference co-organised by the OSCE jointly with the Ministry of Preschool Education and the Innovative Centre for Information and Pedagogical Technologies, the innovative programme on environmental education “Earth is Our Common Home” for preschool educational

A delegation led by Senate Speaker Tanzila Narbayeva visited Geneva, Switzerland to attend the 110th session of the International Labour Conference. During the visit, Senate Speaker Tanzila Narbayeva met with ILO Director-General Guy Ryder. In the course of the meeting, the parties exchanged views on the current state and prospects of relations between Uzbekistan and the ILO. As a result of the negotiations, an agreement was reached on expanding the scope of cooperation between Uzbekistan and the ILO, joint work to create decent working conditions in the country.

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UN Deputy Secretary-General visited Uzbekistan

UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed visited Uzbekistan on 8-9 June 2022. She held talks in the Senate of the Parliament of Uzbekistan, Agency for Youth Affairs, as well as met with women leaders of Uzbekistan, during which current issues of Uzbekistan's interaction with the UN was discussed.

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Fifth meeting of working group on Uzbekistan's accession to WTO held in Geneva



(Image source: MIFT press service)

On June 21, Geneva hosted the fifth meeting of the working group on Uzbekistan's accession to the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The event was attended by over 60 delegations of WTO member countries, as well as representatives of international organisations and foreign experts. The working group began a detailed discussion of the submitted documents on the foreign trade regime of Uzbekistan, while the delegation of Uzbekistan held a series of bilateral negotiations in Geneva on access to the market for goods and services with the United States, the

institutions was presented. The programme aims at providing children, parents, and teachers with the support in building knowledge and skills necessary to address complex environmental issues. The programme is expected to be integrated into the national pre-school curriculum.

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Election experts from the OSCE ODIHR presented the final report on Uzbekistan's 2021 presidential election



(Image source: Press Office of the Central Election Commission of Uzbekistan)

During a visit to Tashkent that took place from 14 to 17 June 2022, ODIHR election experts presented the final report on Uzbekistan's 2021 presidential election and discussed the recommendations contained in it. ODIHR recommends conducting a comprehensive review of election laws, removing remaining restrictions on the fundamental rights of expression, peaceful assembly and association, ensuring a clear separation between state and party, lifting restrictions on candidacy rights, strengthening integrity of the voter registration, providing for citizen election observation by independent civil society organisations.

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Uzbekistan chairs the 1st Forum of ECO Heads of Tourism Associations, Unions and other Tourism Stakeholders



(Image source: Economic Cooperation Organisation)

EU, Canada, Brazil, Switzerland, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Mongolia and other key WTO member states.

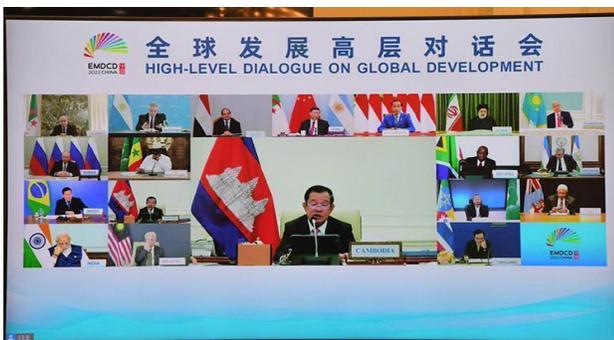
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Energy ministers of SCO member states to meet in Tashkent

On June 24, Tashkent will host the Second Meeting of Energy Ministers of the SCO member states. Following the meeting, the parties approved conceptual documents on the SCO energy track. The ministers developed an Action Plan for the practical implementation of the Cooperation Concept in the field of energy and adopted a draft Program of Collaboration for using renewable energy sources.

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President of Uzbekistan attends BRICS+ Online Forum



(Image source: Khmer Times)

On the 24th of June, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev took part in the High-Level Dialogue on Global Development in the format of "BRICS Plus". The online forum, chaired by China, was attended by the heads of state and government of 18 countries. Countries agreed that development is the foundation of security and security is the prerequisite for development as well as signed XIV BRICS Summit Beijing Declaration.

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The Uzbek delegation participates in the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

During the XI Session, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation decided to declare Khiva the "Tourism Capital of the Islamic World" for 2024. Uzbek reforms in tourism such as simplifying visa regimes, preserving cultural heritage and improving historic cities were also recognised. The conference under the theme "Role of

The 1st Forum of ECO Heads of Tourism Associations, Unions and other Tourism Stakeholders was held in virtual format on 20th June, 2022 and was attended by delegates from Iran, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Uzbekistan and public representatives from the Ministry of Culture of Turkmenistan. The Republic of Uzbekistan (as being a Chair of the organisation) declared the year 2022 as the Year of Connectivity. Uzbekistan proposed to adopt a regional programme on developing safe tourism in the post-pandemics period, but also widening the geography of aviation links and tourist infrastructure.

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On the 21-23 June, Tashkent hosted international meeting on sustainable livestock development

The 2nd Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Regional Meeting for Eastern Europe and Central Asia was held in Tashkent as part of the UN Global Sustainable Livestock Programme. The meeting was organised by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the State Committee of Veterinary and Livestock Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan and was attended by 140 participants, including 25 international experts from 9 countries. The meeting acknowledged achievements and forward-looking commitments to future actions that are essential for livestock contributions to sustainable, resilient, inclusive food systems.

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600 staff of local municipalities across Uzbekistan to be trained on open data and digitalisation

From 22 to 24 June 2022, the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) in co-operation with the Anti-Corruption Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan (ACA) organised a series of training seminars on how to improve transparency and accountability through open datasets. The participants, selected among ACA personnel, will use this knowledge to train 600 staff members of local municipalities across the country during 2022.

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Uzbekistan to invest in improving energy efficiency of public buildings

June 24, The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved today a \$143 million concessional credit for Uzbekistan. This financing will support a project aimed at improving the energy efficiency of public buildings and enhancing the institutional and regulatory framework in

Local Communities in Tourism Development” took place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 27th-29th of June.

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SCO Energy Ministers Meet In Tashkent



(Image source: Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan)

On 24 June 2022, the Second Energy Ministerial Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation member states was held in Tashkent. As a result of the ministerial meeting, the Action Plan for the practical implementation of the SCO Energy Cooperation Concept was approved and the draft Programme of Cooperation of SCO Member States in the Use of Renewable Energy Sources was endorsed

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LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Changes coming from July 1 were announced:

In order to improve the socio-economic situation President of Uzbekistan implemented several decrees, major changes to be implemented in the areas of: transportation, improvement of medical personnel working conditions, social and tourism spheres in legislation.

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VAT rate is expected to be reduced in 2023

According to the meeting, the new mission is to reduce the tax burden on the economy to 25% by 2026. Automation of the processes and subsequent unification of land and property unification shall be the main tools in achieving this goal.

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the buildings sector for attracting clean energy investments.

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Tashkent to host international conference on Afghanistan

On July 25-26, Tashkent will host an international conference on Afghanistan with the participation of delegations from over 20 countries including international organisations. According to the Foreign Ministry, the main goal of the event is to develop a set of measures and proposals for the approaches of the world community to promote stability, security, post-conflict reconstruction in Afghanistan and its integration into regional cooperation processes in the interests of the multinational Afghan people and the whole world.

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Government to simplify tax administration to businessman

To soften taxes for business entities condition new decree of the President of Uzbekistan will come into force.

In particular, taxes for empty buildings, unused production facilities will be cancelled, and new rules in VAT are implemented.

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Improvements of the efficiency of industrial, business, economic zones are expected

Presidential Decree was adopted to take a measure on the advancement of economic, business and entrepreneurial activities. The conditions of these are to be enhanced in order to attract investment and support the new investment projects.

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ECONOMY SECTION

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS, LOANS, & PUBLIC FINANCE

UNDP supports Government of Uzbekistan in holding 5th Working Party meeting to accede WTO

On June 21-22, Uzbekistan held the 5th Working Party meeting on the accession to the WTO, almost two years after the last meeting. The meeting was chaired by the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Lee Taeho, and brought together 25 WTO Members to examine Uzbekistan's foreign trade regime.

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Bread loaf price rises sharply in Uzbekistan

If yesterday a tin of bread cost 1,400-1,800 soums, then today it costs 2,800 soums.

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Sugar prices rise sharply in Uzbekistan

The Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction named the main factors affecting the cost of sugar in the domestic market and reported on measures taken to stabilize prices for the product.

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Zara and other Inditex brands exploring possibility of implementing projects in Uzbekistan

Recently, the Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade held a meeting with representatives of the directorate of social stability of the Spanish company Inditex.

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MIFT: Practical cooperation deepens with Saudi Arabian companies

Yesterday, Deputy Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Shukhrat Vafayev met with the heads of the Saudi companies "Kdot Partners", "Maharah Human Resources" and "Classera".

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Uzbekistan attracting USD 400 million from WB to cover state budget deficit

The loan was approved last December. Full repayment of the loan is scheduled for 2051.

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Annual inflation reaches 11% in May

Since the beginning of the year, prices in the consumer sector have increased by 5.5% with an average monthly value of 1.1%.

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76% of one-time benefits distributed to needy people

In Uzbekistan, one-time allowances in the amount of 200, 300 and 400 thousand soums, depending on the category, are being distributed to 8,903,751 citizens (4.5 million of them – children).

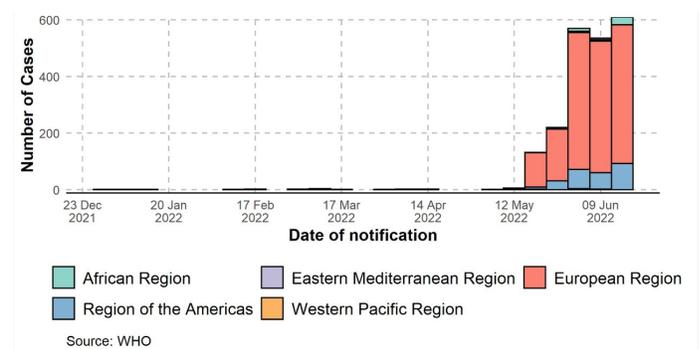
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Uzbekistan plans to increase trade and investment cooperation with UK

Deputy PM – Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov received the British Deputy Secretary of State for International Trade (Minister for Exports) Mike Freer.

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Figure 1 Confirmed cases of monkeypox by WHO region from January 2022 to 15 June 2022



Remittances to Uzbekistan amounted to USD 4.1 billion in five months

The volume of cross-border transfers received by the republics in January-May amounted to \$4.1 billion.

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Exchange price of sugar increases by almost 50% since March

The Ministry of Agriculture published data on the cost and quantity of sugar sold on the Commodity Exchange.

Foodstuff prices begin to rise in Uzbek markets

Prices for products such as beef, mutton, butter and sugar have risen.

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The owner of Zara, Pull & Bear, Bershka is studying the possibility of implementing projects in Uzbekistan

The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan held a meeting with representatives of the Directorate of Social Stability of the Spanish company INDITEX.

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Uzbekistan imported USD 80 million worth of mobile phones over five months

In January-May 2022, Uzbekistan imported about 1.1 million mobile phones from 10 countries for USD 80 million.

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TRADE & BUSINESS

Uzbekistan sells USD 1.1 billion worth of textiles to 62 countries in four months

For four months, textile products worth \$1.1 billion were exported, the State Statistics Committee reported.

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MIFT considers issues of expanding Uzbek-Tajik partnership

On June 1, Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov held talks with the First Deputy Prime Minister of Tajikistan Davlatali Said.

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Uzbekistan, Bangladesh step up industrial cooperation

The Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan (MIFT) hosted a meeting with the Ambassador of Bangladesh Muhammad Zakhangir Alam.

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Uzbekistan plans to increase trade and investment cooperation with UK

On June 7, Deputy PM – Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Sardor Umurzakov received Mike Freer, Deputy Secretary of State for International Trade (Minister of Export).

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Uzbekistan increases import of foreign-made cars

In January-May 2022, Uzbekistan imported 13.6 thousand cars from 22 countries for USD 320.5 million.

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Uzbekistan exported USD 335 million worth of fruits and vegetables in Jan-May

The volume of exports increased by 44 thousand tons compared to the same period last year.

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China tops the list of countries with highest share in Uzbekistan's imports

The State Statistics Committee has named the TOP-10 countries with the highest share in Uzbekistan's imports for January-May 2022.

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Uzbekistan temporarily bans vegetable oil exports

The measure is taken to ensure price stability in the consumer market and increase the effectiveness of antimonopoly measures.

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Tashkent hosts Uzbek-Mongolian business forum

Today, the Uzbek-Mongolian business forum was held at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI).

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Uzbekistan, Malaysia identify promising areas of cooperation for developing small and medium-sized businesses

The Embassy of Uzbekistan in Kuala Lumpur organized an online meeting between the Agency for Work of Mahallabay and Entrepreneurship Development under the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of Uzbekistan and the leadership of the SME Corporation Malaysia under the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Cooperatives of Malaysia.

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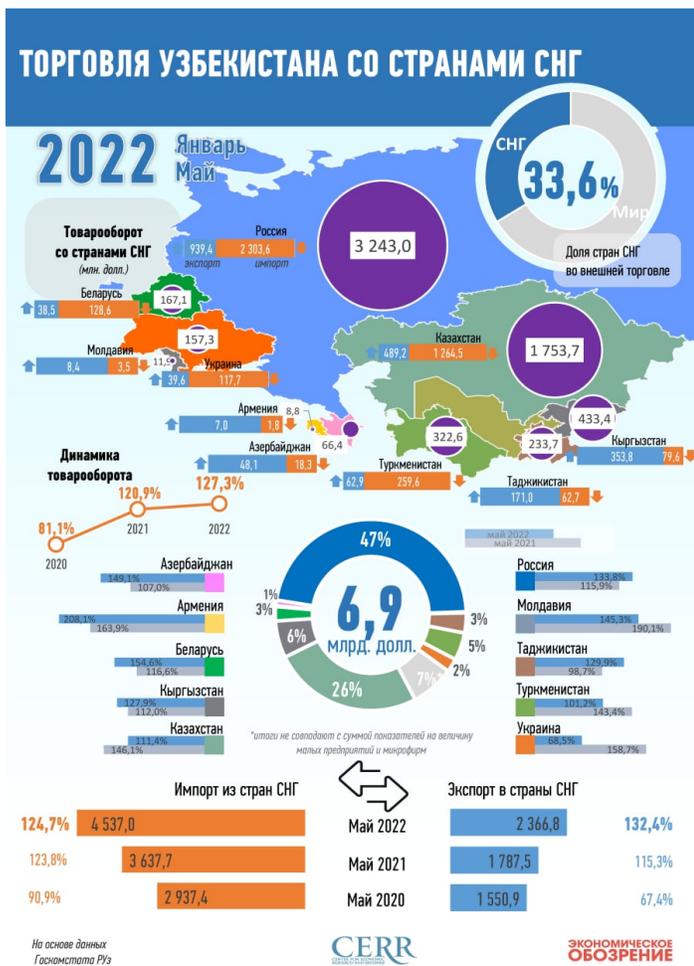
Uzbekistan, Pakistan discuss increasing trade turnover to USD 1 billion

Uzbekistan increasing volume of supplies of textile products to African continent

A joint Uzbek-Egyptian textile online forum was held in Cairo, organized by the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Egypt together with the Uztuqimachilik sanoat Association.

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Figure 2 Trade of Uzbekistan with the CIS countries for May 2022



Today, June 16, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Vladimir Norov hosted the Ambassador of Pakistan, Syed Ali Asad Gilani.

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Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan sign trade agreements worth over USD 500 million

On the eve of the presidential visit of Azerbaijan to Uzbekistan, an Uzbek-Azerbaijani business forum was held in Tashkent, in which representatives of the business circles of the two countries took part.

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Gov't simplifies tax administration for business entities

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Figure 3 Uzbekistan: Selected Economic Indicators, 2019-2023. IMF

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
National income 1/					
Real GDP growth (percent change)	5.7	1.9	7.4	3.4	5.0
GDP per capita (in U.S. dollars)	1,801	1,766	2,002	2,072	2,275
Population (in millions)	33.3	33.9	34.6	35.3	36.0

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AD Ports Group to launch multiple businesses in Uzbekistan in JV with Enter Engineering

New JV businesses for logistics and freight forwarding to be set in the Central Asian market.

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Moscow Exchange to start trading in Uzbek soum

Trading in the national currency of Uzbekistan will begin next week.

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BANKING & FINANCE

World Bank approves USD 15 million concessional credit to Uzbekistan to reform its financial sector

These reforms include restructuring and privatizing state-owned commercial banks, strengthening financial preparedness for natural disasters, establishing a development bank, and improving export and trade financing instruments for local enterprises.

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Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan to create a joint investment fund

On June 21, Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Ilham Aliyev held talks in an expanded format.

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Figure 4 Uzbekistan: Selected Economic Indicators, 2019-2023. IMF

Prices	(Percent change)				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Consumer price inflation (eop)	15.2	11.2	10.0	12.1	11.3
GDP deflator	17.9	11.6	13.6	11.6	13.1

Sovcombank canceling a deal to buy Uzagroexportbank due to sanctions

The deal on the purchase by Sovcombank of 100% of Uzagroexportbank from the State Assets Management Agency of Uzbekistan has been practically cancelled.

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Uzbektelecom to take EUR 200 million loan from Swiss bank

The money will be directed to the development of telecommunications infrastructure in Uzbekistan with the participation of Huawei.

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Central Bank sets refinancing rate at 16%

An interim meeting of the CB Board of the Republic of Uzbekistan is being held.

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Central Bank says economy of Uzbekistan went through short-term negative waves

According to the Central Bank, the rapid recovery in the volume of foreign trade operations and money transfers increased the supply of foreign currency in the domestic market, which contributed to the strengthening of the national currency.

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US imposes sanctions against Uzbekistan-based company for supporting Russian military-industrial complex

The United States has banned American companies from cooperating with representatives of the Uzbek company Promcomplektlogistic. All their assets will be frozen. Other enterprises that are wholly or partly owned by Promcomplektlogistic are also included in the sanctions list. The US urged businesses not to cooperate with Promcomplektlogistic.

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UzVC financed its first startup project for \$100,000

The UzVC National Venture Fund, together with the British company Sturgeon Capital, financed the TASS Vision startup for USD 100,000.

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Figure 5 Uzbekistan: Selected Economic Indicators, 2019-2023. IMF

External sector	(Percent of GDP)				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Current account balance	-5.6	-5.0	-7.0	-8.3	-7.2
External debt	42.5	57.5	57.8	61.2	59.0
(Level)					
Exchange rate (in sums per U.S. dollar; eop)	9,516	10,477	10,820
Real effective exchange rate (ave, 2015 =100, decline = depreciation)	65.5	65.5	65.2

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Uzbekistan sends its first cargo to India through Pakistan's Karachi port

The transit of goods was carried out under a bilateral agreement ratified in February.

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Number of flights between Moscow and Tashkent increasing

The aviation authorities of the two countries agreed to increase flights from 25 to 39 per week.

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Charter flights en route Kuala Lumpur – Tashkent to be launched from July

Also, it is planned to launch charter flights between Tashkent and Kota Kinabalu next year.

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An underground tunnel linking Kyrgyzstan with Uzbekistan found in Kara-Suu

In Kara-Suu, Osh region, a second underground tunnel was found connecting Kyrgyzstan with Uzbekistan.

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Wizz Air Abu Dhabi plans to operate flights to Uzbekistan

The Ministry of Transport of Uzbekistan has issued a permit to Wizz Air Abu Dhabi, a subsidiary of the Hungarian airline Wizz Air, to operate flights.

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Azimut Airlines launches regular flights to Navoi

For the first time, the Russian airline Azimut has launched regular flights to Navoi.

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Direct regular flights between Tashkent and Hanoi may be launched

Deputy Minister of Transport Abdusamat Muminov held a meeting with Ambassador of Vietnam Dang Min Khoi.

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Truckers from Uzbekistan transport goods from Pakistan in transit through Afghanistan

For the first time, Uzbek truckers carried out the transportation of goods from Pakistan through Afghanistan.

Uzbekistan to switch to full-cycle production of LADA

At the ADM Jizzakh plant, preparations are underway for the production of a full cycle for the production of Lada cars.

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Uzbekistan receives permission to transit goods through Turkmenistan

Since June 1, foreign states have been allowed to carry out transit cargo transportation through the territory of Turkmenistan.

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Dushanbe-Tashkent rail traffic resumes after 30 years

Trains will run once a week. The road between the two capitals will take approximately 21 hours.

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Uzbekistan and Qatar approve mutual air service agreement

The presidential decree "On Ratification of an International Treaty" was adopted.

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Uzbekistan Airways Express launches Tashkent-Krasnoyarsk flight

Flights will be operated from June 25 every Saturday. The ticket price starts from 1.99 million soums.

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Flights from Tashkent to Sochi extended

Reportedly, flights Tashkent - Krasnodar - Tashkent, Tashkent - Rostov-on-Don - Tashkent, Namangan - Krasnodar - Namangan will be operated from July 1 to July 31, 2022 to Sochi.

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Uzbekistan Railways officially announces resumption of train traffic with Russia

From June 23, 2022, passenger train No. 5/6 "Tashkent – Samara – Tashkent" will be launched.

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Silk Avia plans to launch its first flights in autumn

Silk Avia, a regional subsidiary of Uzbekistan Airports, plans to launch its first flights in September-October this year.

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Utair launches flights between Moscow and Samarkand

In addition, the Russian airline has increased the number of flights on the Moscow-Bukhara route.

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President signs decree cutting prices for tinting car windows

From July 1 of this year, tinting of the rear side windows of cars will be free of charge.

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Turkmenistan opens a second corridor for transit of goods from Uzbekistan

Since June 25, Turkmenistan has opened another corridor for the transit of goods between Uzbekistan and Iran.

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Figure 6 Uzbekistan: Selected Economic Indicators, 2019-2023. IMF

Government finance	(Percent of GDP)				
Budget revenues	27.7	26.6	27.7	30.4	28.6
Budget expenditures	31.4	31.0	33.4	34.4	31.6
Budget balance	-3.8	-4.3	-5.8	-4.0	-3.0
Adjusted revenues 1/	27.0	25.6	26.0	29.0	26.9
Adjusted expenditures 1/	27.3	28.9	30.6	32.8	29.8
Adjusted fiscal balance	-0.3	-3.3	-4.7	-3.8	-2.9
Policy lending	3.5	1.1	1.5	0.6	0.5
Overall fiscal balance	-3.8	-4.4	-6.2	-4.4	-3.4
Public and publicly guaranteed debt	28.4	37.6	35.8	38.2	37.2

AGRICULTURE, MINING, & MANUFACTURING

WB to allocate USD 142 million to Uzbekistan to restore degraded lands and forests

On June 7, the World Bank’s Board of Executive Directors approved a USD 142 million concessional loan for Uzbekistan.

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Private airline Qanot Sharq starts operating flights between Samarkand and Moscow

The flights will be operated on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 13:10 local time.

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Uzbekistan Airways launches additional flights to Nukus, Bukhara, Namangan and Karshi

From June 27, Uzbekistan Airways introduces additional domestic flights to Nukus, Bukhara, Namangan and Karshi.

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SkyTaxi Cargo airline starts transiting via Tashkent

The SkyTaxi cargo airline has initiated flying via Tashkent. Cargo planes will fly from China through Uzbekistan to Europe and back. Thus, the Tashkent airport will become a transfer point for technical landing, refuelling and changing the crew of the airline's aircraft.

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Uzbekistan plans to harvest over 2.5 million tons of wheat

This measure is provided for in the decree of the head of state adopted on May 28 “On additional measures to introduce the market principle in the cultivation and sale of grain”.

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Mongolia offers Uzbekistan to supply agricultural products by charters

Mongolia will increase the export of meat to Uzbekistan.

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Subsidies to be granted for introduction of water-saving technologies in irrigation

When buying a mobile generator, up to 30 million soums are compensated, for photo panels – up to 100 million soums.

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Draft regulation on procedure for registering crypto assets mining in Uzbekistan published

For miners, it is proposed to introduce mandatory paid registration and turnover fees, limit the time for connecting to a single power grid, and other requirements.

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Uzbekistan's largest oil and bitumen field discovered in Navoi region

It is expected that the new field will become one of the most high-tech not only in Uzbekistan, but also in Central Asia.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & R&D

OneWeb plans to enter Uzbekistan's market

Representatives of the company made proposals for the provision of high-speed broadband Internet to regions and remote rural settlements, enterprises of various sectors of the economy via OneWeb satellites.

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Uzbekistan, Latvia establish cooperation on training technical specialists for Uzbekistan GTL

Yesterday, the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Karshi Engineering and Economic Institute (KIEI) and the Riga Technical University (RTU) took place in the capital of Latvia.

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MITC signs memorandums of cooperation with MasterCard and Visa

A delegation of Uzbekistan led by Minister Sherzod Shermatov met with representatives of MasterCard and Visa payment systems during a visit to the United States.

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Austrian bank to provide almost EUR 8 million to agricultural sector of Uzbekistan

Money from UniCredit Bank Austria will go towards sprinkler irrigation machines and other technologies.

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Saudi entrepreneur plans to open representative office in Uzbekistan to implement investment projects in agriculture and logistics

In order to present the economic potential of Uzbekistan and attract foreign investment to the republic, the Consulate General in Jeddah held a meeting with the director of the Lalei Al Barakah Trading Group, Saleh Batterjee.

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MIFT considers measures to stimulate industrial development of Khorezm region

The Government Commission on Foreign Trade, Investments, Development of Local Industry and Technical Regulation, led by Deputy PM - Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov, left for the Khorezm region to study the current state of socio-economic development of the region.

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Starlink intends to enter Uzbekistan, launch satellite internet

Recently, the official website of Starlink published a map showing the area and time of launch of satellite Internet as part of the project. According to it, the project will be launched in Uzbekistan in 2023.

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Cybercrimes on the rise in Uzbekistan – MIA

The number of cybercrimes has increased in Uzbekistan several times over the past 3 years.

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Sherzod Shermatov visits USA to attract IT giants to Uzbekistan

As part of the trip to the USA, the delegation plans to hold a number of meetings and negotiations with representatives of US government agencies, the UN, international financial institutions, major IT companies, venture capital and investment funds, as well as with compatriots working in Silicon Valley.

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The number of cybercrimes has increased in Uzbekistan several times over the past 3 years

There are more than 25 million Internet users in Uzbekistan. The results of the analysis show that today in the country there is an upward trend in cybercrime. In particular, the number of the following types of cybercrimes is increasing.

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TikTok and Twitter expected to be unblocked in Uzbekistan

The blocked social networks Twitter, TikTok and VKontakte in Uzbekistan may be unblocked.

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CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE

Uzbekistan plans to start construction of 50 small hydropower plants this year

A videoconference meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shavkat Mirziyoyev on measures for the widespread use of renewable energy sources.

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26 mahallas in Tashkent to be covered by public transport network for first time and connected to metro

On June 13, the head of state presented projects aimed at organizing this work. In particular, information was provided on plans to continue the second stage of the elevated metro ring with a connection to the Sergeli line.

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InterContinental Tashkent set to bring new heights of luxury to Uzbekistan’s capital

IHG Hotels & Resorts announces future InterContinental brand debut in Uzbekistan in Trilliant Business Park Development Complex, at the heart of Tashkent.

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Figure 7 Uzbekistan: Selected Economic Indicators, 2019-2023. IMF

Money and credit	(Percent change)				
Reserve money	17.8	15.4	28.3	10.3	14.8
Broad money	13.8	17.9	30.3	15.5	23.4
Credit to the economy	48.1	34.4	18.4	18.3	16.4

ENERGY & FUEL

Uzbekistan to develop a vehicle running on hydrogen gas

In addition, a device for generating heat and electricity from “green” hydrogen fuel will be created.

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Uzbekistan, Turkey discuss prospects for implementing large investment projects in field of energy

Deputy PM - Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan Sardor Umurzakov held talks with the leadership of the Turkish company Limak Holding represented by its honorary president Nihat Ozdemir.

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Shavkat Mirziyoyev: Uzbekistan consumes \$10 billion worth of electricity and gas a year

Today, a videoconference meeting chaired by Shavkat Mirziyoyev is being held on measures to increase the use

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of renewable energy sources (RES) in the economy, population and social spheres.

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Uzbekistan GTL plant launches synthetic oil production

The Uzbekistan GTL plant has produced the first batch of synthetic oil in the history of the country's petrochemical industry.

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Uzbekistan plans to completely abandon gas exports by 2025-2026

Perhaps in the near future, all gas produced in Uzbekistan will remain in Uzbekistan, because chemical plants are expanding, it is necessary to support the domestic economy.

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Uzbekistan continues to discuss with Rosatom issues of optimizing the cost of nuclear power plant construction

The Uzbek side is currently discussing how much the energy produced by the NPP will cost, whether it will be competitive compared to other sources, and is also working to reduce the cost of building a nuclear power plant.

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UzGasTrade establishes in Uzbekistan

Resolution of the President "On additional measures to reform the natural gas market" was adopted.

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World Bank ready to support creation of regional energy market in Central Asia

The World Bank is ready to support the creation of a regional electricity market and the further strengthening of mutually beneficial and effective cooperation between Uzbekistan and the countries of Central Asia.

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Uzbekistan to introduce a new energy market management system, private energy companies to appear in regions

On June 23, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a meeting on the transformation of electric power enterprises.

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Gov't decides not to raise tariffs for electricity and gas for population

From July 15, tariffs for electricity, natural and liquefied gas for the population will remain unchanged, for legal entities prices will be increased.

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Uzbekistan's Ministry of Energy plans to increase its 2030 renewables targets

In 2020, the Ministry of Energy published its plans for the Power capacity development in Uzbekistan for the 2020-2030 period in a document called "Concept note for ensuring electricity supply in Uzbekistan in 2020-2030". The document talks in length about Uzbekistan's plans to rebuild its existing power plants, invite private power developers to take part in the power sector development to increase the power production capacity, lays out the plans for reforms, etc. According to the document, a significant share in the power is to be assigned to the PV and Wind renewable power sources as well.

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HUMAN RIGHTS & LOCAL LIFESTYLE

U.S. Ambassador Daniel Rosenblum provided an appreciation speech at the EPMM graduation ceremony.

At the graduation ceremony of EPMM (English for Professionals in Mass Media) U.S. Ambassador Daniel Rosenblum provided an appreciation speech for

Government will convey financial aid to ex-prisoners.

The Ministry of Justice announced measures to financially support people who served sentences of imprisonment. Financial Aid will be allocated only once to help people to create a business, handicraft activities, architecture. The amount of the financial aid package is 9,2 million soums (\$ 846) .

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participants who are actively expanding the idea of Press Freedom in Uzbekistan.

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The State Tax Committee reported the cashback amount citizens transferred totally to their plastic cards.

From the beginning of January 2022 till May 2022, 673,597 consumers could receive a total cashback amount resulting in 180.5 billion sums, almost 17 million U.S dollars.

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USAID took part in the meeting of ombudspersons.

The forum was held in order to strengthen the security of human rights and freedoms. Representatives from five Central Asian countries participated and signed two agreements with support of USAID at an international forum in Tashkent.

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UNICEF and Japan: “Children need to be at the center of all emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts”.

Japan and UNICEF announced a new support package to ensure the readiness of emergency preparedness in South regions of Uzbekistan. Comparatively to other regions children support centers in these regions are in a more dysfunctional state.

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2021 International Religious Freedom Report draws conclusions about Uzbekistan

The U.S. State Department has released its 2021 report on the state of religious freedom in the world. It said that the recommendations of international organisations were “almost ignored” in updating the law on freedom of conscience in Uzbekistan, private religious education remained banned, the Interior Ministry fined two sites on religious materials, and the Umrah monopoly was maintained.

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UNICEF is attracting and cautioning people to stay against violence against children and women.

UNICEF announced globally parenting month, expressing concerns about incidents which start to occur in public and in the presence of onlookers. “Cases of violence can be prevented” – says Munir Mammadzade.

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New agreements are signed to facilitate the protection of human rights in Central Asia.



(Image source: US Embassy in Uzbekistan)

On the 28th of June, during a forum “Cooperation of the Central Asian Ombudspersons in Ensuring Human Rights and Freedoms”, ombudspersons representing five Central Asian governments signed two agreements intended to facilitate the protection of human rights in the region. A memorandum of cooperation intended to facilitate international cooperation on human rights was signed. The forum was organised by the Government of Uzbekistan’s Office of the Authorised Person of the Oliy Majlis for Human Rights (Ombudsman) with assistance from USAID and brought together 150 representatives of state and international organisations, and civil society.

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World Bank to share the serious threats to the future of Uzbekistan.

According to the study among nine largest cities in Central Asia and the Caucasus, Tashkent is under the highest possibility to suffer from the seismic activities, by 2090 it is expected that climate change is about to put a danger to the socio-economic activities.

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EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

The new online university in Uzbekistan

With the instruction of Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev the new IT Park online university is being established in Tashkent, the benefit is that the majority of studies are conducted online, students are not obliged to move to the capital.

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Uzbekistan and South Korea officials discussed issues of education in military sphere

With the support of the Uzbekistan embassy in Seoul, an online meeting between the Academy of the Armed Forces of Uzbekistan and KNDU (Korean National Defence University) was held. Both sides reached agreement to start training military personnel of Uzbekistan in KNDP masters courses.

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HEALTHCARE & COVID-19

U.S. donated 17 tons of medical commodity to Karakalpakstan

It is expected that arrived humanitarian aid will be separated among 24 medical institutions in the Aral region, which is suffering from a rough ecological situation.

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Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation program for adolescent girls launched in Nukus.

Program covers 131,938 adolescent girls ranging in age between 10-17 to secure their health and prevent anaemia among children.

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The President signed a resolution on measures on improving emergency medical care for the citizens.

In accordance to the resolution, republican emergency medical center in Tashkent and 14 branches will be organized in regions, including a fleet of vehicles and medical service.

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Proposal that women and men will be paid equally is going to be amended in the Constitution

Uzbekistan is closer to setting up gender equality. The new proposal should ensure that women and men will be paid equally in the workplace, and women will not be in difficult situations.

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Uzbekistan and U.S.A jointly creating company to outsource business processes

As a result of participation in the event sponsored by IT Park and "LoadStop" companies, MITC could reach an agreement to create a new outsourced: insurance, Quality assurance business which will create 1100 working places during 3 years and assist to create legal entities in the USA.

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COVID dispensaries are resuming their work in 12 districts of Tashkent

In order to prevent a significant increase in the number of populations suspected to be infected by coronavirus and take care of infected citizens, the mayor of Tashkent announced the opening of COVID dispensaries.

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UNICEF AND GAVI supplied the Ministry of Health of Uzbekistan with personal computers.

UNICEF handed 2,150 urgently needed computers which will enhance vaccination process, immunization and create further opportunities for the health management information systems.

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Uzbekistan will implement new updates in sanitary rules and standards.

As a result of the open dialog held on 18th March with medical personnel, on June 1st were held discussion with the president on the update of the process of implementation of proposals raised.

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UNICEF donates 2,000 computers worth USD 1.5 million to Ministry of Health



(Image source: UNICEF Uzbekistan)

The 2,150 computers will expand Uzbekistan’s ability to implement effective vaccine and immunisation management, as well as improve a functional health management information system available to primary healthcare facilities. A total of \$1.5 million worth of equipment, supported by the Global Vaccine Alliance (Gavi), will be distributed to immunisation sites and other health facilities across the country.

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USAID provides equipment to Jizzakh Centre of Phthisiology and Pulmonology



(Image source: USAID)

The US Agency for International Development (USAID) handed over essential medical equipment to healthcare facilities in Jizzakh to assist the region in its fight against tuberculosis (TB). The equipment, valued at approximately \$75,000, included electronic thermometers, stethoscopes, optical equipment, and pulse oximeters.

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

UNESCO provided regional action plan discussion in Urgench city of Khorezm region.

“Skills development for employability in rural areas of Uzbekistan” TVET project is funded by the EU. One of the strategies is to call for awareness for specific problems which people face in these regions.

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UNDP and UNECE to support Uzbekistan’s Yashil Makon Initiative

Degraded lands and forests in Uzbekistan to be restored with World Bank support

On the 7th of June, The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved a \$142 million concessional credit for Uzbekistan to support a project that aims to increase the area under sustainable landscape management, restore degraded forested lands, and promote Uzbekistan’s collaboration with other Central Asian countries on transboundary landscape restoration.

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Central Asian countries discussed progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals at a high-level summit in Almaty



(Image source: UNDP Uzbekistan)

UNDP in Uzbekistan, the State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe are initiating a new joint project entitled “Master Planning and Innovative Financial Solutions to Support the Yashil Makon Initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan”. The project will contribute to creating green and sustainable jobs, especially for the rural women of Uzbekistan.

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On the 16th of June, led by Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan Abdulla Aripov, Uzbekistan took part in the Second Regional SDG Summit of Central Asian countries, "Beyond COVID – Towards Just Recovery in Central Asia". The Summit was organised by the Government of Kazakhstan, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kazakhstan and funded by the European Union and the Asian Development Bank. The sessions of the summit provided a platform for discussing regional development challenges in Central Asia and strategies for post-pandemic recovery, which will be focused on the "green" economy and the climate agenda

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CULTURE & TOURISM

"Yangi Nafas" (New Breath) sports run was held in 8 cities simultaneously.

The run was started simultaneously in 8 cities, timed to coincide with the celebration of Day of Youth and the International Sports Day.

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First group of citizens departed from Tashkent to Saudi Arabia to make a pilgrimage.

Several flights will be performed in June from Uzbekistan's seven regions to transport pilgrims to Saudi Arabia by Uzbekistan Airways. The first group consists of 245 persons.

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Uzbekistan, China discussed strengthening cooperation in tourism and culture.

During the event Ambassadors discussed the future prospects of cooperation in the sphere of tourism and culture, also parties agreed to hold new events.

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EUROUZ & MEMBER NEWS

SUMMARY

Visit of the high-level Uzbek delegation to Brussels



(Image source: Dunyo)

On the 22nd of June, an Uzbek delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and Cultural Heritage Aziz Abdukhakimov took part in a separate session "EU Global Gateway Initiative in Central Asia" held within the forum "European Development Days" in Brussels on 21-22 of June. Minister presented the key areas of bilateral and regional cooperation with the European Union. The European Development Days is a Europe's leading forum on international partnerships organised by the European Commission.

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Meeting of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan - Minister of Tourism and cultural heritage of the Republic of Uzbekistan with Members of European Parliament in Brussels



(Image source: EUROUZ)

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On June 23, 2022, the European-Uzbek Association for Economic Cooperation (EUROUZ) and EU-Uzbekistan Friendship Group at the European Parliament held a working lunch between a high-level Delegation of the Republic of Uzbekistan led by H.E. Mr Aziz Abdulkhakov - the Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Tourism and Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Uzbekistan and several Members of the European Parliament inside the European Parliament Building. The sides have tentatively agreed that the European Parliament could host Uzbekistan's Cultural Days in the European Parliament later this year, including a photo-exhibition and a concert to further enhance the awareness about Uzbekistan's rich cultural heritage and new tourism opportunities.

CHANGES IN AUTHORITY

- **The President's Chief of Staff**
Dismissed from the post - Zainilobidin Nizomidinov
- **Special representative of the President of Uzbekistan on foreign policy issues**
Appointed - Abdulaziz Kamilov
Also serves as the Deputy Secretary of the Presidential Security Council for Foreign Policy and Security
- **First Deputy Chairman of JSC "National Electric Networks of Uzbekistan"**
Appointed - Abdumalik Nazirov
Previously served as the Head of electrical networks Department, Ministry of Energy
- **Chairman of the Supreme Court of Uzbekistan**
Appointed - Kozim Komilov
- **Acting Rector of the Navoi State Mining and Technology University**
Appointed - Bakhtiyor Mardonov
Also serves as the Deputy Secretary of the Presidential Security Council for Foreign Policy and Security
- **Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Australia**
Appointed - Kakhramon Shakirov
Also serves as the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Singapore
- **Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Brazil**
Appointed - Javlon Vakhabov
Also serves as the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the United States
- **Head of the Commander's Office of Karakalpakstan region**
Appointed - Rustam Juraev
Also serves as the Commander of the National Guard of Uzbekistan

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- **Vice-Minister of Construction of Uzbekistan**
Appointed - Zhalol Arashov
Previously served as the Head of the Tashkent City Construction Department
- **Adviser to the Minister of Information Technology and Communications Development of Uzbekistan**
Appointed - Kamola Shavkatovna
Previously served as the Spokesperson of "Artel" company