



Afghanistan

Executive committee for sustainable goals opened



Executive committee for enduring expansion goals was opened yesterday in chief executive office in Kabul. In opening ceremony of the committee attended by chief executive Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, cabinet ministers, UN envoy to Afghanistan and a number of foreign ambassadors to Kabul, the country's chief executive said that the committee aimed at strengthening and expansion of further coordination among ministries for implementation...[full story](#)

Afghanistan, Turkmenistan Sign Bilateral Agreements



President Ashraf Ghani signed a number of bilateral agreements with his Turkmenistan counterpart, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, on Monday during a one-day official visit to Ashgabat. According to AKIPress, the two leaders adopted a program of cooperation for 2018 and 2019. Agreements signed included a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the carpet industry, and agreement on international road transport,[full story](#)



Azerbaijan

Last installation work on BTK railway underway in Turkey

Last installation work is being carried out on the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars (BTK) railway in the Turkish province of Ardahan, the country's media outlets reported July 8. Certain work is being carried out in night time for the early commissioning of the railway, according to the report. The BTK railway is being constructed on the basis of the Georgian-Azerbaijani-Turkish intergovernmental agreement. The peak capacity of the railway will be 17 million tons of cargo per year. At the initial stage, this figure will be one million passengers and 6.5 million tons of cargo.....[end of tory](#)



Azerbaijan may open trading houses in Europe, Asia

Azerbaijan may open trading houses in Europe and Asia in the future, Azerbaijani Deputy Economy Minister Sahil Babayev told reporters in Baku July 7. "Negotiations are currently underway regarding the opening of Azerbaijan's trading houses in Russia and Ukraine," the deputy minister said. "We receive a great number of requests from European and Asian countries. We evaluate these proposals, and we may gradually expand our network of trading houses and promotion of the Azerbaijani products." [full story](#)





Iran

Intl. conference wraps 2nd day with Tehran Ministerial Declaration



Ministers and high-level representatives participating in the UN-backed International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms in Tehran (July 3-5) wrapped up its second day with the Tehran Ministerial Declaration, agreeing to “cooperate on combating SDS at sub-regional regional, and international levels.” Here is the full text of the declaration: Tehran Ministerial Declaration International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms Tehran, 3-5 July 2017 We, the Ministers and high-level representatives participating in the International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms:.....[full story](#)

Market expansion Iran's top priority in post-sanctions economy



Addressing a ceremony on the occasion of Iran's Industry and Mine National Day on Saturday, Iranian First Vice President Es'haq Jahangiri referred to market expansion as administration's top economic priority in post sanctions era, IRNA reported. “To overcome unemployment, the 80-million-people Iran should set other markets than its own”, Jahangiri said in the ceremony held at Tehran's Summit Conference Hall. Naming attraction of foreign investments as government's second priority, ...[full story](#)



Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan devotes record funding to attract foreign investment

The government has allocated a record 12.2 billion tenge (US\$37.8 million) to attract foreign investment in 2017, reports Finprom.kz. The financing will develop industrial zones and parks as well as the infrastructure of special economic zones (SEZ) in the Almaty, Astana, Mangistau and Pavlodar regions. It will also be used for support services. This year, funding to develop the infrastructure of industrial zones increased two-fold to 5.4 billion tenge (US\$16.7 million). Last year, 2.5 billion tenge (US\$7.7 million) was allocated.[full story](#)



National companies of Kazakhstan boost their net profit 2.7 times

Kazakh national companies' net profits increased 2.7 times in first quarter 2017 over first quarter 2016, reaching 131.6 billion tenge (US\$407.8 million). A combination of increased income and the first reduction in expenses in five years accounted for the growth. Over first three months, the aggregate amount of expenses incurred by national companies decreased 18.1 percent or 71.1 billion tenge (US\$220.3 million). This is the first reduction in spending over the past five years.....[full story](#)





Kyrgyzstan

Atambayev instructs to implement hydropower development projects qualitatively



Kyrgyz President Almazbek Atambayev received Chairman of the State Committee of Industry, Energy and Mineral Resources Duishenbek Zilaliev, the President's press service reported. During the meeting, the head of state was informed about the ongoing work to attract investments in the hydropower industry and the development of domestic energy. In particular, he was informed on the plans for the implementation of projects involving the introduction of new generating capacities through the construction of large and small[full story](#)

ADB to allocate \$ 110 mln for rehabilitation of Toktogul HPP, phase 3



President Almazbek Atambayev approved the ratification of the agreement with the Asian Development Bank on Rehabilitation of the Toktogul HPP. Phase 3 project, the Kyrgyz President's press service reported. In accordance with the document, ADB will allocate \$ 110 million to Kyrgyzstan, of which \$ 50 million is grant, and 60 million is loan. The bank has already allocated \$ 110 million for the second phase. In total, the rehabilitation project for the Toktogul HPP consists of three phases.....[full story](#)



Pakistan

Pakistan's GDP growth rate is even higher than that of China: Harvard study

Pakistan's predicted annual growth rate over the next 10 years is nearly 6 per cent, according to the revised growth projections presented by researchers at the Centre for International Development (CID) at the Harvard University. This is a one-point GDP increase as in the CID's earlier projections, Pakistan GDP was set to grow at 5 per cent by 2025. Although China's huge economy (current GDP at \$12 trillion) cannot be compared with that of Pakistan (current GDP at \$300 billion), Pakistan's 5.97 per cent growth rate is above that of China, which is set to grow by 4.41 per cent..... [full story](#)



Mamnoon Hussain stresses use of modern technology

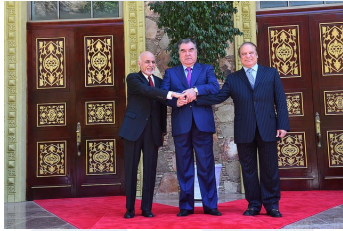
The use of modern technology in China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)-related energy projects will alleviate the energy crisis in Pakistan and play a key role in its long-term growth, said Pakistan President Mamnoon Hussain. Talking to Chinese Minister for Science and Technology Dr Wan Gang, who called on him, he said that bilateral cooperation in the field of science and technology was progressing well and expressed hope that decisions taken during this visit would further enhance cooperation in this area.... [full story](#)





Tajikistan

Trilateral meeting of Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan



President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon, President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani and Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif held a trilateral meeting at the government countryside residence Pugus. The head of state Emomali Rahmon pointed out that Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan as good-neighborly states share common inseparable social, cultural and spiritual ties, and we would expand mutually beneficial historical relationships between our peoples in the spirit of goodwill in the coming years.

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Tajikistan Permanent Representative to the UN attended the Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Development



On July 6, the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations Mahmaddin Mahmaddinov participated and addressed the Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Development, which was held at the initiative of the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs in New York, according to the Permanent Representation of Tajikistan to the United Nations.

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Turkey

Turkey's exports rise in June

Turkey's economic growth is expected to reach close to 6 percent in the second quarter of 2017 and exceed 5 percent by the end of the year, Turkish Science, Industry and Technology Minister Faruk Özlü has told Reuters. "We expect growth of over 5 percent this year. There could also be strong growth in the second quarter; first indications lead us to this prediction. I expect close to 6 percent growth in the second quarter," Özlü said in an interview late on July 6. Turkey's gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate increased[full story](#)



Turkish, Indonesian companies sign deals cooperating on defense

Turkey's leading defense companies Aselsan and Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI, also known as TUSAŞ) signed a deal with the Indonesian companies PT Dirgantara and PT Len on July 6 to collaborate on defense products. The two companies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the capital Ankara, in the presence of Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Nurettin Canikli, Economy Minister Nihat Zeybekci and Indonesian Trade Minister Enggartiasto Lukita to create a framework for further collaboration.[full story](#)

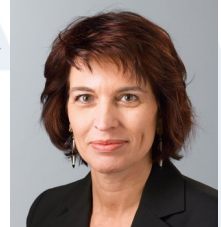




Turkmenistan

Switzerland stands for enhancing economic ties with Turkmenistan

President of the Swiss Confederation Doris Leuthard addressed a congratulatory letter to Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries, the Turkmen government said in a message. "There are opportunities for further deepening the cooperation, particularly in the economic relations, where there is significant potential for growth," reads the letter.. .. [full story](#)



Presidents of Turkmenistan and Afghanistan hold talks in Ashgabat

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov held talks with President of Afghanistan Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, who arrived in Ashgabat on an official visit. During the one-on-one meeting of the two heads of state and the talks in enlarged format, the sides discussed issues related to combating terrorism and strengthening peace and stability in the region. The enlarged format talks focused on the issues related to regional security and bilateral cooperation. In this context, the sides emphasized the importance of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India gas pipeline. The Turkmen section of the pipeline is currently being constructed, while technical issues related ... [full story](#)



Uzbekistan

New projects on development of agriculture presented to Uzbek President



President of Uzbek Shavkat Mirziyoyev visited the "Gold Fresh Fruits" LLC in Turakurgan district, where he became acquainted with projects on development of agriculture. An intensive garden with an area of 482 hectares is organized in the "Gold Fresh Fruits" LLC in Turakurgan district. The enterprise, which employs more than 300 people, harvests seedlings of cherry, plum, peach, persimmon and apricot. It is planned to create a cherry orchard on 104 hectares. It is planned to create cherry orchards of more than 400 hectares in the territory of the enterprise until the end of 2018. [full story](#)

Kyrgyzstan starts supplying electricity to Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan began purchasing electricity from Kyrgyzstan from 16 June 2017, the press service of National Energy Holding Company (Kyrgyzstan) said. As of 4 July 2017, the company from Kyrgyzstan supplied 192.5 million kWh of electricity to Uzbekistan. National Energy Holding Company noted that Uzbekenergo and Electric Stations signed an agreement on the supply of electricity on 15 June 2017. Under the agreement, Uzbekistan plans to purchase 1.25 billion kWh of electricity from Kyrgyzstan... [end of story](#)