



## Afghanistan

### IDB Lends Kabul \$74 Million For Ring Road



Ministry of Finance (MoF) officials on Saturday said the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has provided government with \$74 million USD for the construction of Kabul's ring road as a long-term loan. According to finance ministry officials, the money will be invested in the first phase of Kabul's ring road to start from Maidan Shahar city, the capital city of Maidan Wardak province and end in Logar province. Kabul's four lane ring road will extend 95km and all of Kabul's neighboring ....[full story](#)

### Two Iranian-Afghan Films Win Film Festival Awards



'Parting', a joint production of Iran and Afghanistan by Navid Mahmudi, an Afghan living in Iran, was picked as the best film, while 'Overruled' by Farnaz and Mohammadreza Jurabchian, both from Iran, won the award for best international documentary at the 9th Afghan International film Festival in Stockholm, Sweden. ....[full story](#)



## Azerbaijan

### Azerbaijan's non-oil exports up 30%

Azerbaijan increased non-oil exports by 30 percent in January-August 2017 compared to the same period of 2016, Azerbaijani Deputy Economy Minister Sahil Babayev told a press conference in Baku Sept. 16. Export of agricultural products increased by 37 percent, while export of industrial products increased by 25.4 percent, according to him. Babayev added it is gratifying to see that along with rising exports, the range of products delivered abroad is expanding - during the year, this ....[full story](#)



### Countries show interest in cars made by Iran-Azerbaijan JV

Azerbaijan's Azermash and Iran's Iran Khodro companies are discussing the possibility of supplying the cars to be produced by the Azerbaijani-Iranian automobile plant to Ukraine, Russia and Central Asia, Emin Akhundov, founder of Azermash company, told Trend. Iran Khodro and Azerbaijan's AzEuroCar LLC (a subsidiary of Azermash) signed an agreement on the establishment of a joint automobile plant in the Neftchala industrial park in 2016. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$15 million.....[full story](#)





## Iran

### *French trade delegation to visit Iran on Sept. 19*



A high-ranking French trade delegation is due to visit Tehran on September 19 to explore avenues of mutual cooperation. According to a report by Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA), the delegation will be comprised of French businessmen and entrepreneurs active in various areas including transport, infrastructure, energy, environment, services, agriculture, medicine, aerospace and marketing. ...[full story](#)

### *Tehran hosting 4 international expos*



The Iranian capital is simultaneously hosting four international exhibitions from September 15 to 18 at the Tehran Permanent International Fairground, IRNA reported on Friday. The four international exhibitions include international exhibitions on confectionary, civil aviation, beverages and dairy products. As reported, numerous foreign exhibitors from different countries including Germany, China, United Kingdom, France, Spain, Greece and Italy alongside Iranian participants are showcasing their latest products in Iran's first International Civil Aviation Exhibition ... [full story](#)



## Kazakhstan

### *Astana's international green technologies centre to help Kazakhstan transition to a green economy*

The international green technologies centre to open in Astana next month will help Kazakhstan transition to a green economy and will focus on renewable energy throughout Central Asia, Kazakh Energy Minister Kanat Bozumbayev said at the recent Eurasian KAZENERGY forum, Kazinform reports. "An international centre of green technologies and future energy investment projects will be created on the basis of EXPO in the coming month. Its tasks include transforming the energy ...[full story](#)



### *Feasibility study necessary to determine if planned nuclear power plant is built, says Kazakh minister*

Feasibility study necessary to determine if planned nuclear power plant is built, says Kazakh minister The Kazatomprom national atomic company will complete a feasibility study by the end of this year before deciding whether to move forward with a planned nuclear power plant, announced Energy Minister Kanat Bozumbayev at the Sept. 7-8 Kazenergy Eurasian Forum in Astana. "Once we have the report, we will be able to make a final decision... I am not declaring anything right now, however, I am telling you that there will be a feasibility study, which, ...[full story](#)







## Kyrgyzstan

### *Parliament of Kyrgyzstan takes 100th place in world in number of women deputies*



According to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the average number of women in parliaments around the world barely exceeds 23 percent. Kyrgyzstan ranks 100th in this rating. There are 23 women (19.2 percent) out of 120 deputies in the Parliament. The leader among the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union is Belarus – 28th place. There are 110 deputies in the parliament, 38 of them are women (34.5 percent). Kazakhstan occupies the 57th place. There are 29 women (27.1 percent) out of 107 deputies. Russia occupies the 127th place. ....[full story](#)

### *Kyrgyzstan plans tenfold increase in production of fish products*



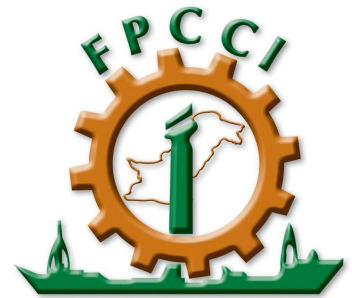
Kyrgyzstan plans tenfold increase in production of fish products The draft program for the development of fisheries and aquaculture in Kyrgyzstan until 2027 was submitted for public discussion. The purpose of the document is to create in the republic a modern and sustainable fisheries management system and to increase the production of fish products by 2027 at least 10 times. Production of domestic ....[full story](#)



## Pakistan

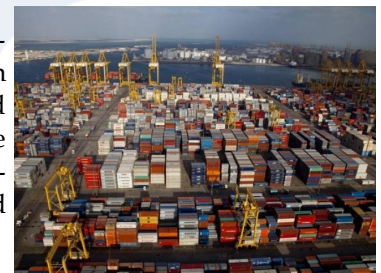
### *FPCCI demands firm policy regarding climate change*

Pakistan's economy is facing loss due to climate change and there is a need for an efficient national policy with active involvement of scientists, agriculturists, city planners and healthcare providers The Regional Chairman of FPCCI Horticulture Exports Committee, Ahmad Jawad said this on Friday. He said climate change is already causing 0.7 per cent loss to the country's annual GDP. "Ground realities in terms of surge in the incidence rate of natural calamities coupled with poor managerial skills at varied levels is feared to expose country to further loss," claimed the expert. ....[full story](#)



### *China to consider favourable market access for Pakistan*

In what Islamabad terms a major breakthrough, China has agreed to favourably consider Pakistan's request for immediate market access for 70 main exportable items in order to restore preference that the country has lost over a period of time. Islamabad made the request during the eighth round of negotiations for the second phase of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), signed 11 years ago. The eighth round was held in Beijing on September 14-15, which concluded with a breakthrough in the negotiations, said Commerce Secretary Younus Dagha....[full story](#)





## Tajikistan

### *DUSHANBE-SMART CITY. National Bank of Tajikistan supported the project plan for the development of the capital entitled "Smart City"*



Issues related to the preparation of the Dushanbe City Infrastructure Development Plan as a Smart City were discussed at the meeting of the First Deputy Chairman of the National Bank of Tajikistan Jamoliddin Nuraliev with members of the mission of the City Infrastructure for Economic Development project of the British Department for International Development. NIAT "Khovar" has been informed by the press service of the National Bank of Tajikistan.....[full story](#)

### *National football team of Tajikistan climbed 11 positions in FIFA rankings*



The International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) has published on September 14 an updated ranking of the national teams. According to the press service of the Football Federation of Tajikistan, the national team of Tajikistan, compared to the previous month, climbed 11 positions and now with 213 points occupies the 140th position. Among the Asian teams, the team of the country occupies 25th position. We will recall that the national team of Tajikistan will hold on October two matches in ....[full story](#)



## Turkey

### *Turkish aid agency disinfects over 200 refugee camps*

Over 200 refugee camps along the border with Syria have been disinfected against possible outbreak of diseases, Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation official told Anadolu Agency Saturday. The foundation disinfected a total of 212 camps hosting Syrians. Selim Tosun said the foundation had launched the campaign keeping in mind that winter was approaching. "The civilians living in tents and small camps are frequently subject to epidemics due to unhealthy conditions, unfortunately. ....[full story](#)



### *Turkey maintains strong growth, minister says*

Turkey's economy will continue to grow in the upcoming quarters of this year as leading indicators are strong, the country's finance minister said on Friday. Speaking at Anadolu Agency's Editors' Desk in Ankara, Naci Agbal noted that Turkey's growth rate will be higher in the third quarter of 2017 due to base effects compared to the same period of last year. Turkey's economy grew 5.2 percent in the first quarter of this year and 5.1 percent in the second quarter, compared with the same periods of 2016, according to Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat)...[full story](#)





## Turkmenistan

### *Turkmenistan plans to launch TAPI pipeline soon*

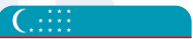
It is planned until September 2017 to hold an international tender for the purchase of pipes and other equipment necessary for the TAPI pipeline construction in 2018 and its launch in 2019, the Vatan newspaper reported. Preparations are also being made for the projects of the gas compressor station and other associated facilities that will be built on the pipeline route. The report said Vice-premier Maksat Babaev informed about the ongoing realization of the project at the meeting of the cabinet of ministers.

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### *Ashgabat to host fair on production technology of import substitution*

Ashgabat will host an international exhibition of manufacturing technology of import substitution on Dec. 1-5, said the event organizer Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Turkmenistan. State programs on increasing exports and import substitution were adopted in Turkmenistan. It was planned to implement 33 projects as part of the program on increasing the volume of exports of products manufactured in Turkmenistan. This is about the establishment of new production aimed at the development of the chemical industry, light industry, machinery, agriculture, food industry and domestic pharmaceuticals...[full story](#)



## Uzbekistan

### *Korean delegation holds talks at Ministry of Foreign Trade*



The chairman of the Korea Federation of Jewelry Manufacturers Association Lee Bong Seung held talks at the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan. According to the press service of the Ministry, the parties discussed issues of cooperation and organization of jewelry production in Uzbekistan for delivery to domestic and foreign markets with introduction of modern technologies and innovative developments. ....[full story](#)

### *Business circles of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan sign agreements for US\$1.2bn*



Business circles of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan signed agreements worth US\$ 1.2 billion during business forum in Tashkent, the press service of State Committee for Investments of Uzbekistan told UzDaily. On 16 September 2017, the Uzbek-Kazakh business forum was held in Tashkent dedicated to further development of trade, economic and investment cooperation between two largest countries of Central Asia. . . .[full story](#)