



Afghanistan

Greenhouse Farming Paying Off For Local Farmers



An Afghan businessman is harvesting up to 1,400kg of cucumbers every two days after building a massive greenhouse that covers five acres of land in Paghman district in Kabul province. The farmer, Sallahuddin, said he has made inroads into the market and is doing well but that with some government support he could expand his operation. Greenhouse cultivation has started taking off in the country in the past few years. According to Sallahuddin, he can earn up to ...[full story](#)

Kabul Municipality Boosts Road Construction Projects



The acting Kabul mayor, Abdullah Habibzai, who briefed media and the public on his activities from the past 14 months said the income of the municipality has increased and that the institution has started work on many road and canal construction projects in the city. According to him, 184 kilometers of road and more than 25 kilometers of water[full story](#)



Azerbaijan

Creation of export-oriented enterprises – one of Azerbaijan's main tasks

The development of industry and the creation of competitive export-oriented industrial enterprises is one of the main tasks of the Azerbaijani government, Deputy Economy Minister Niyazi Safarov told reporters September 30 during the ceremony of launching the Accopen plant for the production of plastic windows and doors. "Today we are participating at the opening of Accopen's plant for....[full story](#)



Funding approved for 2nd Baku Shopping Festival

Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev has signed an order to provide funding for organizing a shopping festival in Baku. Under the presidential order, one million manats are allocated from the Presidential Contingency fund to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism for holding the shopping festival. The festival, aimed at developing tourism in Azerbaijan will take place from October 15 to November 15. The first Festival was held between April 10 and May 10, where besides discounted shopping, there were other activities for travelers like music concerts, fashion shows, children's events and lots more to double the fun. ...[full story](#)





Iran

Polish company distributes Iranian petrochemicals in Europe



Polish chemical Company Ciech Group has started importing and distributing Iranian polyolefin to the European markets. According to the company, three Iranian petrochemical producers, namely Jam Petrochemical Company (JPC), Jam Polypropylene Company (JPPC), and Persian Gulf Petrochemical Industry Commercial Company (PGPICC) will supply polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP) to Ciech Group. "We want the distribution of high-quality plastics on the European market to be a hallmark of Ciech Trading," said Artur Osuchowski, a management ...[full story](#)

Iran to expand regional flights deploying new ATR planes



The CEO of Iran's national flag-carrier Iran Air said Iran will utilize the newly received ATR passenger jets purchased from the European plane maker ATR to expand regional flights, IRIB news reported. Farzaneh Sharafbafi made the remarks answering questions of the reporters on the sidelines of a ceremony held for receiving two ATR planes at Tehran's Mehrabad International Airport on Thursday. According to the official, the new routes for the ATRs are being planned and the airplanes will start flying to the neighboring countries soon...[full story](#)



Kazakhstan

Almaty to host 25th KIOGE oil and gas conference Oct. 4-6

For a quarter of a century, the Kazakhstan International Exhibition and Conference KIOGE has annually gathered representatives of the world oil and gas market in Almaty. This year, the 25th Anniversary Oil and Gas Exhibition and Conference KIOGE 2017 will be Oct. 4-6. It will bring together more than 250 companies from 25 countries. The conference will include seminars on human resources, secrets of working with large operators, such as TCO, KPO, NCOC, as well as technical aspects related to safety at work and assessing the condition ...[full story](#)



Wood wool cement factory opens in Kazakhstan

A factory to produce Albolite, also known as wood wool cement, has launched operations in Kazakhstan. "Yernazarov and Co LTD produces albolite bricks. Albolite is a unique construction material, which consists of processed wood chips bonded with M500 cement and which contains mineralisers," according to the company. Albolite is known to have high thermal insulation, thus it is not a combustible material, and consequently it does not dry out or rot. Depending on the thickness of a brick, it is possible to build two and three-storey residential constructions, as well as industrial, agricultural, warehouse buildings with relative air humidity...[full story](#)





Kyrgyzstan

Border crossing procedure simplified at Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan border checkpoint



The border crossing procedure was simplified at one more checkpoint on Kyrgyz-Uzbek border. Press service of the plenipotentiary representative of the government in Batken region reported. According to it, the rules of border crossing have become simpler at the Kyrgyz checkpoint Kadamdzhai-Avtounnaa and at the Uzbek checkpoint Vadil-Avtounnaa. It is noted that the requirement on entering the territory of a neighboring country for citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic by telegram has been canceled.

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Kyrgyzstan ranks 102nd in Global Competitiveness Index

Eurasia	
Global Competitiveness Report 2017-2018	Global rank*
Azerbaijan	35
Russian Federation	38
Kazakhstan	57
Georgia	67
Armenia	73
Tajikistan	79
Ukraine	81
Moldova	89
Kyrgyz Republic	102

Source: The Global Competitiveness Report 2017-2018
Note: *2017-2018 rank out of 137 economies

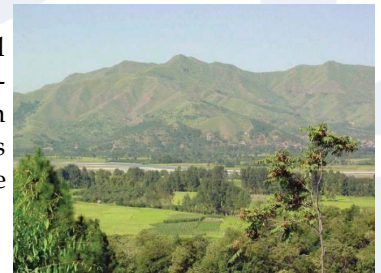
The World Economic Forum (WEF) presented the new Global Competitiveness Index 2017-2018. The first place in it is occupied by Switzerland, the second – by the USA, the third – by Singapore. Russia is at the 38th place, Kazakhstan – the 57th, Armenia – the 73rd. Belarus is not in the list. According to the WEF, Kyrgyzstan is hampered in its development by corruption, political instability, coups, bureaucracy, tax rates, inadequate supply of infrastructure, inadequately educated workforce...[full story](#)



Pakistan

Tourism in Pakistan thrives as terrorism loosens grip on country

As terror attacks recede, the tourism industry of Pakistan has begun to thrive; annual tourist arrivals have more than tripled since 2013, according to Bloomberg. Alan Cameron, a 34-year-old Canadian, was holidaying in Pakistan from his job as an analyst in Jefferies, London. His visit last month highlights how Pakistan's tourism industry is rekindling after the military security crack-down. Pakistan also started a tourism drive this summer placing adverts across the sides of London's iconic red buses.... [full story](#)



Pakistan recovers Rs2.12b from Chinese company for 2008 project

The government has successfully managed to recover Rs2.12 billion that was given to a Chinese company as mobilisation advance during the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) tenure, after work on a power project could not begin even seven years after the agreement was signed. The project was eventually shut down in 2015 during the current tenure of the PML-N government after it suffered a delay due to bureaucratic hurdles... [full story](#)





Tajikistan

Day of Jaloliddin Balkhii Rumi to be celebrated in Dushanbe



A literary - cultural event dedicated to the Day of Jaloliddin Balkhii Rumi will be held on September 30 in the Tajik State Academic Opera and Ballet Theater named after Sadriddin Ayni in Dushanbe. According to the Ministry of Culture, the event will be attended by representatives of the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Education and Science, the Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan, the Writers' Union of Tajikistan, pupils and students of the capital's educational institutions...[full story](#)

KOREA - TAJIKISTAN: Friendship evening held in Dushanbe



A cultural event "Friendship evening of Korea and Tajikistan", dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries was held in the Tajik State Academic Opera and Ballet Theater named after Sadriddin Ayni in Dushanbe. According to the Ministry of Culture of Tajikistan, in the concert program were presented amazingly in the skill and performance the traditional Korean dances and songs, modern dances, performance of melodies on ...[full story](#)



Turkey

Turkey's exports rise 8.9 pct in September

Turkey's exports increased by 8.9 percent annually to reach nearly \$11.3 billion in September, the Turkish Exporters' Assembly (TIM) said on Sunday. "Exports in the first nine months of the year rose by 10.6 percent to \$114.7 billion compared to the same period of last year," the association said. TIM noted that the exports in the last 12 months had reached \$153.2 billion, a 9 percent increase year-on-year. "We have reported increase in exports for 11 months since last November," Mehmet Buyukeksi, TIM chairman, said in the statement...[full story](#)



Istanbul to host international automotive conference

Istanbul will host the fourth annual meeting of an international automotive conference on Monday and Tuesday. The World Automotive Conference, of which Anadolu Agency is the global communications partner, will bring together more than 500 market experts. "Istanbul is the perfect gateway if you are looking to do business in the region and understand where the latest opportunities lie," the conference's official website wrote. The two-day conference will be held in Istanbul's Hilton Bosphorus Hotel, where more than 50 people from India,...[full story](#)





Turkmenistan

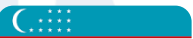
UNRCCA head takes office in Turkmenistan

Turkmen deputy prime minister, Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov has met with Natalia Gherman of Moldova, the newly appointed special representative and head of the United Nations Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA), the Turkmen Foreign Ministry said in a message. Meredov congratulated Gherman on her appointment and wished success in her further activities on implementing initiatives to strengthen peace, security and stability in Central Asia. "Expressing gratitude for the active position on the development of ..[full story](#)



Andrzej Duda: Poland interested in boosting ties with Turkmenistan

Poland is interested in boosting relations with Turkmenistan, Polish President Andrzej Duda said in his message to his Turkmen counterpart Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. "On behalf of the Polish people and on my own behalf, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Poland and Turkmenistan," President Duda said. Poland is interested in intensifying relations with Turkmenistan



Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan to introduce cash registers with online data transfer functions



On 29 September 2017, President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed a resolution "On measures to further improve use of cash registers with fiscal memory". According to the document, Uzbekistan will gradually introduce modern models of cash registers with the function of online data transfer to the tax authorities from 2018. The document notes that from 1 January to 30 March, from 500 to 1,000 cash registers with online data transfer will be used in Tashkent city, Nukus and regional centers, which will help to determine burden of cash settlements.[full story](#)

New center for servicing high-speed electric trains opened in Tashkent



Uzbekistan Temir Yollari opened a new service center for high-speed electric trains Afrosiyob. The Center was established on the territory of Uztemiryulmashtamir. Total area of new facility is 10,909 square meters. The project was implemented with participation of specialists of Uzbekiston Temir Yollari and technical staff of the Spanish company Talgo. Within the framework of the project, the necessary modern equipment were installed at the center, in particular, an under-rail lathe, a locomotive trolley removal device, detachable equipment for an air ...[full story](#)