



Afghanistan

India's First Shipment of Wheat To Enter Via Chabahar



Officials from the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) said India will send its first cargo of wheat to Afghanistan through Chabahar Port in Iran. The ACCI officials said the move to send in at least 130,000 tons of wheat to Afghanistan will strengthen trade ties between the two countries. "This process is crucial for strengthening trade and transit relations of Afghanistan with India and Iran. We will continue our efforts to provide better grounds ...[full story](#)

Women Get Helping Hand In Start Up Initiative



Seventeen young women have successfully started up their own businesses after completing a program through Start-Up-Valley center in Kabul, which aims to empower women to work for themselves. Center officials said they help women to start their own businesses and provide advise and technical support....[full story](#)



Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan's second geostationary satellite's construction almost completed

Construction of Azerspace-2/Intelsat-38, nation's second geostationary satellite, gradually comes to an end. The construction works have been completed by 90 percent, according to a source in the Azerbaijani satellite communications market. And the remainder of the work is planned to complete the within the next four months. "The construction work will be completed in January 2018," the source told Trend, adding that the launch of the satellite is scheduled for the first half of 2018.....[full story](#)



First BTK freight train departs from Kazakhstan

The first freight train to run along the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars (BTK) railway has departed from Kazakhstan, ADY Express, a subsidiary of Azerbaijan Railways CJSC, said in a message on October 24. The train, consisting of 82 containers, has departed from Kostanay in Kazakhstan and will arrive in Turkey's Mersin, according to the message. The opening of the BTK railway will take place Oct. 30 in Baku.....[full story](#)





Iran

Iran-Germany Joint Energy Committee convenes first meeting



Addressing the meeting, Iranian Deputy Oil Minister for International Affairs and Trading Amir Hossein Zamaninia touched upon the two countries' long history of cooperation and said Iran and Germany have great potentials for mutual cooperation in various areas especially in energy. The official put Iran-Germany trade turnover at \$3 billion and said: "Considering the potentials, unfortunately the value of trade between the two countries is much lower than expected and we hope that signing new deals pushes the figure up." ...[full story](#)

Tehran hosting 4 international expos



The Iranian capital is simultaneously hosting four international exhibitions from October 25 to 28 at the Tehran Permanent International Fairground, IRIB news reported on Wednesday. The three international exhibitions include the 4th International Exhibition of Footwear, Bag, Leather and Related Industry, the 16th International Exhibition of Heating, Cooling, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigerating, and the 2nd International Fisheries Industry Exhibition (IFEX 2017). As reported, 160 Iranian and 80 foreign companies are taking part in the... [full story](#)



Kazakhstan

Kazakh farmers harvest 21.9 million tonnes of grain in 2017

Kazakh farmers harvested 21.9 million tonnes of grain this year for a yield of 14.3 quintals per hectare. The harvesting area increased by 1.1 billion hectares compared to 2016, said First Vice Minister of Agriculture Kairat Aituganov at an Oct. 23 government meeting. He also noted that the proportion of third class wheat was 63 percent, compared to 44 percent last year. The proportion of gluten containing wheat reached 34 percent, compared to 8 percent in 2016. By the end of this harvesting season 3.4 million tonnes of barley were collected,...[full story](#)



Kazakhstan's economy expected to grow at least 3.4 percent by year's end, says minister

Kazakhstan's economy retained a 4.3-percent growth rate from January-September and is expected to grow 3.4 percent by the end of the year, said Minister of National Economy Timur Suleimenov at an Oct. 17 government meeting. Macroeconomic stability, investment activity and favourable conditions in foreign markets influenced the trend, in addition to initiatives taken as part of the state and sectoral programmes. "The industry, construction, trade, transport and communication sectors became the main drivers of growth. The industry sector[full story](#)





Kyrgyzstan

Inauguration of new president to take place no later than November 25



The inauguration of the new president of Kyrgyzstan may take place on November 25. The Central Election Commission of Kyrgyzstan told 24.kg news agency. The Commission noted: if today the Central Election Commission announces the results, on the next Friday, October 27, they will be published in Erkin-Too newspaper, and inauguration will take place within 30 calendar days from the publication. «Thus, Sooronbai Jeenbekov will take the oath no later than on November 25,» the CEC stressed. Elections of the head of state took place on October 15. The nominee from SDPK Sooronbai Jeenbekov won the majority of votes – 54.79 percent.....[end of story](#)

World Bank forecasts slight GDP increase in Kyrgyzstan by 2019



The World Bank predicts a slight increase in GDP of Kyrgyzstan by 2019. In three years, the economy will grow by 1.3 percent. The regular review of the economic situation in Europe and Central Asia says. So, following the results of 2017, the World Bank expects that the real GDP of Kyrgyzstan with constant market prices will grow by only 3.5 percent. But further growth rates will be more positive – 4.2 percent in 2018 and 4.8 percent – in 2019.....[full story](#)



Pakistan

Pakistan finalises two consortiums to raise another \$2b

Pakistan has finalised two consortiums of financial advisors to float dollar-denominated Euro and Sukuk bonds as the country seeks around \$2 billion aimed at taking pressure off the balance of payments' position. The Eurobond consortium would comprise of four international commercial banks. The Sukuk bond consortium consists of six banks, said officials in the Ministry of Finance. The financial bids were opened on Tuesday.

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Cooperation deal between Pakistan, Belarus to be signed next month

Pakistan and Belarus will sign an agreement on industrial, scientific and technical cooperation next month in an effort to step up collaboration between the two countries. The agreement will be inked during the second meeting of the Joint Working Group, which will be held on the sidelines of Pak-Belarus Joint Ministerial Commission huddle on November 16-17 in Grodno, Belarus..... [full story](#)





Tajikistan

Tajikistan is interested in increasing an effective cooperation with the United Nations in implementing programs aimed at achieving SDGs – Foreign Minister



The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan Sirodjidin Aslov convened a meeting with the UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative Ms. Prati-bha Mehta and the Heads of UN agencies, operating in Tajikistan. The meeting was dedicated to the UN Day and the 25th anniversary of cooperation between the Republic of Tajikistan and the United Nations. NIAT “Khovar” has been reported by the MFA Information Department of the country....[full story](#)

The issue of improving the efficiency of rescuers' work discussed in Dushanbe



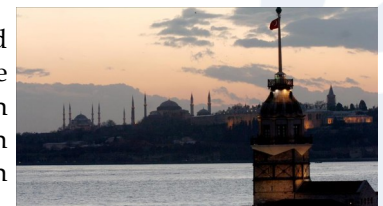
The prospects of bilateral cooperation in the field of training and retraining of rescuers were discussed at the meeting of the Chairman of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan Rustam Nazarzoda and the delegation of the U.S. Embassy in the Republic of Tajikistan led by Defense Attaché Daniel Zeytoonian. NIAT “Khovar” has been reported by the head of the CESCDC's press center Umeda Yusufi....[full story](#)



Turkey

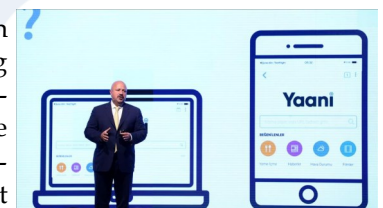
Turkey 'can further improve' its national brand value

If Turkey develops a branding strategy and deploys its sources effectively, it could further improve its national brand value even though its GDP remains stable, the managing director of Brand Finance Turkey said Wednesday. Turkey became the 24th most valuable nation brand in the world in 2017, up from 26 last year, according to an annual report published recently by Brand Finance, a leading independent valuation and strategy consultancy....[full story](#)



Turkcell launches new search engine Yaani

Turkey's leading cellphone operator Turkcell announced the launch of its new search engine called Yaani on Wednesday. Having its own search engine puts Turkey among the important countries in the world, said Turkcell's CEO Kaan Terzioglu, at the promotional event for the search engine in Istanbul. "If we want to have a voice in the new era, we have to keep our digital data in our country and turn them into innovative services," said Terzioglu. He added that data will become the most important source of power.....[full story](#)





Turkmenistan

Turkmenistan, UNCTAD to sign co-op memorandum

Turkmenistan and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will sign a memorandum of cooperation, the Turkmen Dovlet Habarlary state news agency reported Oct. 26. The relevant order was signed by the country's President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov at a governmental meeting. During the meeting, it was noted that Turkmenistan, being committed to strategic partnership with the UN, is consistently building up constructive interaction with the organization's specialized institutions, including UNCTAD.....[full story](#)



Ashgabat, Bucharest mull transport, energy issues

The next round of consultations between the foreign ministries of Turkmenistan and Romania has recently taken place in Bucharest, the Turkmen Foreign Ministry said in a message. At the meeting, the sides noted the development of relations in the political and diplomatic, trade-economic and cultural-humanitarian spheres. "Particular attention was paid to energy and transport issues," the message said. The Romanian side was headed by Maria Ciobanu, head of the directorate for UN, specialized agencies and francophonie, and Cornel Ionescu, director of the Division for Eastern Europe and Central Asia of the Romanian Foreign Ministry.....[full story](#)



Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan signs contracts for export of textile products worth US\$1bn



Uzbekistan signed contracts for export of ready-made textile and semi-finished products worth over US\$1 billion within the 13th International Uzbek Cotton and Textile Fair. In particular, the contracts were concluded with representatives of companies from Russia, Turkey, South Korea, Singapore, Moldova and other countries. The 13th International Uzbek Cotton and Textile Fair was held in Tashkent on 23-24 October 2017. More than 1,500 specialists, who participated in the fair from different countries, received an opportunity to get acquainted with[full story](#)

Uzbekistan, Latvia to expand partnership in international trade



Uzbekistan and Latvia are expanding partnership in the sphere of international trade. Representatives of business circles of Latvia discussed new projects and introduction of new financial tools in this sphere, as well as expanding cooperation in trade-economic sphere during the visit Uzbekistan. Trade mission of Latvian entrepreneurs paid visit to Uzbekistan. Within the visit, they held talks with the Uzbek businesses, including trade and pharmaceutical companies, as well as banks. Jānis Mozga, Chairman of the Board of Sonora and Chairperson of the Latvian-Uzbek Council of Business Cooperation, said that currently two states ...[full story](#)