



Afghanistan

Afghanistan Sends 981Tons Of Fruit To India



Afghanistan has sent 981 tons of fresh and dried fruit to India through the Afghan-India Air Corridor Program since June 18, the Office of the Senior Advisor to the President on Banking and Finance said in a statement on Saturday. The latest flight carrying at least 40 tons of fresh and dried fruit departed Kandahar Airport on Friday, the statement said, adding that it was the 21st flight to date. ...[full story](#)

Govt To Build Two More Dams On Harirod River



The Ministry of Energy and Water is working on the procurement process for two dam projects which will be built on the Harirod River in Herat province – in the west of Afghanistan. The biggest plant on the Harirod River is the Salma Dam built by India. The budget for Teerpul and Kabgan power dams will be allocated for the Ministry of Energy and Water in the next fiscal year, 2018, the deputy minister[full story](#)



Azerbaijan

Exhibition of Azerbaijani products to be held in Japan

"An exhibition of Azerbaijani products is planned to be held in Japan," said Vice-President of Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Foundation (AZPROMO) Yusif Abdullayev, Azertac reported. "Azerbaijani businessmen and citizens have great interest in Japanese products. At the same time, Azerbaijani products are available on the Japanese market." "Azerbaijani products are planned to be promoted in Tokyo and other cities. Both countries are interested in organizing this exhibition," he added.....[end of story](#)



Volume of loans received by entrepreneurs of Azerbaijan's Barda district revealed

Azerbaijan's National Fund for Entrepreneurship Support since the beginning of its activity has provided preferential loans worth 543 million manats to businessmen in Aran economic district, the Azerbaijani Economy Ministry said in a message on October 27. According to the message, the loans were allocated to 13,300 entrepreneurs. As part of the business forum held in the country's Barda district, entrepreneurs received preferential loans worth 1.3 million manats...[full story](#)





Iran

British companies eager for expansion of trade with Iran



Hamid Baeidinejad, Iran's ambassador in London, said British companies are interested in Iran's market and call for expansion of economic ties with the country, IRNA reported. The Iranian envoy made the remarks after the British-Iranian Chamber of Commerce, Industries, and Mines (BICCIM) annual reception and dinner at the House of Commons in London on Friday. Baeidinejad and Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Iran, Richard Bacon MP along with representatives of over 150 British companies active in different areas...[full story](#)

IRISL to re-open office in South Africa



The Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) plans to reopen a representative office in South Africa, IRNA reported on Saturday quoting IRISL's managing director as saying. IRISL used to have an office in South Africa but it was closed due to the reduction of its activities in that region following the West-imposed sanctions on Iran. According to Mohammad Saeedi, the decision was discussed during the Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zariif's visit to South Africa and the two sides have agreed on the matter.... [end of story](#)



Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan creating stock exchange of Astana Int'l Financial Center

A decision to create Astana International Exchange JSC of the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC) has been made within the framework of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the AIFC, the AIFC press service said. The Shanghai Stock Exchange, with which a shareholder agreement was signed, and Nasdaq Stock Market, which provided a technical platform, are the main strategic partners of the Astana International Exchange JSC. The Shanghai Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Stock Market are among the five major stock exchanges in the world...[full story](#)



President Nazarbayev orders transition to Latin-based alphabet in Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev signed an executive order on October 27 tasking his government to prepare the Kazakh alphabet for a transition to Latin letters from Cyrillic ones by 2025, Sputnik news agency reports. "The government of Kazakhstan is to set up a national commission to change the Kazakh alphabet to Latin script; organize a gradual switch to Latin script by 2025," the document circulated to state media read....[full story](#)

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Kyrgyzstan

MFA of Kyrgyzstan exchanged courtesies with Kazakh colleagues



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan commented on the statement of Kazakhstan's foreign policy department regarding the situation on the Kyrgyz-Kazakh border. «The Kyrgyz public is closely monitoring the situation on the Kyrgyz-Kazakh and Russian-Kazakh borders, where border, migration, customs, phytosanitary, veterinary and other controls have been strengthened since the beginning of October, which directly touched Kyrgyz citizens and vehicles. The introduction of such measures does not correspond to the level of allied relations and strategic partnership between Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, as well as the goals of[full story](#)

Kyrgyzstan and South Korea sign agreement on cooperation in film industry



Delegation of Kyrgyz filmmakers take part in the Youth Film Festival in the city of Daejeon (South Korea) from October 24 to October 28, 2017. The press service of the Ministry of Culture, Information and Tourism reported that, at the festival Kyrgyzstan is represented by: - Mukhtaly Bektenaliev - director of the department of cinematography at the Ministry of Culture, head of the delegation; - Azat Mamunov - a student of higher courses of directors, - Asema Toktobekova - film actress.....[full story](#)



Pakistan

Govt plans to offer reward for completing power, gas supply projects before polls

As election year approaches, the government is planning to offer honorarium and reward to officers and staff dealing with new electricity and gas supply projects in the constituencies of parliamentarians of ruling and allied parties under the Prime Minister's Global SDGs Achievement Programme. The plan is meant to expedite and complete work on these schemes before polls in mid-2018....[full story](#)



Pakistan has received \$16b foreign investment: Interior Minister

Pakistan has attracted over \$16 billion in foreign investment despite a downturn in the world economy, said Federal Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal, without divulging details of the breakup of the inflow. He was speaking on Saturday at the inauguration ceremony of the International Business Conference and Exhibition (IBCE-2017) organised by University of Management and Technology (UMT) at the Lahore Expo Centre. Govt plans to offer reward for completing power, gas supply projects before polls As election year approaches, the government is planning to offer honorarium and reward to officers and staff dealing with new electricity and gas supply projects in[full story](#)





Tajikistan

The Ministry of Finance of Tajikistan and the World Bank discussed a new Partnership Program



The meeting of the First Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan Jamshed Karimzoda with the World Bank mission headed by the Country Program Coordinator for Central Asia Sashi Jumen was held in Dushanbe on the eve. NIAT "Khovar" was informed by the secretariat of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan. The sides discussed the prospects of cooperation within the new Partnership Program of the country for 2019-2023 on the purpose of maintaining socio-economic sustainability and dynamic....[full story](#)

ADB commits more than \$5 billion to support New Strategy for Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation



16th Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Ministerial Conference was held in Dushanbe. Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon made the keynote address. Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Takehiko Nakao made the special address. The meeting was chaired by Minister of Economic Development and Trade Nematullo Hikmatullozoda. CAREC Ministers from 11 member countries ...[full story](#)



Turkey

Turkey, Pakistan finalize talks on free trade agreement

Turkey and Pakistan on Friday finalized negotiations on free trade agreement and both countries wished to sign the deal at an earliest possible time, Turkish minister of customs and trade said on Friday. According to a statement, Turkish Minister of Customs and Trade Bulent Tufenkci met Pakistan's Commerce Minister Muhammad Perwaiz Malik, accompanied by a delegation, at the ministry.....[full story](#)



Russia lifts ban on import of Turkish tomatoes

Russia on Friday signed a decree, lifting its restrictions on the import of tomatoes from Turkey beginning Nov. 1. "The amendment will allow Turkey to export tomatoes in the amounts approved by the Agriculture Ministry under the guarantee of a competent Turkish agency and under the supervision of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (Rosselkhoz nadzor) starting 1 November, 2017," the Russian Government said in a statement.....[full story](#)





Turkmenistan

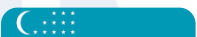
Turkmenistan celebrates Independence Day with military parade and festive procession

Turkmenistan's 26th anniversary of Independence was celebrated in Ashgabat with a festive military parade. President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, members of the government and foreign guests attended the celebration. The military units of the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of National Security, the State Border Service and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Turkmenistan took part in the parade.....[full story](#)



Ukraine discussing infrastructure projects in Turkmenistan

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Ukrainian businessmen, Chairman of the Board at Interbudmontazh Construction Association Vladimir Petruk and Director General of Altcom Financial Industrial Group Alexander Tislenko, the Turkmen government said in a message. President Berdimuhamedov noted that Turkmenistan aims at mutually beneficial cooperation with foreign partners, including with the business circles of friendly Ukraine. It was also noted that Interbudmontazh is interested in further cooperation with Turkmenistan, where large-scale infrastructure projects are being implemented.....[full story](#)



Uzbekistan

Construction of overhead metro starts in Tashkent



President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev got acquainted with the project on construction of overhead metro in Tashkent. Consistent work is being carried out at the initiative of the Uzbek President on development and modernization of the transport and communication system, providing transport services at the modern level. Construction of the overhead metro line has begun in Tashkent taking into account the needs of the population, as well as further development of the capital. Over 50.5 kilometers of this metro line, total length of which is 52,1 kilometers...[full story](#)

President of Uzbekistan familiarizes himself with project of Tashkent City business center



President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev familiarized himself with the project of International Business Center "Tashkent city" on 28 October. The business center will be located on an area of 80 hectares in Tashkent between Alisher Navoi Avenue, Olmazor and Furkata streets, as well as Islam Karimov avenue. On the territory of Tashkent City, it is planned to build business centers, shopping complexes, hotels, offices, congress hall, exhibition halls, modern multi-storey apartment buildings, restaurants, created an artificial lake and fountains, social and other facilities...[full story](#)