



Afghanistan

Russian Company To Work On Paktia Dam Project



A Russian company has won the contract for the construction of Machalgho Dam in Paktia province – in the southeast of Afghanistan, the Ministry of and Water said. Work on construction of the dam project will kick off within the next one month, the deputy minister of energy and water, Abdul Basir Azimi, said. He added that the project will be completed in three years. Azimi said government will pay the budget for the \$23 million USD project which will irrigate more...[full story](#)

ADB Pledges \$150m For Energy Project



The Asian Development Bank has pledged to donate \$150 million USD for the power transmission line from Turkmenistan to Pakistan through Afghanistan. Officials from the bank said they will provide technical assistance as well as financial assistance to the three countries. "Next year, the ADB hopes to provide support for TAP which is ...[full story](#)



Azerbaijan

MP: Azerbaijan-Russia-Iran trilateral meeting - beginning of new stage in economic co-op

The trilateral meeting of the presidents of Azerbaijan, Russia and Iran in Tehran, first of all, means stability in the region, and secondly, the beginning of a new stage of economic cooperation, Azerbaijani MP Aydin Huseynov told Trend. Huseynov noted that after the first trilateral meeting, the three countries' trade turnover has increased significantly. "After the economic agreements signed following the recent meeting, the trade turnover and, in[full story](#)



ADB may consider financing North-South corridor project

The Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the near future may consider granting a loan for the implementation of the International North-South Transport Corridor project, Nariman Mannapbekov, director of ADB's permanent representative office in Azerbaijan, told Trend. Mannapbekov said that if the project is approved, preparatory work will begin to sign the agreement. He expressed hope that the bank will be able to start tender procedures at the beginning of ...[full story](#)





Iran

Iran to offer \$35b of investment opportunities to foreigners in IEIO 2017



Above \$35 billion of investment opportunities will be presented to foreign investors during IRAN Economic & Investment Opportunities Forum (IEIO 2017), which is to be held on November 25-28, IRIB news quoted the event's executive secretary on Saturday. "Companies from China, Germany, Denmark, Finland, France, Russia, Japan, Serbia, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, India, and Saudi Arabia active in various fields including tourism, clean energy, agriculture, oil, gas, petrochemicals, auto industry, and etc. are to take part in the forum," Amir-Reza Hassani said....[full story](#)

Iran's intl. electricity exhibit hosting 768 companies



Hosting 768 foreign and domestic companies, the 17th Iran International Electricity Exhibition (IEE) kicked off on Saturday at Tehran Permanent International Fairgrounds, IRNA reported. Some 458 Iranian companies alongside 310 foreign exhibitors from 30 different countries including Germany, China, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Finland, Poland, United Kingdom, Sweden, UAE and Russia are showcasing their latest achievements and products in this four-day event ... [full story](#)



Kazakhstan

New plants for processing agricultural products to appear in Kazakhstan

Some 79 new plants for the processing of agricultural products are planned to be built in Kazakhstan, while 80 more will be modernized. This was announced by Vice-Minister of Agriculture Rustem Kurmanov at a working meeting to discuss the Map on Development of the agro-industrial complex in the akimat of Pavlodar region. Kurmanov said that the ministry, considering the high volume of agricultural imports to Kazakhstan, the loading volume of domestic enterprises and the raw material potential of the country, defined nine priority areas for the processing....[full story](#)



Kazakh government meeting addresses State Industrial and Innovative Development Programme, Astana development

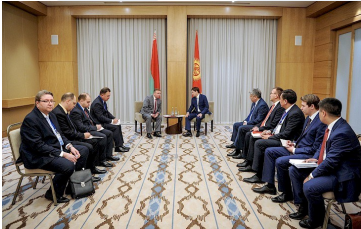
Eighteen additional industrial projects worth 399 billion tenge (US\$1.19 billion) are expected to be launched in a Dec. 6 teleconference involving President Nursultan Nazarbayev. They are the result of the State Industrial and Innovative Development Programme for 2015-2019, said Minister for Investments and Development Zhenis Kassymbek during an Oct. 31 government meeting.....[full story](#)





Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan studies experience of Belarus in implementation of digital technologies



Prime Minister Sapar Isakov met with Prime Minister of Belarus Andrei Kobyakov in Tashkent. The meeting was held within the framework of session of CIS heads of government. The two prime ministers discussed the current state and prospects of bilateral cooperation. Isakov said that Kyrgyzstan attaches great importance to the further development of relations with Belarus on the whole range of issues on the basis of mutually beneficial cooperation. "Belarus is one of the leading....[full story](#)

Kyrgyzstan ratifies agreements with EBRD on rehabilitation of water supply system in Uzgen



Kyrgyz President Almazbek Atambayev signed the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic on Ratification of the Credit Agreement between the Kyrgyz Republic and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the Rehabilitation of the Water Supply and Sanitation System in Uzgen project signed on May 11, 2017 in Nicosia....[full story](#)



Pakistan

British investors eyeing potential avenues in Pakistan

British Deputy High Commissioner Elin Burns has said British investors are reviewing investment opportunities available in various sectors in Pakistan to take further steps in this regard. Speaking at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), Burns discussed matters pertaining to mutual trade and economic ties and called for making efforts to increase the two-way trade volume.....[full story](#)



Pakistani entrepreneurs bag Austin firm's \$20m fund

Pakistani entrepreneurs recently bagged a huge \$20 million venture capital fund from 1839 Ventures, the Austin-based venture capital firm that provides financing to early-stage technology-oriented companies. Alicia Dean, the ATX+Pak Exchange programme founder, said ideas of Pakistani youth have attracted international attention and investors are willing to not just explore, but fund these plans as well. The fund was launched last month and comes through a deal involving the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) and 1839 Ventures.....[full story](#)





Tajikistan

Tajik-Azerbaijani inter-parliamentary cooperation discussed in Baku



The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Tajikistan to the Republic of Azerbaijan Rustam Soli met with the Chairman of the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ogtay Asadov in Baku on November 2nd. According to the MFA Information Department, during the meeting the parties discussed a broad range of issues of bilateral interaction, including inter-parliamentary cooperation.....[full story](#)

Tajikistan and ADB strengthen cooperation



Issues of fruitful cooperation between the Republic of Tajikistan and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) were discussed in Dushanbe during the meeting of the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan Nematullo Hikmatullozoda with the Alternative Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank Mahbub Ahmed. According to the press centre of this ministry, the sides also discussed the ways of ...[full story](#)



Turkey

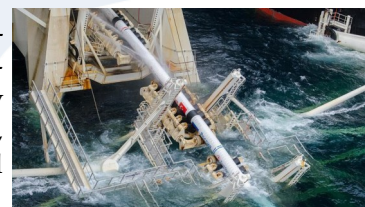
Turkey: Crude steel output up 13.5 pct in Jan-Sept 2017

Turkey's crude steel production rose 13.5 percent on an annual basis in the first nine months of 2017, reaching 27.7 million tons, the Turkish Steel Producers Association (TCUD) reported on Saturday. According to data from the group, Turkey maintained its position as the world's eighth-largest crude steel producer, accounting for over 2.1 percent of global crude steel output.[full story](#)



TurkStream enters Turkish Economic Exclusive Zone

The first pipeline of the TurkStream Offshore Gas Pipeline entered the Turkish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) on 4 November 2017, the Russian company announced Saturday. Pioneering Spirit, world's largest pipe-layer vessel, marked the occasion by laying down on the seabed the section of the pipeline with Russian and Turkish flags, symbolizing the crossing of the EEZ border between the two countries, company said in a press release.....[full story](#)





Turkmenistan

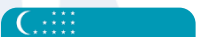
Turkmenistan becoming transport, logistics hub of int'l importance: president

Turkmenistan is turning into a country of major transport and logistics hubs of interregional and intercontinental importance located along the Silk Road, the country's President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov said in an appeal to employees of the state customs service in connection with their professional holiday. Turkmenistan's positions in the global economic space are being strengthened, he said. In order to improve the levers of macroeconomic regulation and diversify the national economy, the relevant legal framework is being modernized, the Turkmen president[full story](#)



International forum "Oil and Gas of Turkmenistan – 2017" kicks off in Ashgabat

The 22nd International Conference and Exhibition "Oil and Gas of Turkmenistan – 2017" (OGT-2017) started at the Exhibition Center of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Turkmenistan. About 40 companies from 16 countries set up their stands at the oil and gas exhibition. They include Russia, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Germany, France, Austria, as well as fuel and energy sector organizations of Turkmenistan.....[full story](#)



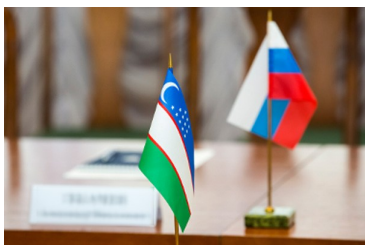
Uzbekistan

President approves protocol to agreement on cooperation in field of legal protection and protection of intellectual property



President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev approved a protocol on amending the agreement on cooperation in the field of legal protection and protection of intellectual property and establishment of the Interstate Council on Legal Protection and Protection of Intellectual Property from 19 November 2010. On 1 November 2017, the President of Uzbekistan signed a resolution "On approval of an international treaty". The document approved the protocol, which was signed on 26 May 2017 in Kazan (Russian Federation). ..[full story](#)

Eurocement Group and Uzstroyateriali sign agreement on construction of new cement plant



Chairman of the Board of Directors of Eurocement Group Filaret Galchev and Chairman of the Board of Uzstroyateriali (Uzbek Construction Materials) Botir Zaripov signed an agreement on procedure for implementation of an investment project for construction of a new plant for production of cement with "dry method" on the basis of Akhangarancement. The signing ceremony took place in Tashkent on 2 November in the presence of the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation...[full story](#)