



Afghanistan

Afghanistan To Get \$233m A Year Over 5 Years From ADB



Asian Development Bank (ADB) officials said the organization will contribute \$223 million USD to Afghanistan over the next five years in order to improve the living conditions of Afghans. According to ADB officials, the aid will go towards improving agriculture, energy, infrastructure and natural resources in Afghanistan, and its plans aim to provide better living conditions for the people and raise the capacity of the government. The ADB said that in keeping with the bank's new policy,....[full story](#)

Germany To Invest 6.4 Billion AFs In Afghanistan



The Afghan government and the German KfW Development Bank signed a financial agreement on Thursday in which Germany will provide 6.44 billion AFs in aid to government. The budget will be allocated to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF), administered by the World Bank, the German Cooperation with Afghanistan said in a ...[full story](#)



Azerbaijan

German investments in Azerbaijan reach \$496.9M

The 7th meeting of the Azerbaijan-Germany High-Level Working Group addressing a number of issues including the current state of economic and trade relations between the two countries was held in Berlin on November 22. The meeting was co-chaired by Azerbaijan's administration head at the Ministry of Economic Development of Azerbaijan Samir Valiyev and Eckhard Franz, Director-General for External Economic Policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy.....[full story](#)



Azerbaijan to present BTK railway's potential in China

Azerbaijan will hold a presentation on potential of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars (BTK) railway in China in 2018, said Azerbaijan's Economy Minister Shahin Mustafayev. He made the remarks at a meeting with Turkish Ambassador to Azerbaijan Erkan Ozoral, according to the Azerbaijani Economy Ministry. It was noted that the opening of the BTK railway is a historic event and this route will open new economic opportunities for participating countries through expanding transport ties....[full story](#)





Iran

Iranian railway development needs \$28b investment: transport min.



Development of Iran's railway requires \$28 billion investment, Transport Minister Abbas Akhoundi announced on Saturday. Saying that development of railway transportation is emphasized by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, the minister stated that not only does railway transportation lead to economizing on fuel consumption, it boosts safety as well. He went on to say that securing the required \$28 billion investment from the internal sources and governmental budget is difficult, so some special share from the National Development Fund (NDF) sources should...[full story](#)

JCPOA good chance for expanding Norway's economic ties with Iran



Secretary general of Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs called implementation of Iran's nuclear deal- known as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)- a good opportunity for Norway to boost economic bonds with Iran, IRNA reported. Addressing a seminar titled Iran-Norway Bilateral Maritime Opportunities in Oslo on Thursday, Wegger Christian Strommen named Iran's post-sanction era a good chance for Norway to enhance maritime, shipping, oil and gas,[full story](#)



Kazakhstan

Kazakh scientists produce and maintain automated and robotic systems

The world market of robotics, which reached \$91.5 billion this year, is expected to climb to \$188 billion by 2020. Introducing automated and robotic systems is part and parcel of Kazakhstan's national industry 4.0 programme, a process scientists from Nazarbayev University (NU) suggest the nation should begin immediately, reported Kapital.kz. produce the robot manipulators which are already used at SaryarkaAvto-Prom car assembly plant in Kostanai and the solar plant in the capital, said NU Robotics and Mechatronics department professor Dr. Almas Shintemirov....[full story](#)



Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan eye cooperation in rail transport

Representatives of railway administrations of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan discussed issues of cooperation on the organization of international passenger transportation, reports the press service of "Uzbekistan Temir Yullari". The delegations of the JSC "Uzbekistan Temir Yollari" and JSC "Kazakhstan Temir Zholy " mulled the results of joint work in 2017. The sides also discussed ways to improve the efficiency of work and prospects for the development of passenger communication between the two countries....[full story](#)





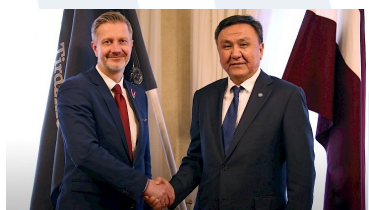
Kyrgyzstan

Sooronbai Zheenbekov officially takes office as president of Kyrgyzstan



Sooronbai Zheenbekov officially took office as president of Kyrgyzstan. Today Bishkek hosts the inauguration ceremony of Kyrgyzstan's new President Zheenbekov. During the ceremony, Zheenbekov took the oath. After chairwoman of the Central Election Commission of Kyrgyzstan Nurzhan Shaildabekova presented to the new president a badge and a certificate of the president of the country. In addition, Almazbek Atambaev handed over the standard of the president - the flag of Kyrgyzstan.....[full story](#)

Cooperation with Kyrgyzstan discussed in Latvia



Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan Kubanychbek Omuraliev visited the Republic of Latvia on Nov. 16 to 19, 2017 to hold bilateral meetings and participate in official and solemn events dedicated to the 99th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Latvia. The press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic reported that, bilateral meetings with representatives of the Latvian Foreign Ministry, the chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the Latvian Parliament,...[full story](#)



Pakistan

Renewable energy: Pakistan, Belarus to sign MoU

Pakistan and Belarus will soon sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for establishing a centre of excellence in the field of renewable energy in Pakistan. This was decided during a meeting between Belarus Ambassador Andre Ermolovich and National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) Executive Director Zulfiqar Ahmad Cheema on Friday. The meeting was aimed at enhancing linkages and cooperation in the technical and vocational sector between Pakistan and Belarus.... [full story](#)



Pakistan attracting global real estate investors

Thanks to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Pakistan is emerging as an international trade and transit hub, UAE-based Real Estate and Investment Pakistan Expo (RIPE) Chief Coordinator Adnan Iqbal said on Saturday. He said Pakistan was also attracting global real estate investors, particularly from the Gulf, Brunei and Asean region, who could make sizeable investments in the country. The expo will be held in Sharjah on December 8 and 9. Federal Minister for Housing and Works Akram Khan Durrani is expected to visit the fair. Pakistan's leading real estate developers, builders, property managers and commercial property owners will participate.... [full story](#)





Tajikistan

Ambassador of Tajikistan met with Rector of the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy



The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Tajikistan in the Republic of Azerbaijan Rustam Soli met with the Rector of the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy Hafiz Pashayev on November 23rd. According to the MFA Information Department, during the meeting of the Ambassador with Hafiz Pashayev, an exchange of views took place on the current state and perspectives of cooperation between Tajikistan and Azerbaijan....[full story](#)

Tajik Foreign Minister met with the Director of the Department of Continental Europe of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France



On November 23rd, in the framework of participation in the inter-ministerial political consultations between Tajikistan and France, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan Sirodjidin Aslov met with the head of French delegation, the Director of the Department of Continental Europe of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France Ms. Florence Mangin. The meeting was also attended by the Ambassador of France to the Republic of Tajikistan Mrs. Yasmine Gouedard...[full story](#)



Turkey

Turkey aims to reach \$5B wind invest. by year end

Turkey plans to achieve around \$5 billion in wind energy investments by the end of the year with the help of 1 gigawatt (GW) from Turkish Renewable Energy Resource Zone Project (YEKA) along with finalized wind energy tenders of around 3 GW, according to Turkish Wind Energy Association (TUREB) head on Friday. TUREB President Mustafa Serdar Ataseven in an exclusive interview with Anadolu Agency said that Turkey's wind energy installed capacity will be boosted through ongoing projects and planned tenders that will be finalized by the end of December....[full story](#)



Turkey aims to sign EFTA free trade agreement in 2018

Turkey aims to sign the expanded agreement with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in January 2018, according to the Turkish economy minister. Turkish Economy Minister Nihat Zeybekci participated in the EFTA ministerial meeting in Geneva on Friday. Turkey has had a free trade agreement with EFTA since 1991 and is now in the process of expanding the agreement. The EFTA consists of four European states: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland...[full story](#)





Turkmenistan

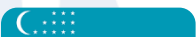
Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey create transport corridor

The Mejlis (parliament) of Turkmenistan ratified the agreement on transit and transport cooperation ("Lapis Lazuli") on Saturday, which was signed on the sidelines of the 7th Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA VII) in Ashgabat in mid-November. It is expected that the railways and motorways will connect the city of Torgundi in the Afghan province of Herat with Ashgabat, then with the Caspian port of Turkmenbashi. The corridor will continue to Baku, then through Tbilisi to Ankara with branches to Poti and Batumi, then from Ankara to Istanbul....[full story](#)



Turkmenistan, Afghanistan strengthening partnership in energy, communications sphere

Turkmenistan and Afghanistan held talks on cooperation in the fields of energy and communications, the Turkmen government said in a message Nov. 25. Turkmen Deputy Prime Minister Maksat Babayev presented his report on the working visit to the neighboring state at a government meeting. The two countries discussed the issues related to the construction of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline, the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan power...[full story](#)



Uzbekistan

Railway administrations of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan discuss cooperation issues



Representatives of the railway administrations of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan held a meeting, the press service of Uzbekistan Temir Yollari (Uzbekistan Railways) said. Delegations of Uzbekistan Temir Yollari and Kazakhstan Temir Zholy discussed issues of cooperation of the organization of international passenger transportation. Results of the passenger transportation and O'ztemiryo'lyo'lovchi in 2017 were considered. The sides discussed ways to improve the efficiency of work and the prospects for development of passenger communication between the two countries. ...[full story](#)

POSCO Daewoo to produce modules for solar panels and build solar photovoltaic station



POSCO Daewoo, a South Korean company, will implement a project to produce modules for solar panels and construction of solar photovoltaic stations in Uzbekistan. President POSCO Daewoo Jung Sang Kim and chairman of the State Investment Committee of Uzbekistan Azim Ahmadhojaev signed an agreement on realization of the project. Within the framework of the project, the South Korean company will organize capacities for production of modules for solar panels and the construction of 2 GW solar photovoltaic stations on the terms of public-private partnership...[full story](#)