**Azerbaijan**

**Azerbaijan builds six wind metering stations**

Azerbaijan is taking measures to develop alternative energy in the country. Six wind metering stations have been installed in the country’s Khizi town and Absheron region where 240 MW electric stations will be built, the Ministry of Energy reported on August 20. The installation of the wind metering stations are part of the agreement signed between the ministry and Saudi Arabia’s ACWA Power company. ...[full story](#)

**President Aliyev congratulates Erdogan on Turkey's discovery of gas field in Black Sea**

President Ilham Aliyev congratulated his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Turkey’s discovery of a major gas field in the Black Sea in a phone call on August 22. The head of state described the discovery as an important event and expressed hope that it will contribute to the improvement of the friendly and brotherly Turkish people’s well-being and the strengthening of the country's economic power. President Ilham Aliyev noted that Turkey had already become one of...[full story](#)

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**Afghanistan**

**Iran to export $3 billion in non-oil goods to Afghanistan**

The Chairman of Iran-Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce, Hossein Salimi, said Tuesday his country is expecting this year’s non-oil exports to Afghanistan to top $3 billion. He said their forecasts indicate that by March 20 next year, the end of their fiscal year, the value of exports would have reached this mark. “According to the studies, it is anticipated that Iran will export $3 billion ...[full story](#)

**Excavation of gas well completed in Jawzjan**

The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum announced Sunday that excavation of Well no. 36 located at the Yatim Taq gas field in Jawzjan province is completed. The ministry said in a statement that after drilling the well to the depth of 1600km the gas extraction has been functioning. This is the second gas well that the ministry has managed...[full story](#)
Kazakhstan To Launch New Electric Bus Plant in Karaganda Region

Kazakhstan will launch a new plant to produce Yutong Chinese passenger buses in December in Saran, the Karaganda Region, the Kazakh Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development press service said. The plant will produce approximately 1,200 buses per year. “At the first stage, this will significantly influence the situation with the worn-out state of public transport in Kazakhstan,” the statement reads. According to analysts, Kazakhstan has 12,505 buses...full story

Kazakh Plant Launches Domestic Computer Production to Equip School Students With Laptops

A Kazakh plant will now be tasked with supplying domestic laptops named ZiK computers as part of the governmental goal to ensure all school goers with means to study. The Kirov plant in Petropavlovsk has launched production of the first 5,000 units of ZiK computers on Aug. 13, the Kazakhstan Engineering (KE) national company press service reported. The Kirov plant as a subsidiary of KE agreed in May with Microsoft to set up a licensed Windows 10 Pro operating ...full story

Iran appoints new ambassador in Azerbaijan

The newly appointed Ambassador of Iran to Azerbaijan, Seyyed Abbas Mousavi, has arrived to Azerbaijan, Trend reports. Mousavi was met in Baku by the Iranian embassy staff members and the representative of the Iranian Supreme Leader in Baku. Previously, Mousavi was the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran...end of story

SATBA inks 15-year power purchase deal with Iran’s only biogas power plant

Iran’s Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Organization (known as SATBA) has signed a deal with the Water and Wastewater Department of Tehran Province to purchase the electricity generated by the country’s only biogas power plant which is run by the mentioned department. According to the Deputy Head of Water and Wastewater Department of Tehran Province, Abbasali Mesrzadeh, based on the deal SATBA is going to purchase about...full story
President Jeenbekov on most problematic issues in regional development

President of the Kyrgyz Republic Sooronbay Jeenbekov noted urgent and pressing issues in regional development. Today, Aug. 22, in his regular interview with Birinchi Radio of the Public Broadcasting Corporation, the Kyrgyz leader spoke about the results of his recent trips to the regions of the country and meetings with local residents. "The villagers are busy harvesting, working in the fields. First of all, they are concerned about irrigation water, drinking water, there are many appeals on this problem, as well as issues with the security of schools and hospitals," Jeenbekov.

Iran Sends Humanitarian Aid to Kyrgyzstan

President of Kyrgyzstan Sooronbay Jeenbekov held an online meeting with Prime Minister of the country Kubatbek Boronov. The current epidemiological situation in the country, the issues of the socio-economic development of the republic amid the coronavirus pandemic were discussed at the meeting, the president's press service reported. Kubatbek Boronov noted an improvement of the situation with coronavirus infection - the number of new infections has noticeably

Pakistan to Strengthen Trade Ties with ECO Countries

Trade Adviser Razzaq Dawood has reiterated the government’s resolve to strengthen trade and investment relations among ECO member countries. Addressing the Virtual International Trade Forum (ECO chapter), organized by the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI). The advisor informed that he will likely visit Afghanistan next month to remove obstacles in bilateral trade and transit trade.

Pakistan’s Outlook for the Long-Term Rating is Stable: S&P

The Standard & Poor’s (S&P) Global Ratings has affirmed its ‘B-’ long-term and ‘B’ short-term sovereign credit ratings on Pakistan. The outlook for the long-term rating is stable. The New York-based rating agency has also affirmed ‘B-’ long-term issue rating on Pakistan’s senior unsecured debt and Sukuk trust certificates.
**Phone conversation of FM of Tajikistan with Acting FM of Afghanistan**

On August 20, 2020, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan Sirojiddin Muhriddin held a telephone conversation with the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Mohammed Haneef Atmar. The parties discussed the situation in the region and Afghanistan, the peace process in this country and issues of further development and expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries, as well as plans for the near future...

**Tajikistan and Kazakhstan Hold Political Consultations**

Tajikistan and Kazakhstan held inter-ministerial political consultations via video conference. The consultations were chaired by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Zohir Saidzoda and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan Marat Syzydkov. The parties discussed the state and prospects of bilateral Tajik-Kazakh relations in the political, trade, economic, cultural, and humanitarian spheres, and exchanged views on cooperation in combating the COVID-19 pandemic and interaction between countries within the framework of international...

**Turkey**

**Turkey’s gas discovery to have positive impact on foreign policy**

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced Friday that the Fatih drilling vessel discovered the country’s largest energy source in its history -- 320 billion cubic meters of natural gas in the Black Sea. The historic discovery did not just come out of blue. Fatih, named after the great Ottoman Emperor Mehmet II who conquered Istanbul, has been drilling in the Black Sea region since July 20. On its ninth deep drilling operation, the vessel hit jackpot. Energy demand has...

**Turkey's external assets reach $227.3B in June**

Turkey's external assets reached $227.3 billion at the end of this June, decreasing 10.3% from end-2019, the Turkish Central Bank said Friday. The country's liabilities against non-residents also posted a 4.7% decline to $568.9 billion in the same period. The net international investment position (NIIP) -- the difference between external assets and liabilities -- was minus $341.5 billion as of this June, bettering from $343.5 billion at the end of last year. Showing a snapshot in time, the NIIP -- ....
**Turkmenistan**

**IUCN talks Turkmenistan sites' to become part of World Heritage**

Such Turkmen sites as Badhyz region along with the Kopetdag Mountains and the Repetek Biosphere reserve in Turkmenistan, as well as the Southern Ustyurt Plateau (a transboundary region between Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) have the potential to become World Heritage sites, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia told Trend. Currently, Turkmenistan has three sites listed as...[full story]

**Turkmenistan, Iran exchange experience in fighting infectious diseases**

Turkmenistan and Iran exchanged experience in the fight against infectious diseases, as well as ways to prevent them, Trend reports with reference to Turkmenistan’s State News Agency. The talks were held during a videoconference between representatives of the Ministry of Health of Turkmenistan with a group of representatives of the Iranian Health Ministry, headed by Director General of the International Cooperation Department of the ministry Mohsen Asadi Lari. It was noted that the health care sector in Turkmenistan has improved thanks to the international documents on the fight against infectious and non-communicable diseases...[full story]

**Uzbekistan**

**Uzbekistan and food security of the city of Almaty**

An online meeting in the B2B format of the management of the BMB Trade Group with Kazakh businessmen representing the Social and Entrepreneurial Corporation Almaty, the Prime Capital Holding group, MCC Trade Company, retail chains Magnum, Small, Metro and others. The event was organized by the Consulate General of Uzbekistan in Almaty. In the speech of the Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Kazakhstan Saidikram Niyazkhodjayev, priority areas of...[full story]

**Uzbekistan increases electricity production by 2.92%**

Uzbekistan increased electricity generation by 2.92% in January-July 2020 compared to the same period of 2019. In the reporting period, according to the State Statistics Committee of Uzbekistan, the country’s enterprises generated more than 36.62 billion kW / h of electricity. Also, in January-July, Uzbekistan produced about 16.27 million Gcal of heat, which is 1.47% less compared to the same period of 2019...[end of story]