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TURKIC COUNCIL MEETS WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY AGENDA



The heads of the member states of the Cooperation Council of Turkic speaking countries (Turkic Council) met at an extraordinary summit through videoconference on the Coronavirus outbreak at the initiative of the president of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev. According to information shared on the news website Anadolu Agency Aa.com.tr, it was announced that the extraordinary video- summit of the heads of state of the Turkic Council was held on 10 April 2020 with the agenda “solidarity and cooperation in combating the global outbreak of COVID-19”. Meeting under the presidency and leadership of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev was attended by the president of Kazakhstan

on Kasym Comart Tokayev, President Sooronbay Jeenbekov of Kyrgyzstan, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, the president of Uzbekistan Mirziyoyev Shavkat, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Turkmenistan’s President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov. In addition, the Secretary General of the Turkic Council, Baghdad Amreyev, and the Director General of the United Nations World Health Organization, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus also participated in the videoconference. Azerbaijan’s President Aliyev briefed on the measures taken against COVID-19 in the country, and he also mentioned that the Turkic Council was the first international

organization to hold a summit at the level of heads of state. He stated that the world needs solidarity and cooperation and the main purpose of the summit is to share experiences about the steps they take at the national level. Aliyev said, "I believe that our aim is to support each other and strengthen solidarity among our people when necessary. In the current global epidemic, the Turkic Council member states did not close their borders. The Turkic Council is ready to cooperate with other international organizations." President of Turkey, Erdogan noted referring to new type of solidarity against coronavirus at the Summit, "We have had a serious shortage of production and supply of health care products. Along with helping, we try to be with our brother countries by sharing all our opportunities. We are also facing a global socioeconomic crisis because of the outbreak. Continuing international trade and cargo transportation on the basis of a free, open and rule-based approach is vital for the continuity of the supply chain. Of course, we will win the war against the coronavirus with the permission of Allah. Then we will deal the reality of a new world. Therefore, we must also prepare for the post-epidemic period." President of Kazakhstan Tokayev accented that rapid information exchange, preventive measures, the creation of innovative diagnostic and treatment methods should be coordinated, while the health system should be modernized in order to overcome the epidemic. Referring to the scientific studies on COVID-19 in his country, Tokayev said, "The Kazakhstan Scientific Research Institute has prepared a test for the detection of COVID-19. We are ready to share our experience." Pointing out that the epidemic affects the commercial and economic relations between the Turkic Council countries, Tokayev suggested developing a common "action plan" to address the consequences of negative effects. Uzbekistan's President Mirziyoyev proposed to create a system by Turkic Council in which the epidemiological situations will be monitored, analyzed and foreseen to prevent the spread of the disease and ensure more effective fight against the virus. Mirziyoyev noted that transportation opportunities between countries should fully available and border crossings should be facilitated. Underlining that no country can effectively fight this epidemic alone, Mirziyoyev said, "We have to work on the principles of unity and mutual solidarity." President of Kyrgyzstan, Jeenbekov stated that due to the closure of the borders, they faced adversities in meeting the needs of the population and especially the healthcare workers. He noted that they need joint action to prevent further spread of the epidemic. He expressed that the country wants to reduce the barriers at the borders for the supply of daily consumption products, medicine and medical equipment. It was suggested to create a crisis-fighting fund



by the Turkic Council, and added: "Some of our citizens could not return to their countries due to the epidemic. I would kindly ask to help Kyrgyz citizens who are facing difficulties in your countries. Kyrgyzstan will help the citizens of the Turkic Council member countries in the countries as well." Turkmenistan's President, Berdimuhamedov stressed that they are facing an extremely serious problem. He pointed the necessity to exchange ideas and take co-ordinated steps to successful resistance of this threat. President added, "Today, we have to take more responsibility and act carefully and with caution when making decisions. If we combine our efforts, we can achieve results." Hungarian Prime Minister, Orban drew attention to the common cultural heritage among the Turkic Council member states and said that the Hungarians always saw the Turkic people very close to them. He expressed gratitude for the contribution of Turkic Council countries, especially Turkey, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan. "When you live through hard times, then we learn who our real friends are," he said. Furthermore, Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization, commended President Erdogan for his support of medical supplies to neighboring countries in the fight against the new type of coronavirus and said, "Turkey's solidarity should be an example to the whole world." He expressed his thanks to Azerbaijan's President, Aliyev and emphasized Turkic Council as an example to the world for solidarity against the Covid-19. He added, "We hope that other countries adhere to the principle of solidarity as well, and they will fight together against this invisible but dangerous enemy." As a result of the joint declaration of the Extraordinary Summit of the Turkic Council, "Bilateral and multilateral cooperation is necessary without discrimination with the purpose to eliminate the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic on member countries."

THE TRADE TURNOVER BETWEEN KYRGYZSTAN AND UZBEKISTAN IN 2019 REACHED TO \$339.8 MILLION



The trade turnover between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan in 2019 amounted to \$339.8 million.

This data is provided in the materials of the Ministry of economy of the Kyrgyz Republic. According to the Ministry, in 2019, the trade turnover between the countries increased by 1% compared to 2018. In 2018, the trade turnover between the neighboring countries was \$336.5 million. The volume of exports from the Kyrgyz Republic to Uzbekistan in 2019 amounted to \$138.9 million, which is 12.4% less than in 2018. In 2018, exports totaled \$158.5 million. The volume of imports from Uzbekistan to the Kyrgyz Republic in 2019 amounted to \$200.9 million, which is 12.9% more than in 2018. In 2018, imports reached \$178 million.

KYRGYZ GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT BUSINESSES WITH 14 BILLION SOMS

There are 14 billion soms to support the business. The Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Erkin Asrandiyev, reported this during the briefing today.

He said that the second business support package is being developed. Economic sectors are being analyzed. Those who have suffered the most damage and are ready to resume will be identified.

We are considering the small engaged in retail businesses. In general, the small and medium-sized business sector are our target. There is also an analysis of the activities of large enterprises. According to the Tax Service, there are more than 2,000 of them. For each enterprise it is planned to carry out detailed work with supervision» - noted Asrandiyev.

It is noted that support for large enterprises will be provided by manual management.

“Projects of credit products and financing programs are being developed. Various options and conditions are



calculated based on the terms, amounts, and goals of the assignment. We are also working to find sources of this funding, both internal and external,” he said.

TURKEY PROVIDED AID TO PEOPLE IN NEED IN KYRGYZSTAN AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF COVID-19

TIKA donated 400 boxes of food and disinfectants to the red Crescent Society of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Turkish Agency for cooperation and coordination (TIKA) provided food aid to needy residents of Kyrgyzstan.

The TIKA coordination office in Bishkek handed over 400 boxes of food to the Kyrgyz red Crescent Society. The boxes included macaroni, sunflower oil, rice, tomato paste, milk powder, tea and sugar.

The Agency also provided employees and volunteers of the Kyrgystan's Red Crescent with protective overalls, glasses, gloves and disinfectants.

Chingiz Dzhakipov, Vice-President of the Kyrgyz Red Crescent, thanked the Turkish people and TIKA for their support.

In turn, TIKA program coordinator Ali Muslu noted the importance of providing assistance to friendly and fraternal countries to combat the new type of coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19).

"TIKA aids those in need in the fight against coronavirus. Kyrgyzstan has imposed a state of emergency and a curfew.



In this regard, the Agency has transferred humanitarian aid to the Red Crescent of Kyrgyzstan," Muslu said.

The number of people infected with coronavirus infection in Kyrgyzstan has increased to 419, and the number of deaths has increased to 5. At the same time, 67 people recovered from Covid-19.

17 WAGONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID ARRIVED IN KYRGYZSTAN FROM UZBEKISTAN



Uzbekistan has allocated 1,000 tons of flour and medical supplies as humanitarian aid to the city of Osh, in southern part of Kyrgyzstan, Turmush reported.

According to information, a total of 17 wagons of humanitarian aid arrived from Uzbekistan, 16 of them containing flour and one containing medical supplies. This includes 7 thousand sets of workwear, 220 respirators, 20 of them N95 type, 20 thousand gloves, 500 special glasses, 200 pyrometers and 2 thousand test systems for diagnosing the presence of coronavirus. Deputy Minister of emergency situations Ravshan Ryspaev, Osh region's Plenipotentiary Uzarbek Zhylykbayev and representatives of the Ministry of foreign affairs took part in the acceptance of aid. Equipment and a base of the Ministry of emergency situations of the Kyrgyz Republic have been prepared for receiving and delivering humanitarian cargo by order of the Minister of emergency situations Zamirbek Askarov.

RUSSIAN- KYRGYZ DEVELOPMENT FUND CONSIDERS SUPPORTING THE MILK PROCESSING FACTORY IN TOKMOK

Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan Muhammedally Abylgaziev visited the factory for processing of dairy products in the city of Tokmok during his work trip to the Chui region. According to the head of government, Russian-Kyrgyz Development Fund is currently working to give support to the factory. The Prime Minister stressed that this factory has a unique history and the launch of production is a significant event. "The company was built in 1974 and has a rich history. The work of the factory was suspended after the collapse of the USSR. I am very happy that today, the dairy factory has started working again thanks to investors. The production capacity of the company is 250 tons of milk per day and 5 thousand tons of products per month, 90% of which will be exported. The most advanced European technology is used to operate the factory, that ensures high product quality and safety," said Abylgaziev. He visited the hardware shop, and shops for the production of cracked butter and hard cheese, skimmed milk powder and milk bottling.



It is reported that today the plant employs about 100 employees. When production is fully launched, up to 600 job places will be available at the enterprise. Investments in the company amounted to more than \$ 1.5 million. The building was repaired, and the equipment was modernized at the factory.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE TO KYRGYZSTAN IS \$456.4 MILLION



The total agreed amount of assistance to the Kyrgyzstan's budget from various development institutions is 456.4 million US dollars. This was said at the briefing in the government House by the Vice Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan Erkin Asrandiev. According to him, these programs have already been agreed, and there are still some projects at the stage of negotiations. Asrandiev noted that \$120 million out of more than \$ 450 million came from the International Monetary Fund. "The remaining \$ 335 million has been agreed, but some are at

various stages of approval and ratification," he reported. The Deputy Prime Minister said that \$ 120 million was received from the IMF as the first tranche. The second tranche is expected to be received in the same amount. "While the conditions and procedure for obtaining are being processed. We expect to receive these funds later. We have previously agreed on \$ 120 million in aid from the Asian Development Bank and \$21 million from the World Bank. \$ 12 million of the World Bank's funds is subjected to domestic procedures. The Kyrgyz Parliament has already approved it, and it is expected to be signed. A tender is being held for the purchase of medical and protective equipment for the remaining \$ 9 million. The tender is held in accordance with the conditions set by the World Bank, " he said. Erkin Asrandiev added that it is also planned to request \$ 15 million fund from the Islamic Development Bank as an assistance to Kyrgyzstan. "The European Union is expected to provide 28 million dollars, and the German Development Bank (KfW) has already supported with accumulated assistance of 30 million dollars to maintain businesses in the form of concessional financing," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

IN KAZAKHSTAN 23 BILLION TENGE WAS SPENT ON THE FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Over T23 billion was spent on the fight against coronavirus from the government's reserves according to Minister of information and public consent of Kazakhstan Dauren Abayev.

"Regarding the allocation of funds for the fight against coronavirus, we are not talking about anti-crisis measures announced by the President (Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev-KazTAG). Money from the government reserve was allocated three times to fight the coronavirus. The first tranche, T1,609 billion was allocated from January 29, T428, 227 million was additionally allocated on February 21. The third time, funds amounted to T21, 43 billion from the reserve were allocated by the government on March 25," Abayev said on Wednesday.

According to him, these funds were used to purchase medicines, medical devices and laboratory equipment: masks, gloves, protective suits and test systems.

"The cost of evacuating citizens by the national emergency medicine coordination center and equipping civil service



employees, purchasing disinfection products, and other expenditure were included in this amount. Separately, requests were made to clarify the budget in order to pay bonuses to medical workers involved in the fight against coronavirus," the Minister added.

NEW EMPLOYMENT ROADMAP ENABLES ABOUT 150 SOCIAL FACILITIES TO BE BUILT IN KAZAKHSTAN



In Kazakhstan, 147 social facilities will be built because of the new employment roadmap. This was announced by the Minister of information and public development of Kazakhstan Dauren Abayev during an online briefing according to the reports of the Kazpravda.kz correspondent. "Today, a meeting of the State Commission was held

under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. A number of issues were discussed, including the implementation of the employment roadmap. Approximately 970 billion tenge out of one trillion tenge of allocated funds has already been distributed between the regions," Abayev stated.

According to him, the program is aimed to create jobs by modernizing social transport infrastructure, housing and utility facilities and improvement of settlements. In addition, other new facilities are planned to be built.

"These are 147 social facilities, 56 residential buildings and dormitories, 75 water supply facilities, 33 gas supply facilities, 42 electricity supply facilities, and so on. More than 2.5 thousand social facilities will also be reconstructed and create 73 thousand job places. These are schools, hospitals, sports complexes, and cultural centers. 979 housing and utility facilities will be modernized that includes water pipelines, heat supply systems, drainage systems, and others. About 40,000 new jobs will be created here. In total, more than 7 thousand projects will be launched and almost 240 thousand job places will be available," the Minister reported.

TOTAL AREA OF SOWN AGRICULTURAL CROPS WILL BE 22.5 MILLION HECTARES



In 2020, the total sown area of agricultural crops will be 22.5 million hectares. This was announced by the first Vice-Minister of agriculture Aidarbek Saparov during an online briefing in the Central Communications Service, the correspondent of Kazpravda.kz reports.

“In 2020, the total sown area of agricultural crops will be 22.5 million hectares. In accordance with the instructions of the Head of state, work continues in the diversification of acreage and the transition to the production of highly profitable crops,” Saparov said. According to him, currently, about 2.5 million tons of seeds have been filled in, which

provides full demand for seed material. 1 million tons of seeds have been checked, 95% meet the conditions, 47 thousand tons or 5% were found to be substandard.

“The local budgets of the regions provide 11.3 billion tenge for subsidizing the development of seed production, in addition, 2.5 billion tenge was allocated from the national budget for the purchase of about 29.4 thousand tons of seeds and 838.7 thousand pieces of elite seedlings,” the Minister added. Also, according to the first Vice-Minister, the use of fertilizers plays a particularly important role in obtaining a high yield. “For 2020, the local budgets of the regions provide 23.3 billion tenge, which will allow to purchase about 480 thousand tons of mineral fertilizers. At the same time, additional funds in the amount of 2.8 billion tenge were allocated from the Republican budget for the purchase of about 54 thousand tons of fertilizers by farmers,” he said.

In conclusion, Saparov said that 31.4 billion tenge is provided for subsidizing pesticides in the local budgets of the regions for 2020, which will allow subsidizing about 15 million liters of pesticides.

“Also, additional budget funds in the amount of 5.6 billion tenge were allocated from the Republican budget for subsidizing pesticides for the purchase of 1.6 million liters by farmers,” he concluded.

ABOUT 30 RESERVOIRS WILL BE BUILT IN KAZAKHSTAN BY 2030

Kazpravda.kz reported that Magzum Mirzagaliyev, Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan spoke about the progress of modernization and expansion of infrastructure for irrigation of land in Kazakhstan during the Government meeting.

“In 2020-2021, 6,785 kilometers of canals, 4 reservoirs, 4 waterworks, 239 vertical drainage wells and about 23,000 other water facilities will be reconstructed in Kazakhstan,” Mirzagaliyev said. In addition, 88 thousand jobs will be created, including 11 thousand for the period of construction and repair work and 77 thousand permanent jobs after the completion according to minister.

“The volume of gross agricultural output from these lands will amount to 165 billion tenge per year and will have a multiplier effect in the areas of trade, product processing, livestock,” the minister continued. As he noted, it is necessary to create additional sources of irrigation by constructing new reservoirs. “By 2030, 28 reservoirs are planned to be built in Akmola, Aktobe, Karaganda and Zhambyl regions. They will enable the accumulation of 3.8



cubic meters of water. At the same time, 12 reservoirs are planned to be used not only for irrigation, but also to prevent flood threats from 70 settlements,” Mirzagaliyev said. The Minister also recalled that the Head of State assigned him to increase the area of irrigated lands to 3 million hectares. The construction of reservoirs will involve a creation of 29 thousand job places in the rural sector,” he noted.

KAZAKHSTAN PROVIDED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KYRGYZSTAN AND TAJIKISTAN



“Kazakhstan provides all possible assistance to citizens of fraternal States. To ensure food security, we have sent assistance to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (5 thousand tons of flour for each country),” President of Kazakhstan Kassym - Jomart Tokayev said on Friday, during the meeting of the Cooperation Council of Turkic-Speaking States, held in the format of a videoconference and dedicated to the issue: “Consolidation and cooperation to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic”.

According to the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in

the Kyrgyz Republic, the agenda of the event included issues of ensuring trade and transit-transport links, cooperation in the field of healthcare, rendering necessary assistance to citizens of the member States of the Turkic Council. The participants exchanged information on measures taken at the national level to counteract coronavirus infection.

The Summit was attended by the leaders of the Turkic Council member States: the President of Kazakhstan, Kasim-Jomart Tokaev; the President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev; the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Sooronbai Zheienbekov; the President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan; The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, as well as the President of Turkmenistan, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the Prime Minister of Hungary, Viktor Orban, and the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Tedros Adhanom Gebreyesus.

According to the President of Kazakhstan drew attention to the fact that the unusual summit of the Turkic Council is held in a very difficult period, when the entire world is threatened by the spread of coronavirus. In his opinion, in order to localize and overcome the pandemic, it is necessary to coordinate actions in terms of rapid exchange of information, conducting anti-epidemic measures, and creating innovative methods of diagnosis and treatment.

A PLANE WITH HUMANITARIAN AID FROM TURKEY LANDED IN ALMATY

Turkey has transferred almost half a ton of medicines to Kazakhstan as humanitarian aid to fight the coronavirus. Today, the plane of the Turkish airline Turkish Cargo with an important cargo landed at the airport of Almaty, reports NUR.KZ.

On Board - 430 kilograms of medicines to fight coronavirus and treat complications from infection-antiviral drugs and antibiotics from the manufacturer Nobel Ilac.

In total, we are talking about eight names of drugs. Now all the cargo is stored in the warehouses of the city's airport, after passing customs clearance, it will be transferred to medical institutions in Almaty.

“This is not the first humanitarian aid from Turkey, in addition, we are expecting cargo from India, and today we also expect humanitarian aid from Poland. Yesterday, Kazakhstan also received thousands of PCR tests from a Korean medical company, “ said Erlan Iskakov, head of the foreign Ministry's representative office in Almaty.

This is the third delivery of humanitarian aid from Turkey to Kazakhstan. Previously, masks and medicines were supplied.

“These medications will be used to treat people with coronavirus. They were granted thanks to the permission



of the Turkish government. Turkey has already provided humanitarian assistance to 35 countries, as there are no problems with the lack of medicines in the Republic. I wish Kazakhstan and all mankind to overcome these difficulties as soon as possible. Kazakhstan took the situation seriously enough and made a timely decision on quarantine. I think it will end soon, “ said Ali Rıza Akıncı, Turkish Consul General in Almaty.

KAZAKHSTAN BUILT A HOSPITAL FOR CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS IN 18 DAYS IN ALMATY

The hospital is located in the industrial zone of Almaty. Austrian technology was used to construct it. Special modules were used for construction, which are used for building oil workers' shift camps. Modules for the Almaty hospital were brought from Atyrau. It should be noted that a special air ventilation technology is used there, which will help to prevent the risk of getting infected and protect the medical workers.

Because of the powerful flow of clean air, air from the so-called "dirty" zone does not get into the sterile zone. In addition, a special gateway between the "dirty" and "clean" zones is provided for medical workers. The hospital is designed for 280 patients, with a total of 98 wards - single, double and triple.

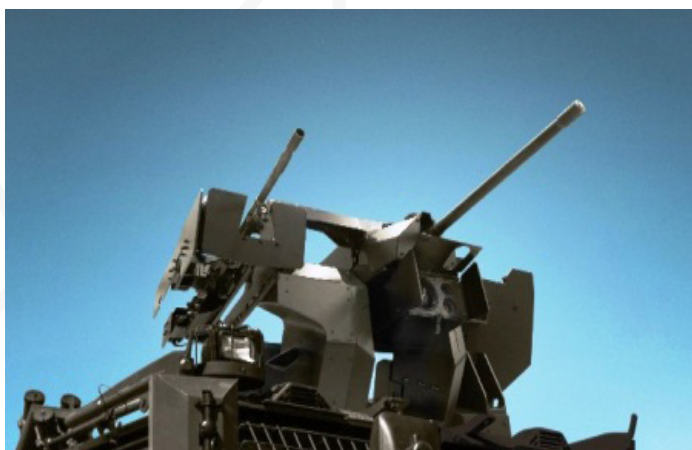
There only the most necessary things like beds, places for eating in the wards. Each of them has a separate bathroom with a shower. It is not for a single stay, but for temporary isolation for diagnosis.

Each ward has a separate entrance from the street. The hospital is also equipped with two intensive care units for 14 people each, and if necessary, the number of beds can be increased.



Intensive care units are equipped with ventilators. According to the chief doctor of the new hospital Alexander Mukashev, there will be about 200 medical workers, 75 of them are doctors. The total staff number includes both volunteers and combined employees. Patients with a confirmed diagnosis will be delivered in the new hospital.

NEW COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN KAZAKHSTAN AND TURKISH ASELSAN



It is reported that a new contract for a System of Stabilizing Arms with Control in Remote Sarp-Dual has been signed between the Turkish defense and industrial giant Aselsan and Kazakhstan.

According to the information on the website of the Ikhlas news agency lha.com.tr, an anonymous electronic industry and

trade company Aselsan, which is entering in the local market, has signed a new contract for a System of Stabilizing Arms with Remote Operation Sarp-Dual in accordance with the needs of Kazakhstan.

Aselsan and its subsidiary in Kazakhstan, Aselsan Engineering Limitet (KAE), aim to increase production capacity to meet Kazakhstan's military and civil needs as much as possible. Remote weapon control systems developed by Aselsan in various configurations and calibers that can be used on various land and sea platforms are still in the military inventory of 20 different countries.

Aselsan Electronic Industry and Trade was founded in Ankara in 1975 by the Turkish Armed Forces to meet the needs of the Central Committee in military communications. It is among the world organizations with achievements made in the defense industry over the past 17 years.

Aselsan Electronics Industry and Trade was founded in Ankara in 1975 for the military communications needs of the Turkish Armed Forces Foundation. This is one of the organizations that was established in the international arena, especially, as a result of the achievements in the defense industry over the past 17 years.

THE ROAD MAP OF KAZAKHSTAN WILL BE EXPANDED



Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Askar Mamin connected with members of the government via video link on April 21. The thematic range of issues of the virtual government forum, this time has shifted from epidemic to socio-economic. Representatives of the Cabinet considered issues of modernization and expansion of the country's transport and communication network in the parameters of the global program plan "Nurly Zhol" until 2025. During the videoconference, it was noted that the entire

road network will be brought to the proper level in the country over the five-year period. According to the development concept, new and existing arteries will be stretched and reconstructed, 21 thousand kilometers of national significance and 27 thousand kilometers of regional significance. The head of government said that 112 engineering projects with the participation of domestic and foreign companies have been worked out to implement this scale, and 550 thousand jobs will be created in them. Addressing the participants, the Prime Minister said that the plan was unprecedented. Mamin stressed that such a huge amount of work is being implemented for the first time in the history of Kazakhstan. Only this year, the auto traffic will begin to run in such strategic directions as Karaganda — Balkhash — Kapshagai, Kalbatau — Maykapshagai, Usharal — Dostyk, Aktobe — Astrakhan. The Prime Minister instructed the relevant departments to hand over all the objects without delay and work out a system of payment for comfort and easy movement along transport corridors. Extremely important, the Prime Minister identified the use and expansion of the country's transit capabilities. In addition, Askar Mamin set a goal to complete the construction of a passenger terminal at Shymkent airport and an international air Harbor in Turkestan in 2020.

KAZAKHSTAN'S ECONOMIC SECTOR WILL BE MODERNIZED

On April 24, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Askar Mamin held a videoconference for the State Commission, whose tasks are focused on the modernization of the national economy. It is planned to combine the efforts of state bodies and system-forming entities in order to modernize the country's economy. This was reported by CentralAsia.news in the press service of the Prime Minister. The Ministry of Economy of the Republic has developed a draft special register, which includes strategic enterprises. These are industry, production, construction, transport, fuel and energy sector and mining industry. According to the Minister of national economy of Kazakhstan Ruslan Dalenov, a total of 361 enterprises were included in the list. These enterprises will be supported by the state in the form of loans, deferred tax payments, access to preferential liquidity, rapid provision of documentation for work, accelerated VAT refund in the field of public services as well. In response, the responsibilities of the system-forming



economic entities will include preserving the places of the employees, and the purchase of goods and services only from domestic suppliers. Also, timely payment under existing agreements.

KOSTANAY MACHINE BUILDERS HAVE INCREASED THEIR WORKING HOURS IN 3 SHIFTS

The flagship of machine building in Kazakhstan - Kostanay enterprise SaryarkaAvtoProm LLP, despite the pandemic of coronavirus infection, operates in an enhanced mode, having established the production of domestic equipment in 2-3 shifts. Positive volumes of industry in Kazakhstan were reported by the Minister of industry and infrastructure development of Kazakhstan Beibut Atamkulov, reports Kazpravda.kz.

It should be noted that SaryarkaAvtoProm LLP produced 9,694 units of equipment in the first quarter, which is 291% more than in the same period last year (2019 – 3,328 units). In the company's plans to produce about 50,000 units of equipment in 2020, which is twice the same figure in 2019 (25,802 units).

High performance was made possible by the production of JAC, Hyundai, as well as a new line of domestic Chevrolet, which was launched at the Kostanay plant on March 28, 2020 with the participation of the head of the government of Kazakhstan Askar Mamin. Among the brand's cars, Chevrolet Damas and Labo had a high social effect. These



models have earned attention in the field of courier services for small and medium-sized businesses, as well as in the issue of disinfection and sterilization of streets for public services in the regions of Kazakhstan.

In 2020, the company plans to produce about 26,000 Chevrolet units, half of which are intended for export.

RUSSIAN MEDICATION FOR TREATMENT OF CORONAVIRUS WILL BE DELIVERED TO TURKMENISTAN



A batch of the Russian medication Triazavirin, which is being tested in China for the treatment of coronavirus, has been delivered to Turkmenistan. This is reported by TASS, referring to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the

company "Medsintez" Alexander Petrov, which produces the preparation.

Previously, the preparation was sent to China as humanitarian aid, where it is being tested for treatment of coronavirus.

Petrov: "We delivered [the preparation] to Turkmenistan. This is not a humanitarian aid, funds were allocated and they bought for themselves. The batch was large, about 2 thousand packages. Each package contains 20 capsules".

Triazavirin is a Russian antiviral medication of direct action of the family azoleazine. According to the developers, it is effective against 15 types of flu. Developed by scientists of the Ural Federal University, the Postovsky Institute of organic synthesis of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the influenza Research Institute of the Russian Ministry of health.

Recall that according to official data, no cases of coronavirus have been registered in Turkmenistan.

IN 2019 THE VOLUME OF DIRECT TURKISH INVESTMENTS IN THE TAJIK ECONOMY REACHED TO \$13.5 MILLION



The volume of Turkish direct investment and the number of Turkish enterprises in Tajikistan are increasing, Avesta news agency reports. According to the state Committee for investment and state property management of the

Republic of Tajikistan, last year the amount of direct Turkish investments in the national economy amounted to 13.5 million US dollars.

Based on data of the state departments of the economic bloc of Tajikistan, the volume of direct Turkish investments in the Tajik economy is more than 213 million dollars. These funds were used for the implementation of projects to create enterprises to produce soft drinks, paint products, furniture, production of passenger buses, and more.

Currently, there are about 90 Turkish companies operating in various industries in Tajikistan.

It is planned to implement and put into operation joint Tajik-Turkish enterprises, including in the construction sector. Particularly, it is expected to put into operation a Tajik-Turkish enterprise to produce elevators. The sum of the project is \$500 thousand.

In addition, Turkish investors are considering the project of creation in Dushanbe of the joint venture to produce high-quality pipes made of fiberglass.

A LARGE FLOUR MILL WILL START OPERATING IN DUSHANBE AFTER MODERNIZATION

In the capital of Tajikistan, after the modernization by the Chinese company COFCO Engineering & Technology Co., Ltd., a large flour milling enterprise will start working, the Tajik Telegraph Agency (Tajikta) reports.

"In particular, the process of reconstruction and installation of new technology at LLC "Kombinati ordi Dushanbe" is being completed," reports the Ministry of industry and new technologies of the Republic.

In order to produce high-quality products that meet international standards, the company has established cooperation with a major manufacturer of technological equipment – the Chinese company COFCO Engineering & Technology Co., Ltd., which is part of the COFCO Group of companies.

It is noted that the new equipment is fully installed, and the company will be ready to produce flour after the introduction of programming of the technological line.

Based on data of the Ministry of industry, the production capacity of the enterprise is 400 tons of wheat per day.

It is expected that 100 people will work there at the initial stage after the launch.



Currently, flour is mainly provided by enterprises located in the North of the Republic. They import wheat from Kazakhstan. Flour is also imported from this country.

According to official statistics, the cost of wheat flour of the first grade in the country in the first quarter of this year increased by 4.1%.

Currently, the price of a 50-kilogram bag of first-grade flour in the capital's markets reaches 250 somoni.

UZBEKISTAN STARTED PRODUCING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY DIESEL FUEL FOR THE FIRST TIME



The Uzbek Telegraph Agency (UzTAG) reports that the Bukhara oil refinery has started producing Euro-5 diesel fuel. For the first time in the history of Uzbekistan, the

production of environmentally friendly and high-quality diesel fuel of the Euro-4 and Euro-5 classes has been launched. This was reported in the press service of the company "Uzbekneftegaz".

The report also includes, "For the first time in the history of the country, the production of environmentally friendly and high-quality Euro-4 and Euro-5 diesel fuel has been launched at the Bukhara oil refinery. Diesel fuel of these types can improve engine performance, reduce the degree of corrosion, reduce gas emissions and extend the service length of the cylinders." The initial production capacity will be 100 thousand tons per year.

The production has been launched after replacing replacement the catalyst for the gas oil hydro-treatment unit. Installation and commissioning works were carried out in cooperation with the French company Axens.

IBR SENT \$17 MILLION TO EQUIP NEW CLINICS IN UZBEKISTAN

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has allocated \$ 17 million to Finance urgent purchases of medical equipment and products for new coronavirus clinics being established in Uzbekistan.

This became known during video talks between Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan - Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade, Sardor Umurzakov and President of the IDB, Bandar Hajar- the press service of the Ministry reported.

Bandar Hajar reported that the IDB is willing to provide Uzbekistan with additional support to redirect the bank's \$46 million savings on infrastructure projects to equip new clinics for patients infected with coronavirus.

As a result of the conference, the parties agreed to work out additional funding from the IDB for the needs of the health-care system and support for small and medium-sized businesses in Uzbekistan for a total amount of more than 140 million dollars. Uzbekistan has been a member of the IDB since September 2003.



UZBEKISTAN SENT 18 WAGONS OF FLOUR AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO HELP TAJIKISTAN



The Tajik Telegraph Agency (Tajikta) reported on Thursday, 18 wagons with humanitarian aid - flour and medical supplies arrived in Dushanbe from Uzbekistan to fight COVID-19.

It was reported in the government of the Republic of Tajikistan, "The wagons contain one thousand tons of flour, antiseptic and disinfectants, medical robes, gloves, masks, shoe covers, respirators and glasses."

The Deputy Prime Minister Azim Ibrohim and Minister of Health Nasim Olimzoda went to receive the humanitarian aid. Earlier, the United States government through the United States Agency for International Development allocated \$ 868,923 to strengthen Tajikistan's ability to respond to the currently developing COVID-19 pandemic.

UZBEKISTAN WILL START PRODUCING ALV

According to the Uzbek Telegraph Agency (UzTAG) Uzbekistan is going to produce its own ALV apparatuses. The country will start manufacturing its own artificial lung ventilation and anesthetic breathing devices. This is reported by the press service of the Ministry of innovative development of the Republic. The production will be launched in May of this year.

It was reported, "The construction of the production site on the territory of the Bektemir district in Tashkent is planned to be completed before September of this year, when the plant will be put into operation". It is planned to attract \$3 million investment at the first localization stage of production and open 30 job places. At the second stage, the investment will grow to 5-6 million dollars, and the available job places will increase up to 100.

A joint Slovak-Russian-Uzbek enterprise CHIRANA ASIA has been established to manufacture and produce innovative devices. "It is the first time for Central Asia to produce a device of this kind, which will speed up import substitution in the medical industry. In addition, a powerful service center of spare parts will be established for repair. It is planned to hold seminars on the use of ALV and NDA



by the invited high-class foreign specialists in the field of anesthesiology," - press release reports. The products are planned to be exported to Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan.

THE PRESIDENT OF UZBEKISTAN ASSIGNED TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS



On April 23, Uzbekistan's leader Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a meeting on mitigating the impact of the epidemic on the textile and ensuring the stability of the industry. This was reported by Central Asia.News in the press service of the President. First of all, it was noted that there are 2000 enterprises

operating in this industry in Uzbekistan, which makes it possible to provide employment for 365,000 people. In 2019, products worth \$1.6 billion were delivered to foreign markets. However, the state can increase exports to \$15 billion, which will provide employment for more than 3 million people.

In this regard, Shavkat Mirziyoyev instructed to increase the production of finished products 4-5 times in 5 years, and produce products under popular brand names.

It is important to note that new factories and plants for the export of final products will be launched in Namangan, Samarkand and Tashkent regions in the near future. In short, 300 million dollars will be allocated for the implementation of these projects.

The Uzbek exporters have to pay 15 percent fees and huge transport costs in order to deliver Uzbek textile products made from "white gold" too the EU markets. In this regard, it is recommended to the relevant agencies to obtain the status of a beneficiary of the GSP+ system for duty-free trade in the European Union market.

UZBEKISTAN PLANS TO BUILD HOUSING FOR 30 THOUSAND FAMILIES

In 2020, the regions and cities of Uzbekistan should build apartment buildings for 30 thousand apartments. For this reason, the President of the country Shavkat Mirziyoyev on April 20 instructed to accelerate the pace of construction and allocate land for the construction of housing. This was reported by CentralAsia.news in the press service of the head of state.

During the meeting, it was noted that 25 cities of Uzbekistan have not yet allocated sites for construction.

First of all, the meeting stressed that it is necessary to eliminate all existing shortcomings in this area as soon as possible, and also instructed to allocate land for the construction of apartment buildings in regions with high housing needs.

For this reason, Shavkat Mirziyoyev instructed to send an additional 3.6 trillion soums to the industry.

In addition, the Uzbek leader, in a conversation with officials, "determined" to introduce mechanisms according to which, with the state fund for supporting the development of entrepreneurial activity, allocate to private organizations compensation for expenses on interest on loans and sureties in the amount of up to 50 percent of the loan amount.

Also, it will be useful for the population to extend the



mortgage issued under the new procedure from 15 to 20 years, increasing the upper limit of the mortgage amount based on market requirements.

Without any doubt, the construction industry of Uzbekistan is a determining factor of the country's economy, as it provides employment for 1 million 325 thousand citizens of the Republic and supports employment in other industrial areas.

Moreover, the Ministry of internal Affairs is instructed to create all conditions for the movement of transport of industry enterprises and manufacturers of building materials.

UZBEKISTAN PLANS TO RAISE \$100 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of health of Uzbekistan together with the world Bank presented a project for emergency response to COVID-19 coronavirus infection in the country, the press service of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan reports.

The project implementation includes three components. The first is to strengthen the national health system (\$29.5 million). In particular, it is planned to purchase essential equipment, supplies, communications equipment and personal protective equipment for rapid response teams at the regional and district levels. Fifteen laboratories will be equipped with test systems for diagnosing coronavirus and others.

The second is financial support for individuals and households (69.5 million dollars). As part of this direction, it is planned to expand the system of temporary cash benefits for the low-income, increasing the coverage of the population with social assistance beyond 60 thousand families (the level set by the government before the covid-19 outbreak).

The third is to support the administrative and human resources needed for the project (\$1 million). This component provides funding for staff and consultants



related to project management, procurement, technical assistance, and more.

It is expected that the world Bank will allocate \$ 30 million for the project, which will be used for the purchase of medical equipment, personal protective equipment and medicines. A document with the final project activities will be published soon after the project is approved.

In Uzbekistan, as of April 13, the number of people infected with coronavirus increased by 133 to 998. The total number of recovered — 85, four died.

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