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## REPUBLIC DAY IN TURKEY

On October 29 Turkey celebrated Republic Day - Cumhuriyeti Bayramı. On this day in 1923, Turkish constitution was amended, what led to the collapse of the great Ottoman Empire and proclamation of the republic.

In the 93rd anniversary of the Turkish Republic an official ceremony was held at the mausoleum of its founder Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, ceremony was attended by the President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Parliament Speaker Ismail Kahraman, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, head of the General Staff of the Armed forces Hulusi Akar, head of courts, and others.

Prime Minister Binali Yildirim posted a message on the occasion of 29<sup>th</sup> of October, in which laid emphasis on the new Constitution. The Prime Minister drew attention to the fact that the new Constitution will make foundations of the republic more firm and steadfast.

In the message the Prime Minister said that the proclamation of the Republic has been tremendous progress in the development and modernization: "Constitution, which will be drawn up within the framework of modern and global values, will contribute to greater cohesion of the nation, and will make the foundations of the Republic more stable and stronger."

B. Yildirim noted that they will continue to move forward with a new, free and democratic constitution that will not deny the principle of the rule of law and would prefer a presidential system of government.

On the occasion of the holiday various celebrations and entertainment events were held, the celebration ended with fireworks.



## SCO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT COUNCIL WAS HELD IN BISHKEK

On 2-3 November 2016 in Bishkek the 15th meeting of the SCO Heads of Government Council was held, at the end of which eleven decisions were signed and a communiqué was adopted.

At the enlarged meeting almost all of the speakers noted the need to consolidate to strengthen economic and political ties, as well as the fight against terrorism and radical currents, which, according to participants of the summit, have become a major problem in the region in recent years. Acting Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic Sooronbai Zheenbekov said that the joint communiqué on the results of the work expresses the common aspiration of the SCO member states to make collective efforts to the expansion and deepening of multilateral trade and economic cooperation.

Decision on the report of the SCO Secretariat on the implementation of Programs of Multilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation of members States of the organization, financial report on the results of the execution of the SCO budget for 2015, the budget for 2017, the decision on the report of the external auditors commission of the SCO members States to conduct an external audit of the permanent organs of the organization were among the signed documents at the end of the meeting. Also a decision on the project of the SCO road development program was signed.

On the Bishkek meeting Heads of the SCO Member States governments also raised the question of establishing a free economic zone, development of transport infrastructure, construction of logistics centers, food and energy security. The next meeting of the SCO Heads of Government Council will be held in Russia in 2017.



## UZBEKISTAN AND KYRGYZSTAN MAKE DECISION ON DISPUTED AREAS

Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan delegations held a joint field survey and agreed position on 49 sections of the state border. Meetings were held in Batken and Osh on 22-31 of October.

According to the Uzbek Foreign Ministry press service, the work was carried out within the framework of the working group meetings of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan governmental delegations on the delimitation and demarcation of the Kyrgyz-Uzbek border. Following the talks the parties signed a protocol.

"The meeting was held in the spirit of October 26 phone conversation of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan presidents, when they confirmed their mutual interest in the successful completion of joint work on the delimitation and demarcation of the Uzbek-Kyrgyz state border, which is executed by competent authorities of two countries", - stated the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

Earlier it was reported that 1054 of 1378 km of border were approved between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Disputed areas are more than 50. The uncertainty has often been the cause of conflicts between inhabitants of two republics, and even with the participation of border guards. The warming of relations between two governments, observed in recent years, has accelerated the resolution of issues related to the demarcation and delimitation of the common border. The next working group meeting is scheduled on the territory of Uzbekistan.



## CONSTRUCTION OF ROGUN HPP HAS STARTED

On October 29, 2016 in the city of Rogun on the river Vakhsh with the participation of the President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon construction of Rogun hydroelectric power station has started. According to the press service of the President, the start of work on the construction of the dam of Rogun HPP was observed by representatives of the government, deputies of the Majlisi Namoyandagon and the members of the Majilisi Milli, representatives of the intelligentsia and youth.

Rogun hydroelectric power plant is the 9th HPP on the Vakhsh River, located 110 kilometers away from Dushanbe. According to the project, HPP consists of 6 units, the power of each is 600 MW. The height of the rock-fill dam of hydroelectric power station will be 335 meters, which is the highest in the world today. The Rogun HPP with a production capacity of 3600 MW (more than 17 bln. KW/h) of electricity is considered the largest in the region. Currently, the construction of the facility involved 15 thousand of people and more than 2.1 thousand of equipment.

Emomali Rahmon got acquainted with the works in the spillway tunnels, witnessing changes of the river Vakhsh channel, water start on these tunnels, after which the water flows again into the river Vakhsh.

According to the schedule, the first unit of the Rogun HPP will start operating in the end of 2018, and the second unit in April 2019. Thus, in December 2018 Rogun HPP will have to proceed to the production of electricity.



## RESULTS OF G. BERDIMUHAMEDOW VISIT TO RUSSIA

On November 1, the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Sochi. The leaders discussed key issues of bilateral cooperation, including trade and economic sphere and the international agenda.

According to the Russian leader, despite the current economic difficulties in trade there are clear positive trends. There is a growth in turnover, which means, as was noted by Putin, that the volume of mutual supplies are at the proper level.

Vladimir Putin recalled that next year will mark 25 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and Turkmenistan. "The rest of the outstanding issues - the Russian president said referring to the Turkmen colleague - we agreed to discuss with you confidentially." In his turn, Berdimuhamedow thanked Putin for the invitation and said that Russia and Turkmenistan are connected by age-old friendly relations and noted that Turkmenistan as a neutral country builds its policy on the basis of the UN Charter.

He stressed that Russia is a strategic partner of Turkmenistan. The Turkmen leader, in his turn, invited Vladimir Putin to take part in the Global Conference on Transport, to be held in Turkmenistan under the auspices of the UN on 26-27 of November. According to him, the creation of transport transit corridor with Russia has a great potential.



## BAKU HOSTS CONFERENCE DEVOTED TO KHOJA AHMET YASSAWI

International Scientific Conference devoted to the great Turkic thinker K.A.Yassawi was held at Mirza Fatali Akhundzade Azerbaijan National Library in Baku on October 31, 2016.

The event was organized jointly by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, TURKSOY, the International Fund of Turkic culture and heritage, Azerbaijan National Library. Guests from Turkey, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, and TURKSOY participated in the conference.

While opening the event, director of the library Kerim Tairov noted that the year of 2016 was declared by UNESCO the "Year of Khoja Ahmet Yassawi". At the conference issues of study, research and publication of works of Ahmet Yassawi in Turkic-speaking countries were discussed, also there will be exchange of views on other topics.

At a conference in the Azerbaijan national library the books published by the University of Ahmet Yassawi were donated. Then participants of the event took part in the book exhibition on "Khoja Ahmet Yassawi - the outstanding writer of the Turkic world."

In the second part of the conference local and foreign experts made reports on the theme of the event.



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