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## 7TH GLOBAL FORUM OF THE UN ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

The 7th Global Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations was held in the capital of Azerbaijan on 25-27 of April, the main goal of the forum was the promotion of dialogue for peace and mutual understanding throughout the world.

According to AZERTAC the news agency, more than 1,500 guests from 147 countries participated in the forum. More than 6000 people took part in the work of the Forum, including volunteers. It was noted that 41 event was held during 3 days of the Forum. The Organizing Committee held 86 cultural events in connection with the Forum.

The Opening ceremony was started with a welcoming speech of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev. In particular, President I. Aliyev said: "We organize various events to discuss these important issues. Every two years we organize a Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Azerbaijan. We regularly host the Baku International Humanitarian Forum. The main aim here is also to find similarities between different ethnic and religious groups, based on tolerance, understanding and respect for fundamental values and morals of each group".

At the same time, the forum was attended by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Malta Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, the UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Chairman of the Senate of Kazakhstan Parliament Kassym-Zhomart Tokayev, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus Mikhail Myasnikov and other senior officials.

The UN High Representative for Alliance of Civilizations Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser emphasized the particular importance of Baku Declaration adopted on the 7th Global Forum, which called a planet for peace and dialogue. This political document will give impetus to the implementation of several important projects in the future. Minister of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan Abulfas Garayev said that Azerbaijan was committed to the promotion of international dialogue and contributed to the fight against radicalism and extremism.

At the plenary and breakout sessions of the Forum 168 speakers have reported. And at a meeting of the Group of Friends of the Alliance more than 70 officials have spoken.

The forum included 16 breakout sessions and two plenary sessions, in which the priority issues for the United Nations were discussed. Among them were peace and security, human rights, rule of law and development. Particular attention was paid to the role of religious leaders, women, youth, sport and education in the construction of a modern society. There were discussions on the fight against extremism and terrorism, overcoming the rhetoric of hate and xenophobia.

Among the participants of the Forum were Heads and representatives of international organizations such as the Turkic Council, the International Turkic Academy, TURKSOY, Fund Miras and others. As part of the Forum, the International Turkic Academy in cooperation with the organization of IRCICA held sectional meeting, where the topical issues of development of Turkic-speaking states were discussed.

Chairman of the Senate of Kazakhstan K. Tokayev stressed that the main problem of our time - was the lack of trust and understanding between nations. "Therefore, the Alliance of Civilizations should pay more attention on young people and tell them about the real values. The upcoming industrial revolution and the fundamental changes in the economy require the new ideology free from prejudice, hatred and confrontation from young people. Inaction can lead to indifference, ignorance and, most dangerous of all, mutual rejection, hatred and extremism"- K.Tokayev said.

The Baku Declaration was adopted at the end of the forum. Summarizing the event the UN High Representative for Alliance of Civilizations Al-Nasser said: "We held the Baku Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations, in order to confront the world global issues. We need to engage young people more to reduce violence and extremism in the world".



## 22ND SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PEOPLE OF KAZAKHSTAN

The 22th Session of the Assembly of people of Kazakhstan with the agenda: "Mangilik el: one nation, one destiny" chaired by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Chairman of the Assembly of People of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev was held in Astana in the Palace of Peace and Reconciliation on April 23, 2015.

More than 1 500 people attended the 22nd session, which took place in the year of the 20th anniversary of the Assembly. Among them were members and the Assembly Veterans from all regions, chairmen of national and regional ethno-cultural associations, Members of Parliament, heads of central executive bodies, political parties, religious organizations, NGOs, university rectors, diplomatic missions of foreign states, representatives of scientific and creative intelligentsia and the media.

During his speech, Nursultan Nazarbayev raised the issues of the economy of the country. He noted that over the past 25 years of independence, the level of GDP per capita had grown almost 20 times.

Nursultan Nazarbayev also highlighted the need to respect the rights of all citizens of Kazakhstan, regardless of their ethnicity.



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## SHAKI THE CULTURAL CAPITAL OF THE TURKIC WORLD

The Opening ceremony of "Shaki - the cultural capital of the Turkic world 2016" took place in the Azerbaijani town of Shaki on April 28.

The event was attended by the UN High Representative for Alliance of Civilizations Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Secretary General of TURKSOY Dusen Kaseinov, Minister of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan Abulfas Garayev, well-known Kazakh writer Olzhas Suleimenov, delegations of international organizations of Turkic-speaking countries, as well as prominent figures of science and culture and other guests.

Secretary General of TURKSOY Dusen Kaseinov noted that Shaki is the fifth city declared the cultural capital of the Turkic world. Stressing that Shaki was home to famous poets, writers, artists, TURKSOY Secretary General said: "Shaki is well-known for its ancient historical monuments, delicious sweets and humor. All these factors played an important role in the election of Shaki as cultural capital of the Turkic world."

The city of Shaki was declared the cultural capital of the Turkic world in 2016. That decision was taken at the 33rd meeting of TURKSOY Permanent Council of culture ministers in the Turkmen city of Mary.



## ISLAM KARIMOV'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

One of the important events of the last week of April is the official visit of President of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov to Moscow, where he held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The sides talked about the world events. In particular, the Presidents discussed the problems of Afghanistan, ways to fight terrorism, extremism, drug traffic and organized crime.

The issues of increasing trade turnover, the development of investment cooperation, the expansion of ties in the spheres of transport and transit were discussed. It was stressed that Uzbekistan and Russia still have potential for further development of cooperation. Its use is mutually beneficial for both sides.

Both Uzbekistan and Russia have great potential in the energy sector. It is important for the cooperation of countries in this direction. "Lukoil" and "Gazprom" russian oil companies are actively engaged in the exploration and development of hydrocarbon fields in Uzbekistan. The two sides exchanged views on expanding relationships in the fields of culture, science, education, sports and tourism.

Documents on cooperation between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Russian Federation in the cultural and humanitarian sphere, in the sphere of foreign policy, higher education, physical culture and sports, and others were signed after talks.



## OIC SECRETARY GENERAL ARRIVED IN KYRGYZSTAN

According to the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic, for the first time Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Iyad bin Amin Madani came to Bishkek.

Official visit of the Secretary General of the OIC has been held in Kyrgyzstan from April 30. He was received by President Almazbek Atambayev, Speaker of the Jogorku Keshena Chynybay Tursunbekov, Prime Minister Sooronbai Jeenbekov, and also he had a meeting with Foreign affairs Minister Erlan Abdyldaev.

During the talks, the OIC Secretary General discussed with the governance of Kyrgyzstan a wide range of issues of cooperation within the organization.

In particular, the sides exchanged views on various international issues, discussed participation of Kyrgyz Republic in various programs within the framework of the OIC, as well as issues of international and regional security.

Recall that Iyad bin Amin Madani took office as Secretary General of the OIC in 2014.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation was founded on September 25, 1969 at the conference of heads of Muslim states. Currently it includes 57 countries. OIC is considered a major Muslim international organization.

The goals of the OIC are cooperation between States and the achievement of sustainable development of member countries.



## 1st OF MAY CELEBRATION

On May 1st in a number of Turkish World countries took place celebrations of a Labor Day and the unity of people. For example, in the Republic of Kazakhstan 1st of May is declared an official holiday - the Day of Unity of People of Kazakhstan. This is holiday of friendship, understanding and harmony, which are so necessary for a peaceful life in the country with more than 130 nations and nationalities. A large family of Kazakhstan includes Kazakhs, Uzbeks, Russians, Ukrainians, Germans, Koreans, Uighurs, Kyrgyz, Jews, Armenians, Georgians, and many others. Each of these people is unique, but all together they are one united people on the territory of Kazakhstan.

On this festive day, the President of Kazakhstan had a working visit to Almaty the southern capital. The Head of State Nursultan Nazarbayev congratulated all on the Day of Unity of People of Kazakhstan.

Our Constitution begins with the words: "We, the people of Kazakhstan, united by a common historic fate, creating a state on the indigenous Kazakh land ..." The unity is reflected in these words. We are building a state of equal people for 25 years. It was not easy to achieve, especially in time of crisis, said the President of Kazakhstan.

In Kyrgyzstan, 1st of May is a Labor Day. The President of Kyrgyzstan Almazbek Atambayev congratulated Kyrgyz people on the occasion of Labor Day. "Dear Kyrgyz! I congratulate you on the 1st May - a holiday of Spring and Labor! 1st of May is the date that brings together the different historical periods, but always symbolizes the creation and faith in the future. The words "Peace! Work! May!" are still relevant, and for many of us they are associated with the spring mood, a feeling of unity and joy", - was stated in the greetings of A.Atambayev.



## “CENTRAL ASIA-PERSIAN GULF” TRANSPORT CORRIDOR

On April 23 an agreement on the establishment of a new transport corridor "Central Asia-Persian Gulf" comes into force. It was ratified by all four participating countries. Creation of a corridor was initiated by the President of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov in 2010.

Five years ago, an agreement was signed by five countries, including Qatar. But two years later he refused to participate. In summer 2014, the Foreign Ministers of Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran and Oman signed a memorandum of understanding, which was ratified with the agreement on construction of the corridor.

The first part of the corridor will pass through the railway linking Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Iran. The second sea part will connect the ports of Iran (Bandar Abbas and Chahbahar) with ports of Oman.

This agreement will contribute the speed increase of transportation of goods in order to optimize transport costs, as well as the simplification and harmonization of official documents and procedures.

It is expected that the ratification of the agreement will give a new impetus to economic development of the participating countries.



## OPENING OF THE YEAR OF YASSAWI WAS HELD IN ANKARA

On 28-30 of April Ankara hosted the International conference dedicated to Khoja Ahmed Yassawi, which was organized by the H.A. Yassawi International Kazakh-Turkish University, with support of TWESCO, TIK, TURKSOY, Ataturk High Council for Culture, Language and History, the Turkish Language Society and the Osman Gazi University; and there scientists from Turkic-speaking, as well as from other countries of the world were involved.

The conference started with a welcoming speech of the President of TWESCO Darkhan Kydyrali.

The conference was aimed at the versatile study of philosophy, views on religion, human and society, works of the outstanding thinker of the Turkic world Khoja Ahmed Yassawi. These themes have been widely covered in the reports of scientists and applicants during the 6 panel sessions of the conference.

It should be noted that the year 2016 was declared by UNESCO as the Year of H.A. Yassawi, in connection with the 850th Anniversary of the great thinker's death.

During the visit to Turkey the Head of TWESCO Darkhan Kydyrali met with the Head of Ataturk High Council Derya Ors, with the Head of the Turkish Historical Society Prof. Refik Turan, and with the Director General of SESRIC Musa Kulaklikaya.



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