TURKEY ALMOST FINISHED CONSTRUCTION OF THE THIRD TALLEST DAM IN THE WORLD

According to the AnadoluAjansı Turkish news agency on August 20, the construction of the Yusufeli Dam and hydroelectric power station in the Turkish city of Artvin, which will become the tallest dam in the country and the third tallest in the world, is 70% completed.

The project is funded exclusively from the central budget and is implemented by Turkish engineers and workers. Construction began on December 21, 2012 on the Çoruh River, at a distance of 70 km from Artvin and 8 km to the Yusufeli region. 1.5 million of 4 million cubic meters of concrete were poured, and the construction height is already 124 meters.

The dam is scheduled to be commissioned in July 2021.

The energy produced can meet the needs of 650 thousand people. Hydroelectric power station and Dam consist of 3 blocks with total capacity of 558 megawatts. The annual energy output will be 1.888 billion kilowatts per hour.
KYRGYZSTAN WILL OPEN THE NORTH-SOUTH HIGHWAY IN 2022

In 2022, it is planned to open the North-South road in Kyrgyzstan. This was announced by the engineer for the alternative road construction project Zamir Iskakov at a press conference on August 20.

According to him, in the first stage of the project there is a delay in tunneling: “A preliminary project was prepared for the tunnel, then a detailed one was developed. During the work, problems arose with drilling. After 200-250 meters there should be rocky soil, but in fact after 800-1,500 meters the drilling is still soft,” said Z. Iskakov.

He also added that the construction of flyover bridges was completed by 75 percent. “By the end of the year, the second bridge will be completed. If everything goes according to the schedule, in 2022 the North-South road will completely operate,” Z. Iskakov noted.

The opening of the North-South highway has strategic importance for Kyrgyzstan.
BAKU-TBILISI-CEYHAN PIPELINE SUCCESSFULLY FUNCTIONS

On August 20, the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan reported that in January-July, 23 million 222.5 thousand tons of oil were transported through main oil pipelines in Azerbaijan.

81% of oil transportation was carried out via the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan Main Export Oil Pipeline, and over the past seven months, 18 million 814.1 thousand tons of oil were transported via this pipeline.

During the reporting period, BTC transported 2 million 727.2 thousand tons of transit oil.

Recall that the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline is part of the geo-economic mega-project Belt and Road and plays important role for the economic cooperation of Turkic countries.
HUNTING SEASON BEGINS IN TURKMENISTAN

At a special meeting in the capital of Turkmenistan, Ashgabat, issues of the distribution of forces for inspecting natural territories and preventing poaching were discussed.

Its participants were representatives of forestry and nature reserves, the National Institute of Deserts, flora and fauna. Employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Union of Societies of Hunters and Fishermen of Turkmenistan were also invited.

The meeting emphasized that all hunters should receive permits, comply with the rules established by law, and security measures. Hunting lovers should remember that the Red Book in Turkmenistan protects all species of wild ungulates, as well as the striped hyena and leopard. It is forbidden to shoot pelicans, black storks, cranes, flamingos and feathered predators.

However, hunting with hunting birds in the republic is considered a cultural tradition. In addition, it is allowed to catch a wolf, jackal, fox, corsac, steppe and reed cat and gray dove.