PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS TOOK PLACE IN AZERBAIJAN

On February 9, the Republic of Azerbaijan held early parliamentary elections. Currently, protocols of all polling stations in 125 constituencies have already been collected by the Central Election Commission.

The data on the protocols received from 5573 polling stations of 125 constituencies was announced. Preliminary results and leading candidates became known.

1314 candidates were registered in the elections. Of these, 246 persons were nominated by 19 political parties, 1057 - individually, 11 by initiative groups. Women made up 21% of candidates, men - 79%.

883 international and 77,790 local observers observed the voting process. 35,152 of the local observers were representatives of political parties. International observers represented 58 countries and 59 organizations.
On February 6, in the capital of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, a meeting with the delegation from Kazakhstan, led by Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan Magzum Mirzagaliyev, was held at the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

According to the report, issues of developing bilateral relations in the field of peaceful use of atomic energy were discussed in detail during the meeting. The parties also touched upon topics of cooperation in the field of information and assessment of environmental problems.

Information on the implementation of the project on the construction of a nuclear power plant in Uzbekistan was provided in detail, as well as on the implementation of international legal instruments in the field of nuclear safety.

In addition, it was reported that, according to the IAEA international standards and requirements, in the near future, in Uzbekistan and neighboring countries, including Kazakhstan, it is expected to hold public hearings on the Environmental Impact Assessment of activities related to the placement of facilities and operation of the Uzbek NPP.

The Kazakh side positively evaluated measures taken by the neighboring country in the field of peaceful use of atomic energy, and proposed to continue close cooperation in this industry.
MEETING OF THE STATE COMMISSIONS ON THE ANNIVERSARIES OF ABAY AND AL-FARABI WAS HELD

On February 13, in Nur-Sultan, a meeting of state commissions under the chairmanship of the Secretary of State of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Krymbek Kusherbayev, on the preparation and holding of the 175th anniversary of Abay and the 1150th anniversary of Al-Farabi took place. President of the International Turkic Academy Darkhan Kydyrali took part in the event. It is worth noting that on January 30, 2020, the International Turkic Academy held a grand opening ceremony for the Year of Abay in the capital of Azerbaijan, Baku. The Academy also decided to celebrate the anniversary of Al-Farabi in the Turkic world.

Opening the meeting, the Secretary of State noted that official ceremonies of start of celebrating the 175th anniversary of Abay and the 1150th anniversary of Al-Farabi in Kazakhstan were held in the cities of Nur-Sultan and Almaty. “In particular, on January 21 at the Astana Opera Theater with the participation of Elbasy and the Head of State, the celebration of the 175th anniversary of Abay was officially started. Also, on January 29, an official opening ceremony of the celebration of the 1150th anniversary of Al-Farabi was held at the Al-Farabi Kazakh National University with the participation of representatives of international organizations, domestic and foreign scholars,” said Krymbek Kusherbayev.

According to Secretary K.Kusherbayev, all plans for these anniversaries have been approved by to the order of the Head of State, and now are under implementation. The Secretary of State emphasized that following the Address of the Head of State to the people of Kazakhstan, the main goal of celebration of these anniversaries is not to become only a waste of money, but to serve to wide popularization of works of our geniuses and carry an educational and creative function.
TURKEY WILL BECOME A WORLD BRAND OF CYBER SECURITY

On February 10, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan spoke at the opening of the National Cybercrime Response Center (USOM). According to the Turkish leader, information security is no less important for the interests of countries than border security.

R.T. Erdogan stressed that Turkey should become a global brand in the field of cybersecurity. According to him, against the backdrop of technological progress and the expansion of information technology coverage, the threat of cyber attacks has become particularly urgent, which is pushing states to develop the domestic programming market.

The only way to effectively combat hacker attacks is to develop more advanced technologies, noted R.T. Erdogan, recalling that Turkey rose to 11th place in Europe in terms of cybersecurity.

He also drew attention to the imminent introduction of 5G technologies in Turkey. “The transition to 5G should be carried out only in terms of availability of local software. Active work in this direction continues,” the head of the Turkish state emphasized.

According to R.T. Erdogan, databases should be accumulated in Turkey itself. In this regard, it is very important to involve young people in cyber technology development programs.

“We will not agree to the formation of a virtual space where users encounter insults, suffer from attacks on their honor and dignity, and where fraud is common,” the Turkish leader added.

The USOM Center was established under the Department of Information Technology and Communications of Turkey in order to identify and timely prevent any kind of cyber attacks. A team of 150 specialists works around the clock in the center, whose task is to block any threats to Turkish cyberspace.

The cyber defense system of Turkey is fully based on domestic programs.
OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION GROWS IN TURKMENISTAN

Turkmenistan has published information according to which oil production in January 2020 amounted to 318.2 thousand tons, gas - 376 million cubic meters. This indicators are significantly higher than last year.

Over the same period of last year, 110 thousand tons of crude oil was produced, which is almost a third of the total production of “black gold”.

In particular, about 305.2 thousand tons of raw materials were sent to the Turkmenbashi complex of oil refineries for further processing. In January, the volume of deliveries to consumers of natural gas received in the western region of the country amounted to 117.4% compared to the same period last year.

Turkmenneft Concern continues to expand the geography of exploration of the earth using the latest equipment.
On February 11, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Muhammedkaly Abylgaziev discussed development of tourism in Kyrgyzstan at a meeting with foreign experts.

Foreign experts presented a prepared plan for the development of the tourism industry for 10 years, which includes a new tourist destination Issyk-Kul - Almaty.

- Eight and a half million foreigners visited Kyrgyzstan last year. Of these, perhaps only fifty percent came as tourists. The state intends to develop the tourism industry, which we hope to turn into the most profitable part of the economy. A review of methods for accounting of tourists arriving in Kyrgyzstan is considered. We need to review the assessments of foreign experts and make decisions,” the Prime Minister said.

Experts expressed confidence that Kyrgyzstan is able to compete with leading countries with developed tourism industry. A monitoring of areas attractive for tourism is still to be done.

The Prime Minister has instructed to organize an international forum in spring with the participation of international experts and potential investors.