Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said after a cabinet meeting on Monday Turkey may start work on drafting a new constitution.

“If we reach an understanding with our alliance partner, we may mobilise for a new constitution in the coming period,” Erdogan said. He added that efforts should be transparent and shared with the public.

Erdogan noted that according to the latest international studies, among the G20 countries only Turkey and China will be able to finish 2020 with positive growth.

The public will be presented with the comprehensive study that includes the philosophy, goals, objectives and activity headings of reform packages prepared by the government.
Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov’s official visit to Kazakhstan was considered during a telephone conversation between Presidents of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. The phone call was initiated by the Kyrgyz side.

During the discussion of the political relations, the heads of the two Turkic states discussed the schedule of future meetings at the highest level, as well as preliminary details of the official visit of the Kyrgyz leader to Kazakhstan.

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev once again congratulated S. Zhaparov on taking the office. He noted the success of the inauguration ceremony and wished great victories in state affairs. Kazakh President wished the fraternal people of Kyrgyzstan well-being and stable prosperity.

Sadyr Zhaparov warmly responded to the good wishes of K. Tokayev and conveyed a request to express gratitude to Elbasy Nursultan Nazarbayev for his congratulatory letter on the occasion of the inauguration.
AZERBAIJANI, TURKISH NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO HOLD CONSULTATIONS

National Commissions of Azerbaijan and Turkey for UNESCO held online consultations to discuss areas of cooperation on February 6.

The meeting participants emphasized that fraternal relations are successfully developing between the two countries and they also established close cooperation within the framework of UNESCO. In this regard, the importance of holding such a meeting was stressed to discuss the current status and prospects of the cooperation in the areas under the organization’s mandate, and to prepare a common action plan.

The parties also thoroughly discussed directions related to the mandate of UNESCO. Achievements and prospects of cooperation between the two countries within such educational programs of the organization as the Global Network of Learning Cities, the Cathedral Program and Associated Schools Network were touched upon.

Besides, a productive exchange of views between the participants took place on the areas of partnership within the Anniversaries Program, the Creative Cities Network, Clubs of UNESCO, tangible and intangible cultural heritage, natural heritage, and the Memory of the World Program.

During the meeting on the agenda, specific proposals were voiced, and an agreement was reached to hold similar meetings in the future.
KAZAKHSTAN HAS IMPROVED IN UN RANKING ON DIGITALIZATION

Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Askar Mamin took part in the opening of the forum “Digital Almaty 2021: Digital Reset: The Leap to the Next Normal.” He noted that Kazakhstan has improved in the UN ranking of electronic communications.

Speaking at the plenary session of the forum, the prime minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan noted that in the context of the pandemic, the economy of Kazakhstan showed a high level of stability, which is largely due to the growing penetration of digital solutions into all areas of the public and private sectors.

The head of government noted that the opportunity for citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan to remotely obtain an electronic digital signature (EDS) through remote identification by biometrics of a person has been implemented. Projects such as cloud workflow, mobile workplace, online approaches to HR administration and social benefits are being actively implemented. The share of public services available online was increased to 93%.

As a result, in 2020, Kazakhstan ranked 29th among 193 countries in the UN rating for the level of e-government development, moving up 10 positions.
CONSTRUCTION OF AKHAL-BALKAN TRANSMISSION LINE ACCELERATED IN TURKMENISTAN

Turkmen e-newspaper «Golden Age» reported that the project of the ring power system, which will connect the electric networks of the Akhal, Balkan and Dashoguz velayats continues to be implemented in Turkmenistan. At the moment, the first stage of the project is being built - the Ahal-Balkan power transmission line.

Along the corresponding route, contractors lay up to 40 reinforced concrete bases and install up to 15 metal support structures every day. Along with this process, the construction of the Serdar-220 substation has already been initiated.

The length of the Akhal-Balkan transmission line route is more than 420 kilometres. It is planned to put the facility into operation in August this year. During this time, more than 5,500 foundation slabs will be laid and 1,500 supports will be installed.

As part of the second stage of the construction of the ring power system, the Balkan-Dashoguz power line will be laid.

The main goal of the project is to increase the production of electric energy, improve the quality of energy supply in particular residential buildings. In addition, the ring power system will provide an opportunity for mutual redundancy between the power systems of the velayats and Ashgabat.
The Alisher Navoi International Public Foundation was established by the decree of Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev on February 4.

The Foundation is created to study the life, work and scientific and literary heritage of Alisher Navoi, to popularize the works of the poet in Uzbekistan and abroad, as well as to perpetuate his memory.

According to the document, the foundation will translate Alisher Navoi’s works into foreign languages and publish them, also help writers and scientists who study the poet’s legacy.

It is planned to hold an international conference and «Navoi Readings» on February 9 the birthday of Alisher Navoi every year.

The international foundation is funded by the Fund for the Development of the Uzbek Language under the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan (1 billion rubles), international grants and donations.