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## OFFICIAL NEWS

**The President of Turkmenistan held and online working session**

On January 4, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held in the new 2021 year, proclaimed under the motto “Turkmenistan – the Homeland of Peace and Trust”, the first online working session with the participation of some Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers, khyakims of velayats and of the capital.

The agenda of online session included the issues of: further social and economic development of the country; realization of cardinal reforms in the agri-industrial complex; construction of the facilities to be launched in the run-up to the 30th anniversary of the Motherland’s independence; and the program of measures to be implemented in honor of the running year’s motto.

First, the President of Turkmenistan got connected with the khyakim of Ashgabat City Ya. Gylyjov, and Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdulyev (in charge of the capital).

Khyakim of the capital’s administration has reported on the state of affairs in the country’s main city, measures undertaken for its infrastructure modernization and for ensuring proper functioning of the urban heating system in cold winter days, as well as on the construction progress of the objects, launching of which is timed to the 30th anniversary of the country’s independence.

Simultaneously, the head of state has come into direct video-contact with Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers B. Ovezov, who reported on the fulfillment of presidential assignments related to the development of transport-communications sphere.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has strongly advised to spread widely adoption of the advanced digital technologies in the transport-communications sector.

Further, khyakims of velayats via the digital communication channel have reported on the progress of seasonal field works, measures taken for improvement of social and life level of the rural population, successful organization of the spring sowing and livestock wintering campaigns.

In his comments to the reports, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused on the new year’s task of primary importance – provision of happy and prosperous life of the nation. The issues of socialization policy are always to be in the focus of attention of velayat governments, the leader of nation noted.

Chief heads of velayats and the capital are to take measures to ensure trouble-free functioning of heating systems at the objects of different purposes, supply of potable water, energy and the natural gas to the population. The heads of velayats and the capital were also exhorted to ensure uninterrupted functioning of heating systems in residential areas, schools, kindergartens, as well as exercise tough control over sufficient supply of drinking water, electricity and natural gas to the population of districts, cities and settlements. Not the least significant is to conduct health education works in schools.

Necessitating timely implementation of seasonal agricultural works, the head of Turkmenistan has exhorted to pay special attention to the soil and climate conditions, to the development of national farming traditions, which are to be harmonically combined with the achievements of modern science. In this regard, the

leader of nation has addressed the relevant assignments to the khyakims of velayats.

In compliance with the Program of the country’s socioeconomic development in 2019-2025 and the National Rural Development Program, it is necessary to activate implementation of reforms in the AIC and with high quality accomplish the works planned in velayats for 2021.

Then, addressing Vice-Premiers Sh. Durdulyev and B. Ovezov, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has evinced interest in the implementation progress of international projects, including the ones aimed at the social and economic rebirth of Afghanistan, as well as at increase of volumes of energy export from Turkmenistan to the neighboring country on easy terms.

Special accent was also placed on the success of works for construction of the international fiber optic and transit lines in the Ymamnazar – Akina and Serhetabat – Turgundy directions. Implemented in association with the Afghan Communication Company, these works are an opportunity to lay yet another international fiber optic line to ensure their functioning as a single ring system, having combined them with the Heart-Akina line. Running via Afghanistan, it will enable to get an outlet to the communications systems of Pakistan, India and other countries, increase cooperation in the communications sphere, and expand information horizon of our country.

To this end, the appropriate communication equipment has been installed at the Mary – Serhetabat line; the Ymamnazar – Akina and Serhetabat – Turgundy international fiber optic communication lines are ready for commissioning; besides, construction works have already been completed at the 26 water passages (out of 33 projected ones) along the Akina-Andkhvoy railway.

In this regard, the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has placed particular accent on the importance and potential reward of international projects in the frames of cooperation with other countries.

Particular attention the head of state has also concentrated on the objects already built and ready for commissioning, which would be used in the relevant directions in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

The talk is about: the gas-compressor station at the “Malay” gas field in Lebap velayat; the Akina – Andkhvoy railway line; Ymamnazar – Akina fiber optic communication system and Serhetabat – Turgundy fiber optic line in Mary velayat; power transmission lines from the Kerky power station to the Turkmen – Afghan border.

Having noted that opening of the within-named objects will invest in strengthening of international relations of Turkmenistan with the neighboring state and in raising the living standards of the Afghan people and peoples of the countries of the region, the Turkmen leader has highlighted that implementation of the within-named projects is not the least important for steadfast realization of the State Program of the country’s industrialization until 2030.

Being invariably committed to the chosen peace-loving foreign policy course, neutral Turkmenistan plays the ever-growing role of generator of new demand-driven ideas, demonstrating its adherence to the contractual obligations concluded with partner-countries, including with the People’s Republic of China.

During the online working session, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has addressed to the Vice-Premier, Foreign Minister R. Meredov the assignments related to the working visit to the Islamic

Republic of Afghanistan, preparation to and conducting of consultations between the foreign ministries of the two countries.

The President of Turkmenistan has also focused on the importance of international measures and events to be held in the near-term future, as well as on commissioning of the facilities on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence.

In this regard, the leader of nation has stated that tireless work of each and every one of us is a guarantee of successful solution of the tasks set and a sacred duty of each citizen of Turkmenistan.

## **Session of the State Security Council of Turkmenistan**

On January 6, at the setout of the new year, the President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the country's Armed Forces Army General Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held the first session of the State Security Council to draw together conclusions from the past year's activity of the military and law enforcement agencies and assign the tasks for the foreseeable future.

Minister of Defense B. Gundogdyev has reported on the upward advancement of the military reform, which was initiated by the leader of nation to achieve steady strengthening of the country's Armed Forces, train the professional personnel, and create favorable conditions for service and life of the servicemen.

Summing up the report, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the country's Armed Forces has noted that the primary task of the National Army is to stand guard over the greatest achievements of the epoch of power and happiness and consistently pursue the Military-Political Strategy of the Turkmen State.

The ideological core of the Strategy is in the Defensive Military Doctrine, which was developed with a glance to the country's neutral status and its peace foreign policy, - the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted.

Being governed by the Doctrine, the government, now and in the long run, would continue to systematically strengthen the logistics base of all military services, show concern for their personnel, take every measures for improvement of living and working conditions of the officers and soldiers, the President of Turkmenistan has emphasized.

At the same time, the head of Turkmenistan has demanded to exercise vigilant surveillance over discipline and order in the Armed Forces of the country in the light of the particular importance and responsibility of the allotted tasks, to intensify the work for improvement of combat readiness and patriotic education of young soldiers in the spirit of loyalty to the sacred civil and duty of a soldier.

The leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also exhorted to hold the festive events on the occasion of the upcoming Motherland's Defenders Day at a better and higher level in terms of organization and content, as well as to embark on preparation to presentably celebrate the year's glorious anniversary date – the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence.

Besides, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief gave the appropriate instructions for clear and efficient performance of the regulations related to the transfer to the reserve of the active-duty servicemen from Armed Forces and other troops of Turkmenistan and on

call up for compulsory-duty service of the citizens of Turkmenistan.

Then chief heads of the military and law enforcement agencies have presented their reports about the outcomes of work accomplished by security structures in the past year.

Spotlighting primary tasks of the Interior Ministry's personnel and addressing concrete instructions to the Minister, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the country's Armed Forces Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed that it is necessary to intensify the work for prevention of offenses of law, including strict observance of traffic regulations.

The Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the country's Armed Forces Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also demanded in the years ahead to provide inviolability of land and sea borders of Motherland, as well as exercise strict control over observance of military discipline.

Highlighting great responsibility of the Motherland's valorous defenders, the leader of nation has highlighted that the State Border of Turkmenistan is always to remain the border of friendship with all neighboring countries, with which our country is tied with age-old relations of good neighborliness.

Addressing the Chairman of the Supreme Court G. Hallyev, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has informed about conferring the title "Honored Lawyer of Turkmenistan" on the Chairman for his meritorious work aimed at strengthening of independence and sovereignty of the country and law order, raising the level of national legislation and legal activity, and his fruitful social activity,

The head of state has also informed that by agreement with the Mejlis, G. Hallyev is relieved of the post of the Supreme Court Chairman in connection with transfer to another job.

According to the President's decision, G. Ussanepesov, who was conferred on the 2nd qualification-grade, was appointed as a new Chairman of the Supreme Court of Turkmenistan.

Speaking of the importance of work carried out by prosecution authorities, the head of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has ordered to intensify the work on selection and placing of the personnel capable to successfully cope with the tasks allotted to the structure on standing guard over the law and order – the major fundamentals of peace and solidarity in the modern society.

In the frames of the session, the documents on promotion and demotion of prosecutors have been signed.

Highlighting the main role of the Ministry of National Security in maintaining of the internal public and political stability, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has placed accent on the necessity of further strengthening of peaceful and creative life of the Turkmen society, unity and solidarity of the nation as an integral condition of further economic and spiritual prosperity of our Motherland.

Not the least important is further upward advancement of the legal reform aimed at bringing the national legislative base in tune with the standards of international law.

The major present-day requirement is in steady conducting of awareness-raising and advocacy activities by means of explanation of the existing legislation and provision of qualified legal assistance through rendering consultation services to the citizens, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov highlighted.



In the instructions and directives to the chief head of the Migration Service, the leader of nation has concentrated attention on the significant role of the Service in the development and strengthening of friendly and constructive relations between Turkmenistan and other countries.

Welcoming considerable contribution of the State Customs Service to protection of the country's economic interests, health and prosperity of the population, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted the officials concerned to constantly pay primary attention to the improvement of the quality of customs services, provision of efficient and thorough inspection of goods and cargoes, which cross our border.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, State Security Council Secretary Ch. Amanov has reported on the outcomes of work of the security structures in 2020 and, on the whole, – on the multi-faceted activity of the State Security Council, which plays an important coordinating role in the successful promotion of large-scale military reform initiated by the Turkmen leader.

Summing up the report, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the country has focused on the exclusively defensive character of the Military Doctrine, which is aimed at strengthening of the national security and Armed Forces, which stand guard over the creative and prosperous life of the Turkmen people.

Being adherent to the policy based on the principles of peacefulness, good neighborliness and positive neutrality, independent Turkmenistan stands exclusively for trust and respect in international relations, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted.

At the same time, not the least important is to establish modern defense system, which fully meets the modern requirements. To this end, in the new year, the work will be kept going on further strengthening of the logistics base of the National Army, military and law enforcement agencies.

Improvement of social and living conditions of the military personnel and their families would remain one of the key directions of the military reform, the Turkmen leader stated, having thereto addressed concrete instructions to the Vice-Premier, State Security Council Secretary.

At the session, consideration was also given to a number of other important subjects and the relevant Resolutions were adopted.

## **The President of Turkmenistan received the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea**

On January 7, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov received the newly-appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Turkmenistan Shin Sung-Chul.

During the meeting, lengthy exchange of opinions was centered on a broad range of issues related to the long-standing productive bilateral cooperation, which from its very beginning was based on the principles of equity and reciprocal benefit. Special emphasis has been laid upon the implementation progress of the agreements achieved on further intensification of interaction between the two countries in the political and diplomatic, trade-economic, cultural-humanitarian spheres.

Regular contacts at the highest level are a reliable foundation for steadfast development of the interstate

dialog, which over the last years has entered on a qualitatively new phase. In particular, the President of the Republic of Korea Moon Jae-in always says that he remembers affectionately of his state visit to Turkmenistan, from which he started his Central Asian tour in April 2019 after his election to the high government post.

Having confirmed the proximity or similarity of the two countries' positions on major subjects of international politics, the sides agreed to continue strengthening of the beneficial partnership in the world arena, including on the platform of large reputable organizations and regional structures.

The head of Turkmenistan and the Korean diplomat have also highly appreciated the fruitful character of work of the "Central Asia – the Republic of Korea" Cooperation Forum and its significant contribution to strengthening of mutual trust and activating cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the countries of Central Asia in various spheres.

The efficient character and upward dynamics of the Turkmenistan-South Korea cooperation advancement is confirmed by active and successful activity over the last years of the Korean business structures in the petrochemical, gas processing, motor transport, and other spheres of the country.

It was mentioned that the world famous companies "LG" and "Hyundai" was working effectively in the oil/gas and transport sectors of Turkmenistan's economy for many years.

According to unanimous opinion, the humanitarian relations, which are encouraged and buttressed by various cultural actions, scientific and creative forums, education center for study of the Korean language in Turkmenistan, are an important ingredient of the bilateral relations.

Extending to Shin Sung-Chul congratulations on starting his diplomatic mission in Turkmenistan, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has informed that he intends to pay a return visit to the Republic of Korea immediately after the state borders would be opened and favorable conditions for the high-level meeting would be created.

## **Session of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan**

On January 8, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held in the new 2021 year, proclaimed under the motto "Turkmenistan – the Homeland of Peace and Trust", the first online working session of the Cabinet of Ministers with the participation of khyakims of velayats and of the capital. The priority issues of the state life and the drafts of a number of documents have been tabled for discussion.

The agenda of session was concentrated on the outcomes of the branches development in the past year, plans of the country's further socioeconomic development, as well as on the programs of measures and events timed to the glorious 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence and the slogan of the 2021 year.

First, the floor was given to the Mejlis Speaker G. Mammedova who has informed on the activity of the parliament for further systematic modernization of the national legislation.

In particular, the work is ongoing on development of draft laws in the sphere of strengthening of public order, protection of rights and freedoms of the citizens, support

of entrepreneurship and activation of partnership between the state and private sector, improvement of the education and healthcare systems, further increasing of the social and life level of Turkmenistan citizens.

The deputy corps of the National Parliament pays special attention to the development of normative and legal acts related to election of the Halk Maslakhaty members of the Milli Gengeshi of Turkmenistan.

Preparations started to the elections of the Halk Maslakhaty members of the Milli Gengeshi of Turkmenistan, which are appointed on the last Sunday of March of the running year. In this regard, the Working Plan for ensuring coordinated activity of the Central Election Commission with the regional election committees and khyakimlik has been approved.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted the necessity to legislatively support the work on improvement of social and living conditions of the native people.

Highlighting the importance of high-level organization of the upcoming elections of the Halk Maslakhaty members of the Milli Gengeshi of Turkmenistan, the head of state has noted that the deputies should enhance the propaganda-and-advocacy activity in velayats. The election campaign is to demonstrate the unity and solidarity of the Turkmen society, commitment of our country to the democratic path of development, the leader of nation said, having focused attention of the Mejlis leader and chief heads of regional administrations on the issue.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Minister R. Meredov has reported on the preparation progress to the working trip of Turkmen delegation to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (scheduled for January 8-9 of the new year) to discuss the issues related to the bilateral relations further development.

In the course of the visit, it is planned to hold the 6th session of the Turkmen-Afghan Security Workgroup, as well as the political consultations between foreign ministries of the two countries. The talks with the government of Afghanistan and official representatives of the relevant government institutions are also on the agenda of the visit.

As was informed, on behalf of the head of state and in association with the Afghan side, a set of documents has been drafted to be signed during the visit to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Having signed the Order on working trip of Turkmenistan's delegation to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov redirected the document and the relevant assignments to the Foreign Minister via the electronic document circulation system.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mammedova has reported on keeping the work going for preparation of cultural events and measures on the occasion of national holidays and remarkable dates, which will be celebrated in the running year proclaimed under the slogan "Turkmenistan – the Homeland of Peace and Trust".

Draft Resolution "On establishing of the Steering Committee for holding at a high level of the festivities and measures on the occasion of the glorious holiday – the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence" was submitted to the leader of nation for consideration.

Summing up the report, the President of the country has highlighted the historical importance of the coming

remarkable date - the 30th anniversary of the state independence of Turkmenistan, which has achieved impressive success in all spheres of life over the years of sovereign development.

The head of state has addressed concrete instructions to the Vice-Premier and khyakims of velayats on holding the projected measures at a better and higher level in terms of organization and content. The holiday measures and events are to highlight the original traditions and customs, creative energy of the Turkmen people.

Having signed the Resolution, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov sent it to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document management system.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers B. Ovezov has reported on the preparation to the commissioning in the territory of Afghanistan of the Akina – Andkhvoy railway and Ymamnazar – Akina and Serhetabat – Turgundy international fiber optic communication systems.

In this regard, the Vice-Premier has presented to the leader of nation the Draft Plan of measures to be held in Lebap velayat.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that the age-old deep-rooted Turkmen-Afghan relations are built on the principles of good neighborliness and mutual respect.

The leader of nation has noted that Turkmenistan pays unremitting attention to the traditional dialog with the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, providing comprehensive support in its rehabilitation, standing for settlement of the situation in the neighboring state by exclusively peaceful, political-diplomatic instrumentalities.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has stressed that realization of large infrastructural projects with participation of Afghanistan in such strategic spheres as energy, transport and communications is a key condition of political stability in Afghanistan, its social and economic restoration, and successful integration into the system of regional and global economies.

Today, the resurgent Afghanistan is in search for the ways to get exposure to the additional markets for exporting its agricultural production and to the trade and transit routes. Therefore, the Akina-Andkhvoy railway will open new opportunities for upward development of the neighboring country's economy and activation of its small and medium businesses, and ensure the outlet of Afghan products to the world market.

Worth of mentioning is the fact that construction of the railway in the territory of Afghanistan was funded by the Turkmen side; our personnel and material resources were also presented by the Turkmen side, the leader of nation stressed.

Now and in the long term, we would continue rendering comprehensive support to the fraternal neighboring Afghanistan, the head of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov highlighted, having addressed to the Vice-Premier a number of instructions on ensuring high level of the events on the occasion of launching of the within-named objects.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Meredov has reported on the realization progress of the "Program of Turkmenistan's oil/gas industry development until 2030", state of affairs in various sectors of the FEC, and preparation to the opening of new gas-compressor 30 BCM station, which was built at the "Malay" Field in Lebap velayat.

Having listened to the report, the President of Turkmenistan has highlighted that energy policy of our country, notable for significant reserves of hydrocarbon resources, is aimed at comprehensive development of the oil/gas complex, its dynamic integration into the global energy system.

In this context, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted the Vice-Premier to provide high level of the events on the occasion of commissioning of the new gas-compressor station.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdyliev has reported on the situation in the spheres answerable to him and on fulfillment of the earlier presidential assignments.

The Vice-Premier's report included also information on commissioning in the short term of the new 50kW power transmission line from Kerky power plant in Lebap velayat to the Turkmen-Afghan border. Launching of the railway will enable to significantly increase the volume of energy supplied by Turkmenistan to neighboring Afghanistan.

The Vice-Premier has also informed about the List of large production and social facilities projected for commissioning in 2021.

Having noted that all anniversary facilities are to become the symbols of rapid development of independent Turkmenistan, its confident movement along the way of grandiose changes of the epoch of might and happiness, the leader of nation has exhorted the chief heads concerned and khyakims to strengthen control over the quality, paces of construction, and timely commissioning of the objects included in the within-named List.

Further, being summoned to the online session, Chairman of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union D. Hudayberdiyev reported on the projects entrusted to the private sector of the national economy.

Welcoming active participation and input of representatives of local business structures to the implementation of the reform-based programs and strengthening of the Motherland's economic power, the head of state has strongly advised to provide high quality of works at the facilities entrusted to the entrepreneurs, as well as to launch the objects in due time.

Further, Minister of Textile Industry of Turkmenistan R. Rejepov has reported to President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov on the state of affairs in the industry and on the situation at the construction objects projected for commissioning on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of independence. The talk is about modern textile complexes, which are under construction in Kaahka and Babadaikhan etraps of Akhal velayat.

Attaching great importance to the under-construction objects of light industry, which would have a direct impact on the efficient unleashing of the textile industry's untapped export potential and solving the important social issues, creation of new workplaces in particular, the leader of nation gave concrete instructions on exercising tough control over the paces and construction works quality.

In his progress report, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushshikov has informed about implementation of the presidential assignments related to privatization of the state-owned facilities.

The head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov was pleased to note the efficiency of the country's socialization policy, which is based on the various forms of ownership and envisages phased transition to the market relations.

Measures taken in this direction promote an increase of the NGO sector's share in the national economy, the leader of nation noted. On approval of the Vice-Premier's proposal and the relevant List of objects to be privatized, the President of the country has ordered to exercise unremitting control over tackling the tasks set.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gylyjov has reported on the measures undertaken by the Textiles Ministry for procurement of cotton fiber in 2021.

The Vice-Premier has reported that on the whole more than 145.5 thousand tons of cotton fiber, 8,500 tons of fine fiber cotton, 200 tons of ulyuk and 200 tons of lint are required to meet production capacities of the industry, taking into account new textile complexes, which are under construction in Kaahka and Babadayhan etraps, Akhal velayat.

At present, in compliance with the presidential orders, supply of raw materials for industrial processing is carried out at the quoted prices from the stock of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection and the government reserve fund.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has sorted out the task of primary importance allotted to the textile industry – increase of the industry's output at the expense of opening of new sophisticated facilities capable to produce competitive goods on the basis of efficient use of local raw material resources.

To this end, textile facilities are to be tooled with advanced technological equipment, the leader of nation said, having addressed concrete instructions to the Vice-Premier.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyazov has reported on the situation in the spheres under his supervision, as well as presented for consideration of the head of state the draft Resolution "On approval of the Government Program in the sphere of the state youth policy of Turkmenistan in 2021 – 2025".

Major goals of the Program are centered on: improvement of the youth's awareness of constitutional, socioeconomic rights and freedoms, legal rights and responsibilities; provision of active participation of young Turkmenistan citizens in modern reforms ongoing in all spheres of the state and society, and in the important social events; further improvement of the youths' social and life level; establishment of the integrated legal, social, economic and organizational conditions.

The draft "Plan of Measures on implementation of the State Program in the sphere of the state youth policy of Turkmenistan in 2021-2025" has also been developed.

Further, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has got connected with Chairman of the Central Council of Magtymguly Youth Organization Ya. Ovezberdiyev, who reported on the measures for rendering comprehensive support to the youth and ensuring their legal and social security.

In the comments to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted an exclusive importance of creating favorable environment for the comprehensive development of the growing generation, for sufficient unleashing of its intellectual and creative potential, as well as for personality growth.

It is necessary to give to the young people ample opportunities for: getting quality education, spiritual and physical development; conscious choice of occupation and employment sphere; application of their professional knowledge in the spheres of production, government service, in scientific and creative spheres.



It was also pointed to the necessity of enhancement of cooperation with international organizations for reciprocal experience exchange in this sphere and development of new joint programs.

In education of the younger generation, not the least important is wide popularization of primordial national traditions and customs, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted.

The youth is to actively participate in all events of the year, which is proclaimed under the slogan “Turkmenistan – the Homeland of Peace and Trust” and marked with the glorious 30th anniversary of independence.

On approval of the project presented, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has signed the Resolution and redirected the document and relevant instructions to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document circulation system.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev has reported on the course of seasonal agricultural works in the velayats, as well as on preparations to the spring sowing campaign.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused on the major tasks of the AIC: raising the level of crop yield of wheat, cotton and other agri-crops; provision of rural areas with water for irrigation; comprehensive strengthening of the food sector of the national economy; saturation of the population’s demand for home-made quality foodstuffs.

In this context, the Vice-Premier and khyakims of velayats have received specific presidential instructions, related particularly to the efficient development of agricultural fields allotted to the tenants from the special land funds, active application of advanced agricultural methods, and further advancement of the hothouse farming sector.

At the online session of the Cabinet of Ministers, consideration was also given to other important issues of the state life, which took shape of the relevant Resolutions.

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### **ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW**

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- By the Ukase of the President of Turkmenistan, the title “Honored Lawyer of Turkmenistan” was conferred on the Chairman of the Supreme Court of Turkmenistan Gylychmyrat Hallyev (2nd qualification-class lawyer).

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on authorizing the “Turkmenhowayollar” Agency to make a contract with the “Airbus S.A.S.” Company (The Republic of France) for purchasing of the two working cargo aircrafts of “P2F” modification, “A330-200” model.

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on approving the State Program on Youth Policy of Turkmenistan for 2021-2025, as well as the Plan for implementation of the Resolution.

- The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on establishing of the Steering Committee to ensure high organizational level of the measures and events on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of independence of Turkmenistan; the document approves also the composition of the Committee.

- In accordance with the Instruction of the President of Turkmenistan, the delegation of our country led by Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, R. Meredov

will pay a working visit to Kabul (the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan) on January 8-9, 2021 to participate in the 6th meeting of the joint Turkmen-Afghan Workgroup on security issues between Turkmenistan and Afghanistan, as well as to hold political consultations between the foreign ministries of Turkmenistan and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

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### **APPOINTMENTS**

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- The Ukases of the President of Turkmenistan sanctioned the following appointments:

- **Guvanchmyrat Atamyradovich Ussanepesov** – Chairman of the Supreme Court of Turkmenistan, with conferring on him 2nd qualification-class lawyer;

- 2nd qualification-class lawyer **Rakhat Shykhmyradovich Karyev** – prosecutor of Turkmenbashi city for supervision of adherence to laws in the correctional facilities;

- Resolution of President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berymuhamedov sanctioned the following appointments:

- Junior counselor of justice **Toily Allaberdievich Byashimov** – prosecutor of Sayat etrap, Lebap velayat; relieved of the position of prosecutor of Serakhs etrap, Akhal velayat;

- 2nd qualification-class lawyer **Shokhrat Sapardurdyevich Taev** – prosecutor of Serakhs etrap, Akhal velayat;

- 2nd qualification-class lawyer **Novruz Gurbanovich Amanov** – prosecutor of Serdar etrap, Balkan velayat.

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### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

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#### **Online meetings with foreign partners**

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**The Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan hosted an online meeting with the Counselor to the Chief Executive Director of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (USIDFC), Caleb McCarry.**

The meeting brought together the heads and leading specialists of the financial and economic sector, as well as of the State Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and the US Embassy in Turkmenistan.

The meeting participants discussed the prospects for bilateral cooperation advancement in the context of the «open door» policy pursued by President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov, one of the key aspects of which is the strengthening of multifaceted dialogue with the United States of America.

Exchanging views on the priority areas of interaction, special attention was paid to the private sector of the economy, the possibilities for rendering financial, consulting and technical support to small and medium-sized businesses, primarily in the field of high-tech industries in various sectors of the national economy.

The information was avowed on the activity carried out by the State Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs to establish the International Investment Fund of Turkmenistan. The American partners were invited to take part in the project.

Moreover, Turkmenistan has confirmed its readiness for the contentious discussion of the issues related to creation of the Central Asian Development Fund (C5 Fund), which is designed to facilitate the implementation of projects and programs, including the ones aimed at the development of industrial and transport infrastructure, agriculture, and other sectors.

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**The Ministry of Finance and Economy hosted an online meeting with representatives of the World Bank, also joined by officials of the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry.**

As part of the World Bank's Financing Program, the meeting participants discussed the issues concerning implementation of the long-term concessional loan projects in the light of our country's investment-favored climate that offers ample opportunities for promoting fruitful cooperation with foreign financial institutions.

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**The Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection hosted an online meeting with representatives of the Foreign Affairs Office of Henan Province, the People's Republic of China, to discuss the prospects for establishing with the Province of the mutuality-based cooperation in the transport, logistics, trade, and agriculture spheres.**

Representatives of the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations, "Türkmenýüpek" CJSC, the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange, the "Türkmenawtoulaglary", "Türkmen demirýollary" and "Türkmen deňiz derýaýollary" Agencies also participated in the meeting.

During an exchange of views, the parties were pleased to note the effectiveness of such meetings in outlining common approaches to working out of a roadmap for a productive partnership. Being fully confident that the Turkmen-Chinese relations would continue to successfully develop and enhance, the participants have placed particular emphasis on the availability of a wide range of possibilities for the countries' potentially-rewarding cooperation advancement.

### **Prospects for interaction are in the focus of the working meeting of Turkmenistan and the EBRD**

The Ministry of Finance and Economy hosted a working meeting with a Representative of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in Turkmenistan.

Consideration was given to the issues of intensifying cooperation between Turkmenistan and the EBRD, including in the field of crediting and investments, where the sides accumulated the positive experience of efficient partnership.

Particular discussion was given to the prospects for the EBRD participation in the large-scale infrastructure projects initiated by President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov in the frames of the successfully implemented changes ongoing in all sectors of the national economy.

### **A briefing of the head of the OSCE Center in Ashgabat**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan hosted a briefing of the head of the OSCE Center in Ashgabat Natalya Drozd with the participation of representatives of the diplomatic corps and media community, faculty members of the Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The OSCE Center's head rated high the political, economic and humanitarian aspects of neutrality our country's foreign-policy course is based on, and which play an important role in solving the focal issues of global development and promote strengthening of peace, stability and security at the regional and global levels.

In this context, Ms. Natalya Drozd has emphasized the fact that the Resulting Document of the International Conference "Policy of Neutrality and Its Role in Ensuring International Peace, Security and Sustainable Development", which was held under the chairmanship of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov in Ashgabat on December 12, 2020, was published in the six official languages of the United Nations.

She also expressed confidence that the Document would serve as a basic vector of further collaboration between Turkmenistan and the OSCE.

During the briefing, the Head of the OSCE Center in Ashgabat has also highlighted the significance of the UN General Assembly Resolution on proclaiming 2021 the International Year of Peace and Trust.

In this regard it was noted that having initiated the within-named Resolution, Turkmenistan under the leadership of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has reaffirmed its commitment to use its neutral status to contribute to the global efforts aimed at ensuring peace and security.

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### **COMMODITIES EXCHANGE NEWS**

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27 transactions were registered at the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange of Turkmenistan last week.

The deals in the foreign currency for purchasing of jet and burning kerosene gasoline produced at the Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex were made by businessmen from Hong Kong, Afghanistan, and Uzbekistan.

Deals in foreign currency made by the traders from Russia, the USA, China, the OAE, Turkey, and Azerbaijan made contracts for purchasing of cotton yarn, licorice rhizomes and roots. The sum total of transactions was over US \$4, 908,000.

In the local currency, representatives of business circles from the UAE, Scotland, Pakistan, and Kazakhstan purchased the cotton yarn. The sum total of the deals exceeded 26, 984,000 manats.

For the domestic market, local entrepreneurs bought mung bean and cotton fiber (over 2,405,000 manats).







