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«Owerdraft karty» atly täze bank kartynyň  
amatlyklaryndan peýdalanmaga çagyryýar!**

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Müşderiniň aýlyk zähmet haky geçýän «Altyn asyn» bank kart hasabyna serişde gelip gowşanda bellenen tertipde karz yzyna gaýtarylýar.

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## OFFICIAL NEWS

**President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov made a working familiarization round of the capital**

On January 25, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov made a working familiarization round of the capital to get acquainted with construction paces of some important objects and with the projects of the capital's social infrastructure integrated modernization. The leader of nation has also evinced interest in the progress of work on cultivating of the Alabay dog breed, which has every reason to be regarded as the national asset of the Turkmen people.

Minister of Industry and Construction Production, Chairman of the International Association «Türkmen alabaý itleri» S. Berdymuhamedov and Chairman of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union D. Hudayberdiev have reported on the situation at the core facilities, which are under construction to order of «Türkmen alabaý itleri» International Association.

The general plan and drawings of the International Association «Türkmen alabaý itleri» complex, the designs of the main entrance, spectators stands, exhibition ground, and obstacle course for Alabay training, design elements of the objects have been presented to President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov. The effigies of dogs of this unique breed, which are projected to be installed in the complex, have also been demonstrated.

Having made a number of remarks and corrections in the course of lengthy consideration of the projects, the head of state has necessitated observance of high quality of works in the phase of designing and constructing of objects, as well as harmonious combination of modern architecture with centuries-old traditions of national architecture.

Speaking of the appropriateness to combine the Turkmen Alabay Holiday with National Turkmen Horse Day, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted to hold the festivities on the occasion of the remarkable dates in the life of the country and people at a better and higher level in terms of organization and content.

Speaking of the referee team, which would determine the winner of the Turkmen Alabay Beauty Contest, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted the importance of including in the jury of proficient experienced specialists. At the same time, unique features of the breed are to be reflected in the works of sculptors, artists and jewelers, which would be presented at the exhibition timed to the event.

Pending the subject, the leader of nation has highlighted the advisability of conferring on the winner of the contest the title «Ýylyň türkmen edermen alabaýy», which reflects all characteristic features of Alabay dogs.

In addition, the age-old dog-breeding traditions of our ancestors, which have found continuation in the present-day measures taken for revamping the breed, are to be reflected in the celebration events.

Then, the leader of nation arrived to the complex of facilities with the Shopping-Entertainment Center, which is under construction in one of the beautiful parts of the capital and is planned to be commissioned on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the sacred independence of the Motherland.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has got acquainted with construction of residential houses and their design. Worth of noting is the fact that designing of the houses and their apartments, finishing and decorating of their interior are implemented on the basis of the would-be residents' suggestions. The size of some apartments is 638 square meters. The new houses have the 6- and 7-room apartments intended for the families with many children.

Design of kitchens, living and bed rooms, including their fitting out with digital system and furniture, is also made to order of future tenants.

Then the head of state has inspected the implementation progress of the region's largest Shopping-Entertainment Center, which is built in the territory of the Complex.

Different objects of the Center, their interior and exterior designs, materials applied have been presented to the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov for review. The computer-screened slides have replicated a visual image of the Complex and fountains in its territory, which operation is based on wide spread adoption of modern digital technologies and musical illustration.

The head of state gave instructions to the officials concerned to develop a logotype of the complex, which would reflect such criteria as aesthetic, compactness and practicality.

It would have been advisable to name the new complex as "Ashgabat", the President of Turkmenistan noted. It would be a meritorious present to the 140th anniversary of foundation of our capital, the head of state said, having exhorted the dignitaries concerned to organize a creative contest among the workers of culture and art on the occasion of the remarkable date.

The winners of the contest will have to be announced as the winners of the «Türkmeniň Altyn asyry» contest of the President of Turkmenistan and awarded by the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union of the country, the leader of nation noted and gave certain instructions in this context.

Then, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has arrived to the southern part of the city where its business center has been formed over the last years.

Having inspected the state of construction of new buildings of "Türkmenbaşy" State Commercial Bank and "Senagat" Joint Stock-Commercial Bank, the head of state has noted that all necessary conditions are to be created for the personnel of the banks and their clients including the services with adoption of digital technologies.

Summing up the outcomes of his working familiarization round of the capital, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted again that high quality level of construction and timely commissioning are an important requirement in realization of all projects.

## President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has inspected construction progress of a number of objects

On January 26, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedovs made a working round of the capital to get acquainted with the construction progress of a fashionable hotel with multi-field business center “Garagum”, the near-by park, and the Ashgabat-Turkmenabat autobahn.

General plans and drawings of the hotel with multi-field business center “Garagum”, the near-by park, the Shopping-Entertainment Center and underpasses, which are being built along the A. Niyazov and Hoja Ahmet Yasav Streets, have been presented to the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov for consideration.

Total area of the park zone is 9.75 hectares, the length – 320 meters, and the width – 310 meters. It will have 9 fountains: the largest one – in the center, and 8 smaller ones; it is planned to build 3 swimming pools.

Four underpasses are designated to provide safety of pedestrians; the length of each underpass is 25.1 meters, width – 8.1 meters, and height – 4.8 meters; the length of the road is 704 meters and width – 18 meters.

Highlighting the importance of high quality of construction works and concentrated expression of the national coloring in decoration of the buildings, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has touched upon the issue of choosing of modern and sonorous name for the park, having suggested naming it “Laçyn” (“Falcon”). The name is very lucky, given the exterior logotype of the International Airport of the capital as a wing-flapping falcon.

Further, Chairman of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union D. Hudayberdiev has reported on the construction progress of the Shopping-Entertainment Center.

Total size of the Center’s construction site is 8.92 hectares; the facilities proper – 28,331.60 square meters; surroundings – 60,888.40 square meters; the height of the building – 40 meters; the multilevel parking lot – 54,381.67 square meters.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has ordered to ensure observance of all generally-admitted international standards, high quality of construction works, wide adoption of national coloring and architectural elements in the interior and exterior design of the Center, as well as to envisage all appropriate conditions for customers and holidaymakers.

The under-construction hotel with the “Garagum” multifield Business Center was the next object the head of state got acquainted with. The object is to be commissioned in the run-up to the 30th anniversary of the country’s independence.

The 9-story building (6.9-hectare area) includes 87 comfortable rooms including standard, suite, de luxe and super de luxe rooms. In addition, restaurants, banquet hall, swimming pools, fitness gym, tennis court and other amenities are at the disposal of guests. The Business Center will have all appropriate conditions for organization of business meetings.

The leader of nation has focused on the importance of designing the interior of halls and rooms in a single

thematic style and national spirit. All construction works are to be implemented in full compliance with international standards and adoption of innovative technologies.

The President of the country has highlighted that the hotel is to have every condition for organizing and conducting of top-level international forums and other events.

The services provided in the hotel, same like in all other hotels of the country, are to be at high level and perfect quality, to meet age-old hospitality traditions of our people, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov noted, having addressed to the officials concerned the relevant instructions.

Then, the leader of nation headed to the Ashgabat-Turkmenabat high-speed autobahn. Designing and constructing of the project was entrusted to “Türkmen Awtoban” Closed Joint-Stock Venture – a member of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union.

Opening of this major 600-km artery will significantly increase traffic capacity of the country’s road system. Junction of the new autobahn with the Ashgabat -Turkmenbashi highway (which connects the eastern part of the country with its center) will provide a direct access for cargo trailers to the International Seaport in Turkmenbashi and farther, via the Sea – to the Caucasus, toward Europe, to the south of Russia, the north of Iran, to the Persian and Oman Gulfs.

To order of “Türkmen Awtoban” Closed Joint-Stock Venture - the major contractor of the project, construction of the super modern highway with neighborhoods improvement was entrusted to “Nusaýýollary” and “Hyzmat merkezi” private companies, and “Edermen” and “Altyn nesil” business entities.

According to the Resolution of the head of Turkmenistan, the project is to be implemented in three phases. The first section – Ashgabat-Tejen, is projected to be put into operation in the running year; the second – Tejen-Mary, in December 2022; and the third one – Mary-Turkmenabat, in December 2023.

The highway will have three main lanes and an additional lane on each side. The width of the road will be 34.5 meters. The autobahn will start from the intersection at the 24th kilometer of the Ashgabat-Dashoguz highway. Payment terminals at the intersection will render electronic payment services; they will include the traffic control points and the recreation facilities.

It is also planned to build service stations for proper technical maintenance of the highway. The traffic will be controlled by automatic system, which will collect, store and transfer all data about traffic to the Traffic Control Service via the permanent video-monitoring system. Weather forecast including such data, as humidity, vision distance, and other information will be broadcasted to the Traffic Control Service.

The drivers, who will use the road of international class, are to make payments by cards or chips through payment terminals; the drivers, who arrive or go as transit from foreign countries, are to pay in foreign currency, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has ordered.

During his trip, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has listened to the reports on the construction progress of the facilities to be commissioned on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the country's independence.

Strongly advising to exercise strict control over current construction works, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused on the importance of timely completion and high quality of construction objects, which would become an excellent gift to the coming anniversary of the country's independence.

The President of Turkmenistan has noted that implementation of the urban revamping works in tune with the generally-admitted requirements is of great importance in strengthening of our capital's positions as the most comfortable place for residence and beautiful city. In this regard, the relevant presidential assignments were given to the khyakim of the capital.

The leader of nation has noted that the main task of the Ministry of Construction and Architecture is to control the quality of construction of various objects erected in the capital and different parts of the country.

Further, the head of state has given assignments related to the formation by entrepreneurs of their own transport fleet. It was mentioned that the procured buses are to have all conditions for the comfort of passengers. Special phone outlets connected with the Urgent Calls and Assistance Control Center will be located along the highway.

The head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also highlighted that all the more advisable is to cooperate with the relevant international structures and programs in implementing of the autobahn construction project.

First of all, the talk is about the International Transport Union, which unites the interests of national motor organizations, International Cooperation Program of the country-partners with the European Union for construction of the Europe-Caucasus-Asia transport corridor (TRACECA), as well as the logistic organizations engaged in the freight traffic all over the world. In general, all of these are very important in view of provision of the transnational transport corridor.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has placed emphasis on such priority vectors of the national economy, as development of entrepreneurship, increase of export volumes of the home-made production, expansion of foreign economic ties with all interested partners.

In this context, the leader of nation has necessitated activation of works for opening of modern production complexes capable to produce a broad assortment of construction materials on the basis of local raw resources.

Then, the leader of nation headed to the Choganly residential zone of the capital, where construction of 3- and 4-room cottages is ongoing. Examining the houses, the leader of nation has stressed the necessity of creating there of social infrastructure necessary for the life of residents.

Continuing the conversation, the President of the country has noted that 140 families would celebrate house-warming parties on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the capital, which would be observed

on May 25 of the running year on Day of Ashgabat, as well as on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence. It will become a holiday gift to the new tenants. In this regard, Vice-Premier Sh. Durdylyev has received the relevant presidential instructions.

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

On January 27, President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the country's Armed Forces Army General Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an offsite enlarged session of the State Security Council to draw together conclusions from January-2021 activity of the military and law enforcement agencies and outline a complex of primary measures for successful implementation of the important and responsible tasks allotted to the security structures.

In addition, the agenda of session included the issues of strengthening the logistics base of the security agencies and improvement of their activity for further safeguarding of security and peace in our independent state.

In this regard, the leader of nation has highlighted that it is necessary to focus on training of qualified specialists, proficient in work and capable to operate special equipment of the Armed Forces and other military structures.

It is necessary to reconsider the normative acts related to methods of operation of the military equipment and machinery and in case of need to bring them in tune with the times.

Chief heads of the military and law enforcement agencies reported on the outcomes of multidimensional work accomplished in the light of the tasks allotted to them in the first month of the running year proclaimed under the slogan "Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust".

Prosecutor General B. Atdayev has reported on the work carried out in the first month of the year, in particular on the results of the President-authorized prosecutor's checks conducted in some of the military departments, including in the State Border Service.

By results of inspections, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has relieved Sh. Durdyev of the post of the chief head of the State Border Service – the Commander of the Border Troops, for serious deficiencies in his work, having signed the relevant Ukase. Major General Sh. Durdyev was also demoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

For failure to perform honestly their duties and deficiencies in their work, Deputy Head of the State Border Service – an officer of the General Staff I. Ilamanov, and Deputy Head of the State Border Service for Educational Work A. Charyev were given severe reprimands and last warnings to eliminate the shortcomings as soon as possible.

In his progress report, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, the State Security Council Secretary Ch. Amanov has summarized the activity of the military and law enforcement structures in the first month of the year and covered the coordinating work of the State Security Council in general.

Addressing the participants of the offsite enlarged session of the State Security Council, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that the Motherland's Defenders Day, which is every year countrywide celebrated in a grand manner on January 27, is a tribute of great respect for the courageous military men and workers of military and law enforcement structures and an evidence of the country's boundless concern for them.

During the session, the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces has signed the Ukases on decorating a group of servicemen and workers of military and law enforcement agencies of the country with state awards of Turkmenistan, and on promoting and conferring qualification ranks on some staffers of the security agencies.

### **The President of Turkmenistan held an online working session**

On January 28, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held an online working session with the participation of some Deputy Chairmen of the Cabinet of Ministers, heads of administration of Lebap welayat and Ashgabat as well the Minister of Health and Medical Industry.

During the session, the issues of social and economic development of the country, realization of fundamental reforms in the AIC, construction of the facilities, that are planned to be opened on the occasion of the glorious 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence, have been reviewed.

At the outset of session, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev has presented the drafts of the medal, which together with the title «Ýylyň türkmen edermen alabaýy» would be conferred on the winner of Turkmen Alabay Dog Beauty Contest.

The octagonal medal has a circumscription - «Ýylyň türkmen edermen alabaýy» on the top and «Year 2021» in the bottom; the picture of the Turkmen Alabay's is in the center of the medal against the Earth at the background.

The information about the work carried out on designing of the exhibition ground of the complex and the location site of the jury tribune according to the instruction of the head of state has also been presented.

Having looked through the projects presented, the leader of nation made corrections and remarks related to the ground for conducting the Turkmen Alabay Dog Beauty Contest.

Having approved the project of the medal, which would be awarded to the winner of «Ýylyň türkmen edermen alabaýy» title, the leader of nation gave instructions to the Vice-Premier on finalizing the work over the medal and its Regulations.

The head of Ashgabat Administration Ya. Gylyjov has reported on the situation in the capital, construction of facilities and measures taken for ensuring trouble-free functioning of heating systems in the houses, schools and kindergartens as well as supply of electricity to the main city of the country in the winter period.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdylyev has reported on the President-authorized work progress on revamping the neighborhoods of

the sculptural composition, which was built in honor of the legendary Shukur-bakhshy.

The Vice-Premier has also reported on the construction pace of facilities of shopping and entertainment center along the Teheran Street, which is planned to be opened on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence.

Having listened to the report, the leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov focused attention of Vice-Premier Sh. Durdylyev and the head of the capital's administration Ya. Gylyjov on activation of revamping and landscaping works at the intersection of road, where the Shukur-bakhshy's sculpture is installed, and gave a number of instructions for making all conditions for organization of cultural and public events and turning of this part of the city into the popular place.

The President of the country has highlighted that the new complex is to reflect the advanced solutions of organization of work of the big shopping and entertainment center and it is necessary to use various national ornaments and patterns in the interior design of the facility, which was proposed to be named «Ashgabat».

The head of state made corrections to the project related to the emblem of the complex, having given instructions to pay attention to such criteria as aesthetics, compactness and illumination.

The leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted that Ashgabat is included into the Guinness Record Book as a city with the biggest number of white-marble buildings and ordered to hold the events on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the city at a high level.

In addition, it is necessary to organize various events in the parks of the city including performances of art masters, exhibitions, to carry out the historical-restoration works. The President of the country has also noted the advisability to hold an art contest among art masters on the occasion of the remarkable date.

It is necessary to produce videos about Ashgabat, to hold opening ceremonies of comfortable residential buildings intended for the residents of the capital, to organize various sport competitions and horse races in the equestrian complexes.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted the relevant officials to define the composition of the commission and develop the Plan of events timed to the 140th anniversary of Ashgabat, having presented the Plan to the Cabinet of Ministers for review as soon as possible.

Further, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdylyev has reported that the works for development of architectural project of International Scientific and Clinical Physiological Center are ongoing.

It is planned to study diseases, which are common in the country and region, including diabetes, upper respiratory tract, blood circulation system and metabolic diseases center. In addition, it would be specialized in the study of negative impact of the Aral zone on the people's health, healing characteristics of herbs, allergology and immunology, physiology, correct nutrition, physical activity, sport and work, as well as conducting of clinical, educational, scientific and laboratory works in these directions.

The structure of the Center will have scientific and clinical laboratory, reception, physiology and diabetes departments as well as classrooms for the relevant departments of the Myrat Garryev State Medical University and other departments.

The International Scientific and Clinical Physiological Center will study the issues of arid zone and will become the country's treatment and preventive facility.

Then, Vice-Premier Sh. Durdylyev has reported on another medical facility, which would be erected in the capital – the International Health Improving and Rehabilitation Center.

In particular, it is planned that the 7-story Center will be built in the 6-hectare land area. The structure of International health improving and rehabilitation center will have the departments located in special buildings intended for post-operation rehabilitation of children and adults, for treating patients after surgeries as well as after long chronic diseases of cardiovascular, nerve, endocrine, digestive, musculoskeletal and other systems.

Latest technologies of modern medicine will be used in the Center for strengthening of people's health without use of medicines.

Having approved the projects of the facilities, the head of state ordered to announce International Tender for their construction.

Further, the Minister of Health and Medical Industry has reported on realization of the integrated measures on monitoring of the spread and prevention of infectious diseases in the country.

Having highlighted the importance of "Sputnik V" vaccine registered in Turkmenistan, the Minister informed that the work of the Emergency Committee for Combating Spread of Diseases is carried out on the systemic basis.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has pointed to the importance of further work for combating and prevention of infectious diseases, especially in the coming spring and summer seasons, and if necessary to enforce the preventive measures.

In this context, the head of Turkmenistan has addressed to the Minister of Health and Medical Industry the assignments related to the measures for continuation of registration of medicines and vaccines approved by the WHO.

The head of state has strongly exhorted to exercise strict control over observance of the three preventive measures, which include wearing of medical masks, their compliance with medical standards as well as conducting of explanatory works among the population.

Having focused on vaccination of Turkmen citizens and Turkmen students who go abroad, the head of state gave the relevant assignment to the officials concerned on ensuring their vaccination with the vaccine used by those states, provision of vaccination certificates by foreign citizens coming to Turkmenistan as well as provision of vaccine to the citizens inside the country.

At the same time, the head of Turkmen state has made special mention that it is better to prevent than later treat the disease, therefore, at present the infection prevention remains to be the task of top priority.

Further, the head administration of Lebap velayat Sh. Amangeldiyev has reported on seasonal agricultural works, work for stable provision of the population with electricity, gas and water.

Having listened to the report, the head of state has focused on the importance of preparation to the spring sowing campaign, including the support of proper conditions of lands to be planted to cotton, spring potato and cucurbitaceous crops as well as provision of seeds, the appropriate equipment and machinery.

The head of Turkmenistan has also pointed to the necessity of exercising unremitting control over uninterrupted and efficient functioning of the heating systems in the residential zones, schools and kindergartens, supply of electricity, water and gas to the population of the region.

Then, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Meredov has reported on the outcomes of working trip to Lebap velayat, having informed about the situation at the construction sites of the facilities, which are planned to be opened on the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence. It includes the building of "Türkmeniň ak öýi", modern airport in Kerky, which is designated for servicing of 100 passengers per hour, and gas-turbine power plant in Charjewetrap.

Summing up the report, the President of the country has highlighted the importance of activation of construction of anniversary facilities, having addressed to the Vice-Premier and the capital's khyakim the instructions for provision of high quality and timely completion of the objects.

Finishing the online working session, the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished strong health and great success in work.

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

On January 29, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov held a regular online session of the Cabinet of Ministers to discuss the topical issues of the state life and consider the drafts of some documents.

The first reporter Vice-Premier G. Mushshikov has informed about drafting of the Resolution "On the issues of the Precious Metals and Stones Committee of the Central Bank of Turkmenistan". Authorized by the leader of nation, the document envisions renaming of the Committee into the namesake Fund.

The leader of nation Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov was also informed about the work accomplished on settling the issues related to appellation of goods origin point to increase the legal protection of interests of national producers and consumers.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted the importance of measures for modernization of the banking-financial sphere of the country in tune with modern realities and international standards.

Having signed the Resolution on renaming the Precious Metals and Stones Committee of the Central Bank of Turkmenistan into the namesake Fund, the head of state has redirected the document and instructions on implementation of the Resolution



to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document workflow system.

As for the issue related to the appellation of goods origin point, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has addressed to the Vice-Premier the assignment to keep work going in this direction.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Meredov has reported on the situation in the sphere (he is in charge of) and measures taken for successful implementation of the “Program of the country’s oil/gas industry development until 2030”.

The report covered also the work on placement in the foreign markets of the ECO-93 gasoline, which is produced from the natural gas at the plant in Akhal velayat, and on making medium-term contracts with foreign partners.

The concrete assignments, the head of state has addressed to the Vice-Premier, were centered on further diversification of the oil/gas sector, modernization of its infrastructure on the innovative basis, increase of the industry’s production highly acclaimed in the country and abroad.

Besides, the leader of nation has strongly advised to provide permanent control over completion dates of large investment projects, including construction of the Turkmenistan – Afghanistan – Pakistan – India transnational gas pipeline.

Reporting on the state of affairs in the construction-industrial sector, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdylyev has informed about keeping work going on opening of the “Information security and digital technologies” Department in the institutional structure of the relevant ministries and departments.

In the after-report instructions, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has exhorted the Vice-Premiers Sh. Durdylyev and B. Ovezov to continue digitization process in all structures.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers B. Ovezov has reported on the situation in the establishments answerable to him and measures taken for further upgrading of the “Türkmenhowaýollary” Agency’s activity.

Having listened to the report, the President of Turkmenistan has placed accent on the issues of the latest management methods wide spread adoption in the air-transport sector. In this regard, the leader of nation has exhorted the Vice-Premier to strengthen control over ensuring the efficient level of production and implementation of production plans by enterprises of the sector.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gylyjov has reported on the work for development of the draft Program for increasing of foodstuff and agricultural production in 2021-2025.

In the frames of the Program, the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Union plans to implement 88 projects, which will enable not only to saturate the local market with high-quality production, but to increase the volumes of its export.

Necessitating continuation of the large-scale work, the head of state has addressed concrete assignments to Vice-Premiers Ch. Gylyjov and E. Orazgeldiyev.

The instructions of the leader of nation to the Vice-Premier related also to further modernization of the

trade complex, study and full satisfaction of consumer demand for foodstuff produce, improvement of culture of services.

In the report on the work ongoing for further advancement of the science sphere, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldinyazov has in particular informed about preparation activities for admission in 2021 to the postgraduate courses and clinical studies for academic degree.

Having highlighted the importance of training a constellation of young talented scientists specialized in the demand-driven spheres, the head of state has entrusted the Vice-Premier with a task to create every condition for motivating the youths’ thirst for knowledge, growth of their intellectual potential, enhancement and upgrading of professional skills.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mammedova has reported to the head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov on keeping preparations going to the cultural events dedicated to the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan’s independence and Magtymguly Fragi Poetry Day.

It was noted that in honor of opening in Ashgabat of the new magnificent monument to immortalize the life and work of Magtymguly Fragi, the holiday program drawn up in association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs includes the online-measures with the participation of foreign workers of culture and art.

Cultural actions are planned to be organized at the Magtymguly Fragi monuments installed in different countries of the world related to the life and work of the classic of Turkmen literature.

The events with participation of representatives of foreign states will be an important input to the popularization of Magtymguly’s literature and philosophic heritage, to the better understanding between the peoples of the world in general, the head of state said, having addressed to the Vice-Premier concrete instructions on ensuring high level of all holiday measures on the occasion of remarkable dates.

Speaking of celebrating in the running year of the 140th anniversary of the Turkmen capital, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has ordered to produce various films, organize exhibitions and creative contests.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiev has reported on the implementation progress of the countrywide preparation agri-works to the spring sowing campaign. Draft Resolution “On velayat zoning of agricultural crops and agri-production in 2021” has been presented to the head of state for consideration.

Total area of agricultural lands allocated in the country for cultivation of agricultural crops will be 1,393,120 hectares.

On signing the Resolution on zoning of agricultural crops and agri-production with a glance to the soil-climate conditions of velayats, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov redirected the document and instructions to the Vice-Premier via the electronic document workflow system.

The progress report of the Mejlis Speaker G. Mammedova was centered on the current law-making activity of the National Parliament, measures taken for ensuring legal buttress of social and economic

reforms implemented in the country, democratization of the Turkmen society and innovative developments.

It was mentioned that new bills are being developed in the Mejlis these days; and the work is in progress on preparation to the Halk Maslakhaty election campaign.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused on the priority directions of Mejlis activity, which is aimed at enhancement of the political culture in the country, strengthening of civil institutions and democratic values.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Minister R. Meredov has reported on the measures undertaken for establishment of the Interdepartmental Commission for development of the National Program of Turkmenistan for the Aral Sea in 2021-2025 and for exercising control over implementation of the Program.

The Concept covers such actual objectives as making favorable conditions for peoples' life, improvement of the management system and use of water resources, formation of forest zones, and protection of biodiversity.

Measures are also envisaged for improvement of the economic wealth in the Aral Region, formation there of a special industrial zone including development of agriculture and wide spread adoption of modern land-farming methods.

Construction of living and social facilities, practical use of innovations and technologies in the environment protection, scientific-research works, and improvement of the ecological awareness-raising methods are among the trends of priority.

Based on the Concept, it is proposed to establish the Interdepartmental Commission, which will work on continuing basis. In this regard, the draft Resolution has been presented to the head of state for consideration.

On signing the Resolution, the leader of nation President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has directed the document to the Vice-Premier, MFA Minister via the electronic document workflow system, having given thereto instructions on efficient organizing of the Interdepartmental Commission's work for development of the National Program for the Aral Sea in 2021-2025.

Continuing the report, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, the Foreign Minister has reported on preparation to the Ceremony of opening of the International Year of Peace and Trust, which was proclaimed by the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly.

Given the significance of the event, the head of state has highlighted that neutral Turkmenistan is invariably committed to the multi-vector cooperation with the UN, which from its very beginning is of the strategic partnership character.

Now and in the longer term, Turkmenistan would make its concrete contribution to the peace-making efforts of the United Nations, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has highlighted, having ordered to hold the Ceremony at a higher and better level in terms of organization and content.

Then, the Vice-Premier, the MFA Minister has reported on preparation to a regular session of the National Commission of Turkmenistan for UNESCO Affairs, which is planned on January 30 of the running year. The agenda will include a broad range of issues related to the events implemented in the frames of cooperation with this big specialized UN agency, as

well as the events included in the running year's plan.

The head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has noted an important role of the activity of the National Commission of Turkmenistan for UNESCO Affairs in further development of the bilateral cooperation. In this regard, the head of state has obliged the officials concerned to hold the Commission's regular session at a higher level in terms of organization and keep works going on enhancement of fruitful ties in the traditional and new directions.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, the State Security Council Secretary Ch. Amanov has reported on the measures undertaken by military and law enforcement agencies for safeguarding peace, security and stability in the country.

In addition, it was informed about recent celebration of the Motherland's Defenders Day and on the implementation progress of the military reform.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov said that sovereign neutral Turkmenistan would always be committed to its neutral status and high principles of humanity and good neighborliness the defensive Military Doctrine of the country is based on.

The leader of nation has highlighted that now and in the long term, the government would continue paying attention to strengthening of the logistics base of security agencies, would make all conditions for service and life of the Motherland's valorous defenders.

Then, the leader of nation has summed up the objectives of the Government. The main objective is to provide the stable high level of the GDP growth in the anniversary year.

To this end, all the dignitaries and chief heads are to develop the measures aimed at reaching this level and reducing the impact of negative trends in the world economy, the head of state stressed.

Addressing the members of the Cabinet of Ministers, the leader of nation has reiterated that it is necessary to take measures for provision of stable development of the national economy and reduction of possible economic loss, create every condition for achievement of the stable monetary circulation and preservation of stable macroeconomic condition.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has demanded to accelerate the work on opening of new facilities in the country, which would produce import-substituting production, and increase export volumes of national production highly-acclaimed at the domestic and foreign markets.

Not the least important are the issues related to labor market. Taking into account the emerging situations, it is necessary to provide the formation and targeted management of labor funds.

We ought to modernize the national statistic system and determine the types of statistic reporting – to sum them up and delete the ones that expired and are not important. It is necessary to take measures for transition to digital system of work using the world practice in this sphere.

Of great importance is also the task of exercising strict control over financing of construction of the industrial and social facilities, which are to be

commissioned on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Motherland's independence.

The head of state Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has focused on the importance of wide spread adoption of banking services and electronic payments. It is necessary to increase the system of non-cash payments, make conditions for stable monetary circulation, increase the trust in the banking system and its attractiveness, and provide the efficiency and timely return of credits.

It is necessary to simplify the process of attraction and payment of monetary deposits to individuals and legal entities of the private sector as well as to review the payment for services in order to promote competitions among the banks.

The members of the Government have received the instruction to monthly check foreign currency income of the branches and their impact on the country's foreign trade turnover.

It is necessary to undertake a complex of measures for attraction of resources, credits and grants of international financial structures (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Asian Development Bank) for supporting of small and medium businesses.

President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov has also exhorted to enforce works on the development of other sources of investments through the government-private sector cooperation on the basis of mixed financial principles.

Having drawn attention of the participants on the by-now influence of the "fourth industrial revolution" on the political, economic and social systems of the national economy, the Turkmen leader has ordered to approach in a new way to the solution of the relevant issues in all spheres.

Taking into account the regulatory role of the government, the members of the Government were entrusted with a task to provide comprehensive development of market structures and methods, develop workable measures for privatization of the state-owned property.

The head of Turkmenistan has noted that at present time, the NGO share in the gross domestic product (GDP) is 70 percent. In this regard, it was ordered to take all measures for creating advantageous conditions for development of the non-government sector of the economy, and in 2021 to bring the share of this sector in the structure of the GDP to 70.6 percent.

Finishing the online session of the Cabinet of Ministers, President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov wished strong health, family wealth, and big success in work to the session participants.

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#### **ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW**

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• By the Ukases of the President of Turkmenistan, for the many-year meritorious labor and proficiency, the honorary title "Honored Lawyer of Turkmenistan and early qualification promotion to the rank of Senior Legal Adviser are conferred on the Adalat Minister of Turkmenistan Legal Adviser of Begmurat Rahmanglyevich Muhamedov.

• By the Ukases of the President of Turkmenistan, Chairman of the State Customs Service of Turkmenistan Maksat Agamyradovich Hudaikulyev is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

• The President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the country's Armed Forces Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov signed the Ukase, which resolves –for great achievements in work, in honor of Motherland's Defenders Day, to decorate a group of servicemen and workers of the military and law enforcement agencies with state awards of Turkmenistan.

• The President of Turkmenistan, Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the country's Armed Forces Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov signed the Ukase, which resolves – for the meritorious work aimed at strengthening of the independent Motherland's defense capacity, law and order in the society, and in honor of Motherland's Defenders Day, to promote a group of servicemen and workers of the military and law enforcement agencies of the country in military and special ranks.

• The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on renaming the Precious Metals and Stones Committee of the Central Bank into the namesake Fund of the Central Bank and on approving the Regulations of the Fund.

• The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on approving the 2021 Plan for velayat zoning of crops to be cultivated..

• The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on establishing of the Interdepartmental Commission for development of the National Program of Turkmenistan for the Aral Sea in 2021-2025 and for exercising control over the Resolution implementation.

The document also approves the Concept of the National Program of Turkmenistan for the Aral Sea for 2021-2025, the composition and Regulations of the within-named Commission.

• The President of Turkmenistan signed the Resolution on holding in the period throughout September 6-12, 2021 in the Tennis Complex of the Ashgabat Olympic Village of the round of Davis Cup International Tournament.

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#### **APPOINTMENTS**

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

Lieutenant-Colonel **Yazgeldi Byashimovich Nuryev** – Chief Head of the State Border of Turkmenistan – the Commander of Border Troops and early promoting to the rank of the Colonel;

Colonel **Muhammetgeldi Babageldiyevich Agageldiyev** – Rector of the National Security Institute of Turkmenistan.

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#### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

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

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**The online Turkmenistan-Belarus ministerial-level consultations were held at the Ministry**

### **of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan with the participation of Foreign Minister of the Republic of Belarus Vladimir Makey.**

The agenda of meeting included discussion of the interest-based topical directions of the bilateral cooperation in the political-diplomatic, trade-economic and cultural-humanitarian fields. Particular emphasis was placed on the importance of high-level contacts in strengthening of the traditional friendly interstate relations.

The sides have recognized productivity of the dialogue in the frames of the reputable regional and international organizations, such as the United Nations, the OSCE, the CIS, and others. Particularly, consideration was given to the interaction in the format of the Commonwealth of Independent States, which serves as an effective platform for collaboration in a broad range of directions.

Lively discussions were also concentrated on the issues of furthering the trade-economic partnership advancement. In this regard, the sides have emphasized the role of the Joint Intergovernmental Commission and the Trading Houses of Turkmenistan and the Republic of Belarus in fostering of the volumes and enhancement of the gamut of the countries' trade turnover.

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### **The Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan hosted an online meeting with a team of experts of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) led by Natalia Tamirisa.**

In the course of opinions exchange, the meeting participants summed up the results of the IMF experts' ten-day meetings with chief heads and specialists of a number of ministries and sectoral departments of our country. The medium-term prospects for economic development and the current state of the Turkmen economy were in the center of the agenda of the meeting.

Grateful to the state departments of Turkmenistan for their informative and constructive interaction, the IMF experts have avowed their readiness to continue providing support in the implementation of the President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov's socially-oriented policy that contributes to the progress of the country and well-being of its citizens.

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### **The ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan hosted an online meeting with the Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Hadi Soleimanpur.**

Having discussed the current state and priority vectors of interaction on the ECO platform, the participants of the online meeting have highlighted the meaningfulness of activation of contacts in the light of the global challenges.

It was noted that as an initiator of the trade-economic, large transport and energy projects in the region, Turkmenistan promotes considerably achievement of the ECO's goals.

One of the tangible evidences is the President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov's active position in promoting economic development of neighboring Afghanistan, including such branches, as energy, transport, and communications.

In the course of meeting, the head of the foreign-policy of Turkmenistan and the ECO Secretary General

have highlighted the importance of wide interaction in deepening of the regional economic integration.

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## *STATECRAFT*

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### **Pre-election registration of national observers**

In the frames of the ongoing public-political election campaign of members of the Halk Maslakhaty Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan and in tune with Article 6 of the Election Code of Turkmenistan, registration of national observers was held.

Political parties, social associations, citizens and candidates have the right to appoint national observers.

As of today, 436 observers have been registered from the Democratic Party, the Party of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the Agrarian Party, public organizations, as well as groups of citizens, including 61 - in Akhal velayat, 88 - Balkan velayat, 80 - Dashoguz velayat, 83 - Lebap velayat, 92 - Mary velayat, and 32 - Ashgabat City. Training seminars and extension courses are a good opportunity for the potential observers to get acquainted with the amendments in the national electoral legislation, their official duties, and the election procedures.

According to the Election Code, the right of national observers to monitor elections comes into force since the day of their registration and terminates on the day of official release of the election results.

The observers will attend meetings of election commissions, meetings of the velayat, etrap, and city Halk Maslakhaty, observe the preparation and organization of elections, their compliance with the electoral legislation of Turkmenistan.

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## *SOCIETY*

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### **Session of the Interdepartmental Commission on Human Rights**

On the past week, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a regular meeting of the Interdepartmental Commission on ensuring fulfillment of Turkmenistan's international obligations in the field of human rights and international humanitarian law. Representatives of the Mejlis, of a number of ministries and sectoral departments, and social organizations of the country attended the meeting.

The meeting agenda implied consideration of the results of the Commission's activity in 2020 work as well as the Action Plan for the running year.

It was noted that during the reporting period, the steps were taken to further democratize and strengthen the legal foundations of the state. A striking example of this is the improvement of constitutional norms on the National Parliament.

Particular attention in the Commission's report was concentrated on drafting of the national programs in the sphere of gender equality and on the state's youth policy, as well as the plans for realization of the programs aimed at wide spread adoption of legal guarantees.

The meeting participants have also summed up the outcomes of realization of the Plan on the implementation of international humanitarian law for

2018-2020 and discussed the draft Work Plan in this area for 2021-2023.

During the consultations, special attention was given to the traditional humanitarian dialogue, in education in particular. The issues of enhancing cooperation and experience exchange in the field of healthcare also received consideration.

By results of negotiations, the “Program of cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus for 2021-2022” was signed.

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## CULTURAL HERITAGE

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### Session of the National Commission of Turkmenistan for the UNESCO Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a regular session of the National Commission of Turkmenistan for the UNESCO Affairs. The session was attended by a number of chief heads and leading specialists of core ministries and departments of the country, as well as of the capital’s administration and mass media.

The session agenda implied a broad range of issues related to the cooperation advancement with that large specialized structure of the United Nations Organization. One of them is advancement to the UNESCO List of World Heritage of several national monuments in the serial nomination “Silk Road: Zaravshan- Karakum Corridor”.

In this context, consideration was given to the monuments located on that section of the caravan route – the Amul Fortress, Mansaf Stronghold, Kyonegala, Akjagala and Gyzyljagala caravansaries, At-Tahmalaj camp, medieval city of Kushmeyhan, which are the deserved candidates to be included into the UNESCO World Heritage List.

In this context, the participants of session spoke of the importance of signing the “Agreement between the Ministry of Culture of Turkmenistan, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Uzbekistan on joint advancement, management and safeguarding of the component of the Serial Transnational Nomination “Silk Road: Zaravshan-Karakum Corridor” to the UNESCO World Heritage List”.

At the same time, the agenda of the Commission’s session included the proposal on nominating Ashgabat to the UNESCO Creative City Network. The undertaken measures and would-be work for opening of the UNESCO departments in the national universities and inclusion of certain secondary schools of the country to the network of the UNESCO Associated Schools will also be discussed.

The talk is about the historical-cultural objects, which have become a subject to the studies during the expeditions made by specialists of the National Department of Turkmenistan on Protection, Study and Restoration of historical and cultural monuments and the State Historical and Cultural Reserve “Ancient Merv” in association with experts of the Institute of Archaeology of the London University (Great Britain) along the Amul – Merv section of the Great Silk Road.

In the context of the tasks outlined by the head of state, consideration was also given to the Work Plan of the Commission for 2021- the year proclaimed under the slogan “Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust”.

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## FORUMS

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### Official startup of the International Year of Peace and Trust

The Turkmen capital hosted a grand Ceremony of opening of International Year of Peace and Trust, which was proclaimed by the relevant Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly adopted on the initiative of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov.

The Ceremony, which was held in the Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was attended by foreign diplomats, heads of Representative Offices of the reputable international organizations accredited to our country, including the Acting Permanent Representative of the UN to Turkmenistan, the UNICEF Representative in our country Christine Weigand, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Central Asia, head of the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia Natalya Gherman, head of the OSCE Center in Ashgabat Ambassador Natalya Drozd. The Ceremony was also attended by Deputies of the Mejlis, directors of universities of the country, representatives of national and foreign mass media.

The speeches of the heads of large UN structures and other authoritative regional and international organizations were delivered at the Ceremony in the online format.

Opening the Ceremony, Acting Permanent UN Coordinator to Turkmenistan, UNICEF Representative Christine Weigand has noted the importance of International Year of Peace and Trust for safeguarding peace, stability and understanding between the nations.

Speaking on behalf of the Turkmen side, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan R. Meredov has extended sincere gratitude to the participants of the Ceremony for support of the initiative on opening of International Year of Peace and Trust – startup of a landmark political event.

There are deep political logic and symbolism in the fact that International Year of Peace and Trust was preceded by the 25th anniversary of Turkmenistan’s permanent neutrality status – the last year’s event of global significance.

The potential of neutrality, as one of the important and recognized tools in safeguarding peace, stability, and security, is highly acclaimed today. In the International Year of Peace and Trust, Turkmenistan will apply every effort to put in motion its peace-making potential and experience to achieve the Year’s goals and tasks.

What is above all needed in the forthcoming period is to concentrate and lay special stress on a number of directions of paramount importance.

First, it refers to strengthening of international law, assertion of the leading role of the UN in safeguarding of universal peace and security, consolidation of its role as the only organization with universal mandate and legitimacy.

Second – preservation of the strategic stability and support of its integral part – the disarmament processes and prevention of the spread of mass-destruction weapons.

Third – uncompromising combating the international terrorism, trans-border organized crime. In this case, realization of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy is a decisive factor.

Among other directions of priority are: support and strengthening of the preventive diplomacy as an important tool for prevention of disputes and conflicts; provision of energy, transport, water and food security; solution of problems of refugees and migrants.

Undoubtedly, the Year's task of primary importance is consolidation of international efforts for combating virus pandemic and elimination of its consequences.

At the forum, the speeches were also delivered by: Head of the United Nations Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia Natalya Gherman; Chairman of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly Volkan Bozkir; Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan under the UN A. Atayeva; Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization Hadi Soleimanpour; Chairman of the Executive Committee – the CIS Executive Secretary Sergey Lebedev; Chairman of the UNESCO General Conference Altay Jengizer; General Director of the UN Department in Geneva Tatyana Valova; UNESCO Assistant Director General for Africa Department Firmin Edouard Matoko; Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization Lassina Zerbo.

Using the online format channel, the floor was also given to other foreign participants of the Ceremony, including representatives of different UN member-states.

The speakers have highlighted the neutral Turkmenistan's active position in integrating of common efforts in strengthening of universal peace, security and stability, in working out of balanced solutions of the present-day problems of vital importance.

High assessment of neutral Turkmenistan's input to peaceful socioeconomic revivification of Afghanistan has been given in the speech of the Head of the OSCE Center in Ashgabat Ambassador Natalya Drozd.

In the course of the Ceremony, consideration was also given to the opportunity of conducting joint measures in the frames of the International Year of Peace and Trust; and the interested opinions exchange took place on advancement of cooperation between the countries, including expansion of the activity on the platforms of regional and international organizations. By results of the forum, the Roadmap of observing the International Year of Peace and Trust has been adopted.

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## **HEALTH**

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### **Turkmenistan keeps work going on registering the infectious disease prevention vaccines**

In accordance with the legislation of Turkmenistan, the country keeps work going

on registration of vaccines for prevention of viral diseases. Moreover, on behalf of President Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov, the negotiations are held with foreign manufacturers.

In particular, by results of the expert analysis, the Center for Registration of Medicines and State Quality Control under the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan issued a Certificate of Registration of the second Russian vaccine – “EpiVacCorona”.

The vaccine was developed at the Federal State-Funded Institution – “The State Research Center of Virology and Biotechnology “VECTOR” of the Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing.

After issuance of the Registration Certificate for a vaccine, the purchase and use of the vaccine in our country is authorized.

The new vaccine - «EpiVacCorona» - has passed all tests and proven the highest degree of safety. At the same time, the efficiency of “EpiVacCorona” was 100 percent.

In comparison with “Sputnik V”, the “EpiVacCorona” is a peptide-based vaccine. In this case, another mechanism of action is implemented: the drug consists of artificially synthesized short fragments of coronavirus proteins-peptides, through which the immune system ‘learns’, and then itself recognizes and neutralizes the virus.

After the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan is the first country in the world to register the “EpiVacCorona” vaccine, and the first country in Central Asia to officially approve the use of “Sputnik V” vaccine in its territory, and ranks among the top ten countries that have registered it.

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## **COMMODITIES EXCHANGE NEWS**

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93 trade deals were registered at the past week's trades at the State Commodities and Raw materials Exchange of Turkmenistan.

The deals in the foreign currency for purchasing of the ultimate oil coke (Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex) were made by entrepreneurs from China, Great Britain, and Turkey.

Besides, the contracts in the foreign currency for purchasing of the colorless sheet glass and cotton yarn were made by representatives of business circles of the Russian Federation, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, and Uzbekistan. The sum total of the deals is over US \$9,918 thousand.

The entrepreneurs from the UAE, Great Britain, Turkey, Scotland, and Kazakhstan made the in-manat deals for purchasing of the cotton yarn (21,248 thousand manats).

For the domestic market, local businessmen made contracts for purchasing of the produce of the Turkmenbashi Refinery Complex – polypropylene, polypropylene bags, and coextrusion polypropylene film, as well as hand-made carpets, cotton fiber, plastic ware. The sum total of the deals exceeded 105,029 thousand manats.





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