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## President of Turkmenistan receives WHO Regional Director for Europe

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Zsuzsanna Jakab, the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for Europe.

Thanking for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the guest cordially congratulated Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the Health National Programme that had been developed under the leadership of the Turkmen leader who was in charge of the national health sector for many years.

Thanking for the hearty congratulations, the President emphasized that actively contributing to noble undertakings of the global community, Turkmenistan attached particular significance to developing the fruitful dialogue with the United Nations and its largest agencies including the WHO that the country had been successfully cooperating with for many years. As is known, the country was able to make impressive progress through fruitful partnership and the Turkmen leader's policy aimed at bringing the national health system in compliance with international standards. That was illustrated by a number of joint projects and programmes implemented in various branches of medicine and the international certificates awarded to Turkmenistan as recognition of the country's profound contribution to health care development.

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## President of Turkmenistan receives EU Special Envoy for Central Asia

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Ambassador Pierre Morel, EU Special Envoy on Central Asia and Georgia, who had arrived in Ashgabat to participate in the international forum on water resources management and environmental protection.

Thanking the Turkmen leader for the opportunity of a personal meeting, the guest said that he was glad to visit the Turkmen capital that stood today as the centre of international cooperation in addressing global development challenges that required concerted efforts of the Central Asia states as well as partner countries, in particular the European community. Emphasizing that Turkmenistan's constructive policy that facilitated creating a climate of mutual confidence and understanding on the Eurasian geopolitical space had earned the country recognition and respect worldwide, the EU representative focused on the international response drawn by the Turkmen leader's initiatives to work out the regional action strategy for saving the Aral Sea and achieving environmental security as an essential factor for sustainable development of the region and the wellbeing of peoples.

Greeting the guest, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov focused on Turkmenistan's commitment to an active dialogue with its dependable partners including the EU member states that our country developed strategic partnership with. Touching upon the agenda of the international water forum, the Turkmen leader emphasized that the international legal mechanism for saving the Aral Sea and ensuring effective management of water resources should be developed on the basis of mutual respect and in compliance with universally recognized norms and standards of international law. In this regard the President focused on the significance of the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Organization and the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea aimed at intensifying partnership between the Central Asian states and the authoritative international organisations.

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## President of Turkmenistan receives UN high-ranking official

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received Jan Kubis, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), who had arrived in the Turkmen capital to participate in the high-level regional meeting on water resources in Central Asia.

Expressing gratitude for the opportunity of a personal meeting the high-ranking representative of the authoritative international organisations conveyed the hearty greetings of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who had addressed profound gratitude for heartfelt welcome and hospitality extended during his visit to Ashgabat.

Thanking for the kind words, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov expressed the best wishes to the head of the United Nations Organization noting that he had the warm recollections about the personal meeting with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon that had offered a powerful impetus to foster long-term partnership.

Focusing with satisfaction on the high dynamics of the fruitful dialogue established in the past years, the President and his guest exchanged views on the ways to intensify traditional cooperation between Turkmenistan and the UN agencies including the Economic Commission for Europe. Emphasizing that Turkmenistan attached special significance to partnership with the United Nations and built it on a long-term, equal basis, the leader of the Turkmen state reaffirmed that Turkmenistan remained committed to expanding and deepening partnership through launching new joint projects and programmes in various fields.

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## President of Turkmenistan receives Ambassador of Poland

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to Turkmenistan Stefan Radomski who presented his credentials to the leader of Turkmenistan.

Thanking for the heartfelt and cordial welcome extended in the Turkmen land, the diplomat conveyed the hearty congratulations of the Polish people to the President of Turkmenistan on the national holiday Galla Bayramay celebrated recently throughout Turkmenistan and emphasized that the Government of his country stood for maintaining actively the fruitful intergovernmental dialogue established in recent years.

Thanking for the cordial congratulations, Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov congratulated Ambassador Stefan Radomski on the appointment to the important diplomatic post and wished every success in performing the noble mission to further strengthen the ties of friendship and brotherhood between the peoples of Turkmenistan and Poland. The President of Turkmenistan expressed his deepest condolences over tragic death of President of Poland Lech Kaczynski with whom the Turkmen leader had met several times to discuss the prospects for developing intergovernmental relations during the personal meetings.

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## President of Turkmenistan considers Polimeks's new projects

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov reviewed the new projects developed prepared by the Turkish company Polimeks, a long-term partner of our country in the construction sector. The Vice Premiers, the heads of the Mejlis, the high-ranking officials of the particular ministries and departments attended the presentation, which took place in the Serdar Hotel on the Caspian seashore.

CEO of Polimeks Erol Tabanca reported to President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on the progress of construction work carried out by the Turkish company in Turkmenistan and expressed keen interest in furthering mutually advantageous cooperation.

The fragments of the Monument to the Constitution under construction in the Turkmen capital and the layouts of its ground and first layers and draft design of the cultural centre, which would be built nearby, were presented to the President of Turkmenistan for consideration. The Turkmen leader considered the project of construction and improvement of Chandybil Avenue in Ashgabat, which would run parallel to Archabil Avenue, including lighting, planting of greenery and landscape design.

The Turkish specialists presented the draft design of a 60,000-seat stadium that would be built in the Olympic Village in Ashgabat including the unique complex of sports facilities and the project of reconstruction of the Olympic Stadium in the Turkmen capital.

The film presenting the progress in reconstruction and improvement of Neutrality Avenue and the Polimeks's proposals on construction of the new international airport in Ashgabat was demonstrating to the presentation participants. Then the Turkmen leader considered the draft designs of the air harbour of the capital and the projects for reconstruction of improvement of the above-mentioned highway.

The President considered the draft design of the monument to a thermometer that Polimeks proposed to build at the intersection of Neutrality Avenue and 10 Yyl Abadanchylyk Street.

The Turkish partners had developed the project of a desalination unit with the capacity of 50,000 cubic metres a day and the water supply system in the maritime town of Turkmenbashi. Additional water supply networks would be built to improve water supply in the western region of the country.

Then the national leader Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov considered the development plan including improvement of adjacent territory and construction of a canal that would protect the Turkmen capital from mud streams.

Considering thoroughly the projects developed by Polimeks, the President of Turkmenistan provided the recommendations and suggestions and noted that the major guidelines for developing and implementing projects must be advanced technical and engineering thought and innovative technologies as well as a thoughtful, integrated and systematic approach.

In particular, touching upon the project of reconstruction and improvement of Neutrality Avenue and construction of Chandybil Avenue the Turkmen leader said that it should widely apply design ideas and technological innovations including street lighting, billboards and other aesthetic elements of modern urban landscape. A thoughtful approach should be taken to planting of greenery that was an integral component of a comfortable urban environment.

Touching upon the project of the Monument to the Constitution that would be a symbol of the firmness of the foundations of independent neutral Turkmenistan, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov suggesting building the museum building and laying up a public park between the monumental complex and cultural centre that would become an element of green attire of the city and one of favourite recreation areas of people and guests of Ashgabat.

Emphasizing that the unalterable requirements set by Turkmenistan to foreign partners remained perfect quality of work, the Turkmen leader [provided the suggestions and recommendations on the projects presented.

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### **President of Turkmenistan receives top managers of Deutsche Bank AG**

In the Serdar Hotel in the Avaza national tourism zone on the Caspian seashore President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov received the high-ranking representatives of the Deutsche Bank AG Jurgen Fitschen, a member of Deutsche Bank's Management Board and Peter Tils, CEO Central and Eastern Europe of Deutsche Bank AG.

Greeting heartily the leader of the Turkmen state, the guest expressed gratitude for the opportunity to discuss the major aspects of long-term mutually advantageous partnership during a personal meeting. The guests said that Deutsche Bank AG was proud of cooperation with dynamically developing Turkmenistan and interested in enhancing further bilateral collaboration.

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov said that having launched fundamental reforms, Turkmenistan endeavoured to develop international cooperation and in this regard attached particular significance to adoption of best international practice in management and advanced technologies and purchase of state-of-the-art equipment. In this regard the Turkmen leader stated with satisfaction that a number of the leading German companies partnering with Deutsche Bank had been actively collaborated with Turkmenistan for many years in implementing important national projects.

During the meeting the sides exchanged views on the prospects and possibilities for enhancing bilateral cooperation in the framework of large-scale reforms taking place in Turkmenistan. Noting that Deutsche Bank AG was interested in expanding further business partnership, Mr. Jurgen Fitschen said that the key factors underling this interest included extreme attractiveness of the Turkmen market and the conditions conducive to business activity including the favourable investment climate. In this context the guests noted that the German business circle stood ready to offer their expertise, innovations and advanced technologies in various fields to Turkmenistan. The priority fields included the banking and financial sphere and the fuel and energy sector.

Thanking for such a constructive approach to partnership, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov said the vast opportunities were opened up today for effective cooperation between Turkmenistan and Germany.

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## Effected water resources management in region in focus of international forum

The international forum entitled "Central Asia Water Dialogue Meeting: Implementation of the IFAS Summit Conclusions and Outcomes of the UN Secretary-General's visit to Central Asia" took place in the Turkmen capital. The participants of the forum held at the UN Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia were the high-ranking officials of the Central Asian governments and the authoritative international organisations including the United Nations, the European Union, OSCE, the World Bank and the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS). The representatives of the Afghan Government and UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan took part as observers.

The forum focused on the ways to ensure efficient management of water resources in the interests of the Central Asian states and intensify the dialogue on these issues in the context of the visit of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the region in April 2010 and the decisions of the Summit of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS). As is known, the IFAS was founded in 1993 by the decision of the Central Asian leaders with the view of sponsoring joint action plans and potential programmes aimed at overcoming the Aral Sea crisis, improving the environmental and socioeconomic situation in the Aral Sea Basin. The IFAS founders are Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Our country as one of the founders of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea plays an increasing role in addressing environmental problems in the region by putting forward substantial initiatives in this field. President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov emphasizes that water and land problems facing Central Asia today should be solved exclusively in compliance with universally recognized standards and principles of international law and in the interests of the Central Asian states. In this regard a critical role is assigned to the United Nations, in particular the UN Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia. The Memorandum of Understanding signed by the United Nations Organisation and the IFAS Executive Committee (EC IFAS) in the Turkmen capital this spring promotes positive cooperation.

Jan Kubis, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Pierre Morel, EU Special Envoy on Central Asia and Georgia, Motoo Konishi, World Bank Regional Director for Central Asia attended the forum. Addressing the forum Jan Kubis emphasized that the high-level meeting in Ashgabat attended by the Central Asian delegations, the high-ranking officials of the international and regional organisations highlighted the need for close collaboration between the IFAS and the international organisations including the UN Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia.

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## Advanced medical technologies to be exhibited

The ceremony of opening the Epoch of Great Revival of Turkmenistan and Health Reforms-2010 International Conference has taken place at the Exhibition Centre in Ashgabat today. The forum is organized by the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Turkmenistan.

The representatives of the 180 companies specializing in production of pharmaceutical products and medical equipment and international experts in various fields of medicine from 43 countries including Germany, Britain, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, India and Russia arrived in Ashgabat to participate in the forum.

It is symbolic that the exhibition is held on the eve of the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the new health strategy that is embodied in the Health Programme developed by the

national leader Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov and the Day of Healthcare and Medical Workers established in accordance with the Decree of the President of Turkmenistan last year.

Keen interest shown by foreign companies manufacturing state-of-the-art medical equipment and pharmaceutical products in Turkmenistan is conditioned by the reform launched in the national health system on the initiative of the Turkmen leader guaranteeing high-quality medical services to citizens of the country.

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### **President of Turkmenistan holds government meeting**

In the Serdar Hotel in the Avaza national tourism zone President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov held a meeting the Vice Premieres, the heads of the Mejlis, the Balkan Velayat Khyakim and the Chairman of the Committee for the Avaza National Tourism Zone who reported on the ongoing work in the sectors under their supervision and the measures taken to organize summer holidays of workers of various sectors.

Focusing on the aspects of further development of the Avaza national tourist zone, the Turkmen leader gave the relevant instructions to the Chairman of the Committee for the Avaza National Tourism Zone T. Shiraliev and Balkan Velayat Khyakim S. Satlykov. Demanding that they would ensure proper use and maintenance of the facilities built in the territory of the Caspian seaside resort, the high quality of services provided to holidaymakers and strict adherence to sanitary standards, the Turkmen leader ordered to keep strict control of further development and improvement of the tourism zone.

Chairperson of the Mejlis A. Nurberdyeva informed the President that the members of the national Parliament were spending holidays in Avaza and improving their health in other health resorts including Archman, Yyly Suv and at the Bayramali sanatorium that had been renovated due to the reforms taking place throughout the country on the initiative of the national leader. On behalf of the member of the Parliament the Chairperson of Mejlis expressed deep, since gratitude to President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov for the opportunity to spend wonderful holidays.

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## INTERNATIONAL TENDERS

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<b>1</b>	<b>"Turn -Key" Construction of Second branch of the underground crossing of Malay-Bahtıyarlık Gas Pipeline across of The Amuderya River</b>	<b>TURKMENGAS SC</b>	<b>06.08.2010</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>"Turn-Key" Construction of Oil And Gas Weells on the Areas of SC "Turkmenneft" with Condition of attraction of Local Labour Force and Training of Local Specialists</b>	<b>TURKMENNEFT SC</b>	<b>16.08.2010</b>

## Exchange news

21 transactions were concluded at the State Commodity and Raw Materials Exchange of Turkmenistan last week.

The businessmen from the United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan and the Virgin Islands concluded the transactions in the foreign currency for technical kerosene and gasoline produced at the Turkmenbashi oil refineries. The businessmen from the UAE and the Virgin Islands bought stove gasoline produced at Seydi oil refinery and the buyers from Afghanistan concluded the transactions for liquefied gas from the Nayip terminal. Also, the transactions in the foreign currency were concluded for greige yarn, ginned cotton and bleached cotton fibre. The buyer-countries: Russia, Turkey and the Marshall Islands. The contracts concluded in the foreign currency totalled over US\$ 70.321 million.

The businessmen from the United Kingdom bought raw fatty acids; from the United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, India and Kazakhstan bought cattle skin; from Kyrgyzstan - dyed terry towels for deposit manats. The businessmen from the United Arab Emirates bought greige yarn tails. The contracts concluded in deposit manats currency totalled over 2.563 million.

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Picture of the Week

