The country has been providing Kazakhstan ratifies Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

By Nurlan Alymumert

The treaty must be signed and ratified by at least 50 countries to come into effect. Seventy countries have signed the treaty and 24 have deposited their ratification instruments, the treaty secretariat said in a March 2, 2018 statement. One and a half million people noticed from the nuclear waste conducted over 40 years at the Sox

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Kazakhstan stands for the enforcing the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and to ensure the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

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Tokayev signs decree to eliminate debts for approximately 500,000 citizens

By Salkhat Braev

NUR-SULTAN – President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed a decree on June 30 to cancel 22,000 debt cases among the citizens of the country. The decree was signed on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the country’s founding President Nursultan Nazarbayev’s passing.

The President’s one-time action calls on the government to take measures to repay unsecured consumer loans in second-tier banks and microfinance organisations for certain segments of the population, including large families, families that have lost one parent, single parents, pensioners, disabled persons, students and children who have been diagnosed with disabilities, children with disabilities, adults who have lost their main breadwinner and those who have turned 29 years old.

According to First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Almatbek Smimov, the measures should benefit approximately 500,000 persons, primarily recipients of social aid. The position of the President is that the situation with consumer loans should not be expanded," he said during a June 27 press conference. The state will repay debts up to 3 million tenge (US$7,905) and exceed 300 thousand tenge (US$795) to second-tier banks and microfinance organisations as a one-time, targeted financial assistance measure for each borrower from the above-mentioned categories, with accrued fines and penalties to be written off at July 2.

The decree also instructs the Ministry of Finance to incorporate the acquisition of penalties, commission fees and status payments into the issuance and servicing of financial documents for all individual unsecured consumer loans of individuals more than 29 years old.

The bank shall also have loans to citizens with incomes below the subsistence minimum (29,069 tenge or 268 US$) that will be used to avoid further deterioration of their financial situation. It will take into account the regulatory measures when loans will be implemented such as considering the overrun of the debt by share of one-third of the subsistence level and financial guarantees for bank equity, among others.

President replaces his chief of staff, makes new government appointments

By Salkhat Braev

NUR-SULTAN – Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has replaced his chief of staff, as well as the government’s first deputy prime minister and minister of finance.

Tokayev was appointed as a Deputy Prime Minister from January 2013; he became the Acting Governor of the Kyrgyzstan region. Bakhtyrbek Saptygaliyev was removed from his post as the head of the Presidential Administrations to be appointed as Almaty’s Mayor. He had served as the head of the administration since March 24; prior to that, he served as the Prime Minister from Saptygaliyev’s appointment.

Saptygaliyev was appointed executive secretary of the Kazakh Ministry of Trade and Integration. Nurgazy graduated from Karaganda Economic University, Kazakhstan, and the Academy of National Economy under the Russian Government.

He began his career in 1999 in the Treasury Department of the Ministry of Finance since 2001. Over the years, he worked as a head of structural divisions in the Kazakh Statistics Ministry, the Ministries of Finance and of Economy and Budget Planning, as well as the Accountable Committee for Control over Execution of the National Budget since 2017; he served as a deputy head of the Department of State and Knowledge Management of the Presidential Administration.

Dastan Tumyntov was appointed ambassador of Kazakhstan to Kuwait and as ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan.

Tumyntov is a diplomat, a specialist in multilateral diplomacy who worked for a long time in that region. He has the diplomatic rank of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Counselor of Class I. He is fluent in Arabic, English, Turkish, French and Japanese; he worked in the Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan from 1993. Prior to his appointment, he was the ambassador at the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan in the United Nations.

Rakhataldin is a diplomat, a specialist in multilateral diplomacy, international security and disarmament. He began his diplomatic career as assistant to the president in 1997; he served as a deputy director of the President’s Office of Kazakhstan. In 2010, he served as the head of the strategic department in the President’s Office of Kazakhstan. He was appointed executive secretary of the President’s Office of Kazakhstan from 2012.

Smailov said the government will continue to implement the President’s initiatives, including setting up a mentorship programme, providing microfinance loans for farmers and small businesses, as well as the country’s founding President Nursultan Nazarbayev’s initiative to move the country’s capital to Nur-Sultan.

"The measures in the action plan fully reflect the political course of Nur-Sultan, the achievements of our state, and Kazakhstan’s third modernization strategy, the President’s initiative on the appointment of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kairat Abdrakhmanov,” he said in a June 25 government session.

The action plan is aimed at making the rule of law and judiciary, increasing public safety, cutting costs at all levels and improving social security targeting low-income and large families.

Among the initiatives is the introduction of a social card or social ID to track the implementation and control of social aid and social assistance. It will cover all citizens and all social obligations of the state, including the country’s citizens and vulnerable categories.

The justice part of the plan includes improving Kazakhstan’s judicial system by introducing electronic protocols for court setting to address a shortage of specialists, expanding access to mass media aid, bringing mobile doors to reduce fees and prolonging the court process.

The doctor to patient load is expected to drop to 1,750 persons, bringing Kazakhstan closer to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) standard of minimum 3,000 persons. Healthcare expenditure is also expected to reach 3 percent of the country’s GDP by 2025.

"In the last seven years, pricing in the healthcare system has been at a stable level. This is why we will be capable with 11,000 salaried medical employees. Free-handled and twenty-four-hour primary care facilities will go through a major modernization, improving the quality of primary education, transitioning to an updated school curriculum, implementing 15-year free social education and incorporating the use of three languages are among the education goals.

In order to increase the country’s GDP by 2025, Kazakhstan’s medium-sized businesses in the economy to 35 percent by 2025 and 50 percent by 2030. The new government will also increase loans microfinance organizations to support small and medium-sized businesses. The action plan includes improving Kazakhstan’s business environment and enforcing the rule of law and judiciary.

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Climate change may cut grain harvest by 37 percent by 2030

By Aisulu Yergazy

NUR-SULTAN – The Kazakh Region will be launching six alternative energy projects totaling 133 billion tenge (US$344.16 million) as part of the country’s energy independence drive; local authorities expect the share of alternative energy in the increase of energy production to 45 percent by 2030, said head of the regional energy and Utilities Department, a June 18 press briefing.

Two wind farms with 45-megawatt (MW) and 70-megawatt (MW) capacity are currently being set up in the Arshaly district, Kokshetau (regional centre), Sandektau, and Turkestan and Yermakovsky districts.

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Installation of wind turbines for the second stage, the company expects the plant to have a capacity of 100 MW. The capacity will double again upon the finalization of the third stage.

KazTransEnergo plans to commission a 100-MW solar power plant in Turkestan district next year. The 55.5-MW (13.8 million) investment is being completed with the participation of foreign capital.

The construction of the 300-hectare tract has been allocated, and design and work packages are underway.

ForteWind (MW) and Golden Energy (MW) plan to commission power stations in 2022.

The deadline to implement the last project, the 2.5-MW (1.7 billion tenge-US$4.49 million) wind power plant, is 2022.
Debt relief for approximately 500,000 to cost $274 million over two years

Since the beginning of the year, more than 36,000 people have been provided with social assistance. The Ministry plans to increase this number to 39,000 individuals in 2020.

Social sector spending has been increasing on average 15.6 percent per year for the last five years. Total government spending over that same period has been increasing an average of 12.5 percent per year.

The state guarantees 39 types of social assistance. In 2019, 3.8 million Kazakhs received 13.4 billion tenge (US$35.2 million) in social benefits, which is 20.9 percent higher than in 2018. Social benefits are provided to people who have undergone training in the system of compulsory social insurance. The Kazakh government allocated the second biggest share of state budget expenses for January to April to the education sector at 17.6 percent or nearly 671 billion tenge (US$1.7 billion), which is 16.2 percent more than the same period in 2019.

Expenditures on the healthcare sector for January to April increased 12.7 percent to 488.9 billion tenge, accounting for 11.4 percent of the total.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection has announced its plans to set up a state budget for expenditures from January to May for three government institutions: the Ministry, the Ministry of Education and Science, and the Ministry of Finance. The state budget includes 58.3 percent for the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, 26.8 percent for the Ministry of Education and Science, and 14.9 percent for the Ministry of Finance.

The social assistance programme is aimed at providing support to the most vulnerable groups of the population, including those in the process of social rehabilitation, and those who are not able to work due to health reasons.

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The Astana Times is a public daily independent newspaper in Kazakhstan, established in 1996. It is one of the largest newspapers in Kazakhstan and one of the most reputable newspapers in Central Asia. The newspaper is printed in Astana, Kazakhstan, and distributed throughout the country and internationally. The newspaper covers a wide range of topics including politics, economy, culture, and social issues. It is published in English and Kazakh and is available in both print and digital formats. The newspaper is known for its in-depth reporting and analysis, as well as its engagement with the local and international community. It is a respected and independent source of news and information in Kazakhstan and Central Asia.
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The AIFC Islamic Finance Conference on the Islamic finance sector in Kazakhstan as well as prospects of promoting the Silk Road project, as Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister Nurlan Zhanybek emphasised the importance of educating their staffs to meet the real challenges.
KazAvtoProm increases car sales, number of domestically-assembled cars hikes

By Zhanna Shayakhmetova

NUR-SULTAN – The fourth World of Nomads festival took place June 20-29 at the Elbasy national cultural complex in the capital.

The festival included competitions of professional archers, kok- par (the ancient nomadic game) players, eagle hunters, warriors who had to create the atmosphere of life of ancient nomads.

“The main purpose of the event is to promote the cultural and historical heritage of nomads to revive traditional traditions and ideology of martial arts and to expand the cultural exchanges between countries,” according to the city administration spokesperson.

The equestrian performances of horsemen demonstrated the elements of trick riding and the techniques of equestrian battle. Combined performances of the horse, kargai, horn, sultai, sakta, sibity, samatan, ti- gedzhe and water horse were also presented. An ethnic music concert was also included in the programme.

Each kokpar team consisted of 22 participants from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Maha- golia, South Korea, Turkey and Uzbekistan. Master classes on traditional nomadic art including felting, leather working, working with silver, pottery wheel was also held during the festival.

The concept of the festival is based on the model of Kurultai a celebration of ancient traditions, which serves as a revival of an ancient Hungarian and other nomadic cultures. Hungary has hosted the Kurultai annually since 2008. Hungarian anthropologist and re- skarside Zsolt Andras Beke, who heads the Magyar Turan Foundation, serves as the main consultant of the project.

Overall, this year 108 events were held and more than 80 of these were free of charge as part of the celebration of the Day of the Capital. This year, the cultural pro- gramme was socially oriented. The concert organizers said that the proceeds from the sale of tick- ets will be given to the fund that helps the residents affected by ex- plosions in Merry.

The events kicked off with the annual ceremony of raising the na- tional flag.

Future Kazakh singer Dinmek Kadeilovgab presented a concert June 28 Moscow State Academic Theatre staged the play “Two from W” by Giuseppe and “The Cherry Orchard” by Chekhov July 3-7.

Thirteen music bands from Alge- ria, Austria, France, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mozambique, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Ukraine and Zimbabwe performed at the Spirit of Wastart 2019 inter- national concert July 5 and 6. The cultural performances featured live performances and interactive films about the project participating in the project.

The tenth Astana Samaly inter- national festival of brass orchestra- Mus gathered the best local and foreign brass groups July 4-6.

A concert dedicated to the cele- bration of the National Day of Dostums was held July 7 on the square near the Kazakh Eli monu- ment.

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“It is again quite something, because a lot of member states of the United Nations do not do that. They are ready to take children, all of children, but all of them, because they think they are all terrorists, and certainly not the parents or very rarely the mothers. This is the usual situation and it was so different with Kazakhstan, said Winter.

She noted the country’s example will be brought to the attention of other countries. “Believe me, in my visits to other countries and in Geneva, when we speak about the issue, I am going to cite the example of Kazakhstan. It is a really good example. The committee on the rights of the child collects good initiatives, good examples and bad examples and when we have a good example, we always mention a country,” she said.

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International Yoga Day celebrated

By Aimer Saldakhovzew

NUR-SULTAN – The fifth International Day of Yoga was marked across Kazakhstan from June 24 to 28 with events organized by the embassies of different countries, the UNESCO centre and Astana Opera

The celebrations started with an inaugural ceremony held at Yoga Park in Nur-Sultan. The star attraction of the day was the fireworks display.

Ayar Malikazheva, director of Yoga Park, described the event as a global and regional scale.

“The event is important for the rapprochement of cultures in the world. It testifies to the passage of the world from a cult of the material to the path of spirit. Yoga is a solution to stress and lifestyle-related illnesses, and it is also a solution to substance abuse, alcoholism, diabetes and other evils. Demanding schedules can lead to stress and lifestyle-related illnesses. Yoga offers a solution for these problems by combining physical, mental and spiritual practices to achieve harmony of body and mind. Yoga’s emphasis on unity and harmony should also resonate as nations of the world tackle global challenges, its proponents say. Yoga offers a solution for these problems by combining physical, mental and spiritual practices to achieve harmony of body and mind. Yoga offers a solution for these problems by combining physical, mental and spiritual practices to achieve harmony of body and mind.

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The Centre for Indian Classical Dances held yoga workshops every day from June 24 to 28 at the Ak Danat Resort in the Zerenda resort zone.

International Yoga Day Celebrations finished in Nur-Sultan June 22 with a grand finale organised in the forecourt of the National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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By Zhanna Shayakhmetova

NUR-SULTAN – The Astana Opera will stage Layli Khamidi and Almat Kalmureev’s opera “Abai” July 10 and Giacomo Puccini’s opera “Madama Butterfly” July 15 in Tashkent. The company’s first tour in Uzbekistan is being organised as part of the Year of Kazakhstan in Uzbekistan.

Sahira Akhmetova, Sandir Shampurs, Mire Bazunov, Talgat Ussembayev, Berenek Tumanyan, Yasir Baimukhambetov and Syzayi Vokundzhan will perform the main parts. Opera manager Askar Barykhanov will conduct the symphony orchestra.

“Next year will mark the 175th anniversary of great Kazakh poet, composer and philosopher Abai Kunanbayev. The Astana Opera’s performance of his opera will be a notable event. The opera was performed for the first time at the Nilgiranger Theatre in South Tyrol in 1972. The Astana Opera House also presented the national classical masterpiece in Astana in 2015 after 177 UN member states signed the Solemn of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi in Astana June 25 in Paris to establish an international centre for the history and practice of intercultural dialogue on a global and regional scale. The centre will promote cultural and scientific research in related fields, produce publications and organise educational activities on the history and practice of international cultural exchange in Central Asia and other regions.

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Vasily Zhurabieev, representing the Committee of Children’s Rights Promotion of the Ministry of Education and Science, described measures already undertaken by the state. The latest draft of the law regarding juvenile justice took approximately six years in the making, due to the amount of research that had to be undertaken.

UNICEF in Kazakhstan Children and Family Protection Programme Coordinator Marat Abayev presumably posed a proposal to normalize the penal system by making three more specialized levels of social services for minors. This would help avoid the application of ‘blanket punitive measures as the solution to any infractions by minors.’

Werner also noted that special schools where Kazakh children can be sent if their schools or families can’t handle them are not discussed in terms of penal reform, even though the same rules should apply there.

Penal Reform International in Central Asia Regional Director Amanat Shymkent also said the country needs to better address instances when children end up in detention with their parents because their caregivers are serving sentences.

By Nazira Kambanova

NUR-SULTAN – Kazakhstan continued its efforts to improve and reform its juvenile justice system, with a national conference in the nation’s capital June 27 in support of the country’s juvenile penal system.

“Kazakhstan is a country that implements a fair criminal justice policy for children, meeting the requirements of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. However, there are still several issues that require special attention from both the state and society. It is very important for the administration of fair justice to be provided with the opportunity for its implementation and alternative ways of dealing with each case,” said UN Children’s Rights Chair Rainer Winter.

The conference was titled "Standing on Protection of the Rights of Children of Kazakhstan." It was organized by Penal Reform International in Central Asia and the Ministry of Education and Science. It gathered experts from the government, civil society, academia and other areas. At the conference, Deputy of the Mazhilis (lower chamber of Parliament) Zapats Bulayeva talked about existing reforms and the need for further work on the juvenile penal system. She highlighted that there should be a separation of duties performed by the state and civil society regarding juvenile justice, as the goal is adding legislative measures to the existing law. Bulayeva also said there is a need to reform existing special schools by avoiding punitive sentences.
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By Saltanat Botua

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The tract is 196 kilometres from Zhanaozen to Bozzhyra is 148 kilometres from Aktau, 238 kilometres from Karashek sor (solonchak), reached by its fascinating landscapes. The plateau cliff and the southern side of the Assy-Turgen plateau, as it is also known, can reach 50 degrees Celsius. It often rains and dew appears on the plateau in July reaches 16 degrees Celsius. It is a place to not venture in summer, and sometimes even in winter.

The Assy-Turgen observatory is the piece de resistance in the Bozzhyra tract. In 1991, the Assy-Turgen Observatory’s manifesto was prepared to support the initiative to investigate Herbig Ae/Be, symbiotic stars and binary systems with X-ray components. The institute began to set up the 1.5-metre AZT-20 reflective telescope, completing its dome and building by the beginning of the 1996s, but the collapse of the Soviet Union suspended construction, and an attempt was made to resume it until 2014. AZT-20 was finally equipped with Apogee U2CC ultra-fast camera that allowed the observatory to really take advantage of its altitude. The institute saw the first light with the telescope in October 2016 and put it into routine operation July 27, 2017, the telescope is one of the world’s largest.

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High-altitude Assy-Turgen Observatory offers visitors steppe plus stars

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Tourists can take one- to two-day guided tours to the observatory and enjoy the nature of Bozzhyra tract. The institute now includes mountaineers, horses, skiers, hikers, red-needle, foals, rams, Siberian mountain goat and Siberian stags. Wolves are regular guests in winter.

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Nur-Sultan hosts capital day celebrations, raises money for Arysta assistance

By Azhalya Kaliyeva

NUR-SULTAN – Celebrations began July 4 for the 2019 Day of the Capital marking the 21st anniversary of the establishment of Nur-Sultan, formerly Astana, as the capital of Kazakhstan.

The events featured concerts, festivals, karaoke competitions and more than 100 other events that were attended by more than 450,000 people, reported Tengrinews.kz website. The celebration events started with the Shatlyk international children’s competition. Children had a chance to showcase their singing, dancing and designing skills in this competition in the city centre square. Also, The Echo of Asia circus festival opened July 4. It brought together 70 circus performances from 15 countries. This festival was free and attracted a large audience.

July 7, celebrations started with the national flag raising ceremony, which signaled the official start of the celebration. The day was also marked by the beginning of The Spirit of Eurasia 2019 music festival that took place on the ESPF territory. This festival gathered musicians from all regions of Eurasia and the world who played music partially inspired by their heritage. Among the artists who played on the festival stage were Ak Das Group Club from South Korea, Chikio Terras from Mongolia and Spire, Zdrile from Latvia, Asia from Kazakhstan and other artists.

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By Vsevolod Yevchenko

Capital Day celebrations include 100 events, event spending scaled back

NUR-SULTAN – The Kazakh capital celebrated its 21st birthday July 6. As part of the celebrations, 100 events were held, 73 of which were free.

Some scheduled events were cancelled because of the recent tragic explosions at an ammunition depot in Arysta.

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