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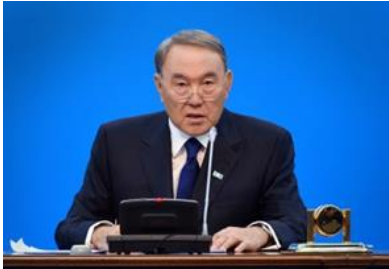


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 WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN  
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[ANNUAL STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF KAZAKHSTAN NURSULTAN NAZARBAYEV](#)



In a few days' time we will enter the 25th year of our independence. In just a quarter of a century, Kazakhstan has become not only a sovereign nation with an economy that's part of the global network, but also an equal member of the worldwide community of nations. We have endured many trials together and have steeled and strengthened. We have achieved impressive economic development at rates previously unseen in our history. Our people have never lived as well as we do now. We have achieved a great deal.

[IF LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS...](#)



Albert Einstein told us that “in the middle of difficulty, there is opportunity.” It was a message echoed by President Nursultan Nazarbayev Nov. 30 in a somber yet confident State of the Nation address. With the right policies and a national effort to see them through, he forecast that Kazakhstan could emerge from the present crisis stronger and on a faster development path.

[THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-FREE WORLD AT ITS PLENARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2015 IN NEW YORK](#)



This relevant resolution on this Declaration was initiated by the Republic of Kazakhstan and co-sponsored by 35 states representing different continents and regional groups. The vision and concept of adopting the Universal Declaration originate from the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, who initially presented it at the first Nuclear Security Summit held in April 2010, in Washington, D.C. Delegation of Kazakhstan thanks all UN member-states for their support and efforts to promote global peace and security.

[KAZAKHSTAN SEES 'BIG DANGER' IN RUSSIA-TURKEY DISPUTE, URGES CALM](#)



Kazakhstan, an ally of Russia which also has close trade, linguistic and cultural ties with Turkey, urged Moscow and Ankara on Thursday to think "strategically" and de-escalate their dispute over the Turkish downing of a Russian jet.



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### [PRESIDENT SIGNS LAW ON ASTANA INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE](#)



ASTANA – Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev signed the constitutional law “On the Astana International Financial Centre” on Dec. 7, the Akorda reported. The law supports the establishment of the new financial centre, which aims to turn Astana into a regional financial hub by creating favourable and attractive conditions for investment and finance.

### [KAZAKH FM STRESSES NEED FOR COORDINATED POLICIES ON EURASIA. STRONGER TIES WITH EUROPE](#)



VIENNA – Kazakh Foreign Minister Erlan Idrissov continued his country's public campaign aimed at promoting a framework of mutually beneficial cooperation within Central Asia and with its outside partners as he addressed a think tank gathering in Vienna Dec. 2.

### [TURKPA COUNTRIES URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN SILK ROAD ECONOMIC BELT PROJECT](#)



"Our countries have a unique opportunity of becoming a part of something big - the New Silk Road. This transcontinental route will cross the territory of our countries and is aimed at creating a unified Eurasian economic space and transport corridor along the Silk Road Economic Belt," Speaker of the Kazakh Senate Kabibulla Dzhakupov said addressing the participants of the 6th plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Turkic speaking countries (TURKPA) in Astana.

### [THE NETHERLANDS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED ITS PARTICIPATION IN EXPO 2017 \(PHOTO\)](#)



ASTANA. KAZINFORM - Today, chairman of JSC "NC" Astana EXPO-2017" Akhmetzhan Yessimov and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kazakhstan Hans Drisser have signed an agreement on participation in the international specialized exhibition EXPO-2017 which is to be held in Astana.



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### [TURKMENISTAN AND AZERBAIJAN CONFIRM PARTICIPATION IN EXPO 2017](#)



ASTANA – Commissioner of EXPO 2017 and First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan Rapol Zhoshybayev paid a working visit to Turkmenistan Dec. 2, reported the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, announcing that Turkmenistan confirmed its participation in EXPO 2017 in Astana. Later, Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan Vladimir Shkolnik travelled to Azerbaijan for several meetings, including the signing of the official agreement on Azerbaijan's participation in the event.

### [55 COUNTRIES CONFIRM PARTICIPATION IN EXPO 2017](#)



ASTANA. KAZINFORM - Chairman of the Board of "NC "Astana EXPO-2017" Akhmetzhan Yessimov has met today with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States in Kazakhstan George A. Krol, Kazinform has learnt from the company's press service.

### [KAZAKHSTAN JOINS WTO AS 162ND MEMBER](#)



ASTANA. KAZINFORM Kazakhstan became the 162nd WTO member today (30 November), closing the 20-year long chapter of negotiating its accession terms with WTO members. By depositing the "Instrument of Acceptance" of its membership terms with Director-General Roberto Azevêdo on 31 October 2015, Kazakhstan activated the 30-day countdown to its WTO membership, which became effective on 30 November 2015.



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ON 30 NOVEMBER 2015 IN NEW YORK, AT THE WIDELY KNOWN "ALICE TULLY HALL" OF THE LINCOLN-CENTER THE WEEK OF KAZAKHSTAN ARTS WAS SOLEMNLY OPENED. THIS EVENTS ARE DEDICATED TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF KAZAKHSTAN AND PROMOTE KAZAKHSTAN'S BID FOR THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL'S NON-PERMANENT SEAT FOR 2017-2018



On 30 November 2015 in New York, at the widely known "Alice Tully Hall" of the Lincoln-center the Week of Kazakhstan Arts was solemnly opened. This events are dedicated to the Independence Day of Kazakhstan and promote Kazakhstan's bid for the UN Security Council's non-permanent seat for 2017-2018.

Main purpose of this Week is to represent to the foreign community culture, traditions and arts of Kazakh people, celebrating this year 550 Anniversary of its Statehood.

At Lincoln-center Hall the big yurt with gorgeous ornamentation and vivid photo-exhibition entitled to the Capital of Kazakhstan – Astana, were installed. Exhibition was followed by the performance of the well-known talented Kazakh folk musical group "Oral Sazy" by the Philharmonic named after Garifolla Kurmangaliyev. The pool of talented musicians – participants of the number of international festivals - demonstrated by their play ancient Kazakh melodies and musical instruments.

Gala-show of the Astana Ballet group "Astana Ballet Gala" has become a culmination moment of the evening. Repertoire full of new ideas and trends was represented to American audience. The "Astana Ballet" has its own unique character and repertoire as noted US critics. The Programme of "Astana Ballet Gala" contains the best Theatre performance, created by Kazakh, Russian and American choreographers.

The prestigious Hall of the Lincoln-center has gathered tonight number of Heads of Diplomatic Missions, accredited to the UN, Consulates-General, leaders and staff-members of the UN Secretariat, international organizations, representatives of expert, business and political community of New York.

The Week of Kazakhstan Arts was followed by arranging cultural events at the UN Headquarters, Kazakhstan Mission to the Organization and Consulate-General of Kazakhstan in New York.

### AITYS/AITYSH ADDED TO UNESCO'S WORLD LIST OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE



ASTANA – The joint Kazakh-Kyrgyz nomination of "Aitys/Aitysh, the art of improvisation," was inscribed on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity on Dec. 2 in Windhoek, Namibia, during the 10th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the ICH, reported the Kazakh Foreign Ministry.

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