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B. Tleukhan

The trend of growing personality cult has been recently supported by B. Tleukhan, a Member of Parliament. He said that considers the president a symbol of the country that cannot be smeared, and added: "For me Nazarbayev is a man, chosen by God". The whole fuss is about publication of the president's photo in one of the opposition newspapers. There he was caught on the beach, in swimming trunks. The MP demanded that General Prosecutor's Office and Ministry of Information gave their assessment of the matter. Tleukhan himself estimates it as "shamelessness", which is "offends him very much, especially in the month of Ramadan". He did not explain why president's swimming trunks are shameless or why the photo is blasphemous.

<http://kazakhstan.neweurasia.net/>



Adoption

About six years ago the United States Congress created the adoption tax credit. It originally was \$5,000 but they was raised to \$10,000. Many adoptive families (including me) have taken advantage of this credit to help fund their adoption.

The credit is awesome. It isn't a deduction where you reduce your taxable income. If you paid \$12,000 in federal taxes, you get \$10,000 back after your Kazakhstan adoption is final.

<http://www.adoptionblogs.com/?blog=24&disp=posts&paged=1>



Adoption

Deciding to become a parent through international adoption is like planning a trip to Australia. You've heard it's a wonderful place. You've read many guidebooks and feel certain you're ready to go. Everyone you know has traveled there by plane. They say it can be a turbulent flight with occasional rough landings, but you can look forward to being pampered on the trip.

<http://adoption2007.wordpress.com/2007/09/27/different-trip-to-the-same-place-not-written-by-me/>



Adoption

Well, we got our call today from our case manager! She said that Kazakhstan has approved our dossier and that we will be traveling the week of Oct 27!! There are five families waiting to travel with our agency, two of them are traveling the week of Oct 13 and the rest of us are traveling the week of Oct 27

<http://plumleyfamilyadoption.spaces.live.com/Blog/cns!9D000CBAD4E21FDF!142.entry>



Adoption

We've decided to stick with Kazakhstan. Our social worker provided the following information:

The extended waiting period is being enforced in some regions, but even in those regions it is not on a consistent basis. I guess it depends on the judge. So, we will research the different regions and put in a travel request to one that has not been enforcing that waiting time.

<http://lookingforourlittleone.blogspot.com/2007/09/were-sticking-with-it.html>



Adoption

I thought I would now share some of Veronika's friends from the orphanage with you and some of our new friends from Arkalyk as well. Everyone has been so kind to us and we are relaxing a bit now that we are confident Veronika is doing well and our court date is just around the corner.

<http://tomally2kaz.blogspot.com/2007/09/friends.html>



Almaty

Welcome to Almaty!!!

It's a biggest city of Kazakhstan the former Soviet republic which became independent in December 1991. The exceptional position of the city forms its character. Situated near mountains at about 1000 m above the sea level with the soft climate, having good natural conditions for gardening, Alma-Ata is surrounded with apple gardens. Many streets run straight to the gardens. Even the name Almaty was given to the city because of apples. ("Alma" means "apple" in Kazak) You can see gardens everywhere. Few minutes driving from the center and you are among apple trees. Look here ... It's a beautiful place at any time. Silence and windless, sunny weather and nice mountains view make you a good mood. No one can imagine we are a few meters from one of the main streets of the city in the upper region.

<http://almaty.wordpress.com/2007/09/26/welcome-to-almaty/>



Anti-terrorism

Security services do not possess information about terrorist threat to Baikonur space complex

Security services have no information on intentions of terrorists to attack objects of space branch, the deputy director of the Federal Security Service (FSB) of the Russian Federation, the head of the apparatus of the National Antiterrorism committee of the Russian Federation, Colonel-General Vladimir Bulavin told journalists yesterday in Baikonur, Kazakhstan.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1396>



Blck eyes peas

I photographed the Black Eyed Peas on Saturday night, both before and during their concert at an old stadium here in Almaty, for what I figure was a crowd of 20,000. I shot the portrait of the completely adorable Fergie in an empty hotel lounge a couple hours before the show. It was a bit of musical history since they were the first big-name Western act to perform in the country (hey, we don't even have McDonald's or Starbucks here). Fergie, Will.I.Am, Taboo, and apl.de.ap are not only the nicest musicians I've ever photographed, but they're genuine human beings too, showing a real interest and respect for the Kazakh culture during their stay. I know Fergie tried both camel's & horse milk, something I highly doubt the likes of Madonna or J Lo would do. Check out Fergie, Will.I.Am, and Taboo in traditional Kazakh clothing:

<http://lexardigital.typepad.com/davidhoni/2007/09/the-black-eyed.html>



Boxing

World Boxing Council heavyweight world champion Oleg Maskaev, from Kazakhstan-Russia, suffered a multiple disc herniation injury which will cause him to be inactive for at least for the next three or four months, according to his lawyer, which would lead the heavyweight division to 14 months without activity. Consequently, his fight against official challenger Samuel Peter from Nigeria, scheduled for October 6 at Madison Square Garden, will not take place.

<http://ndn.nigeriadailynews.com/templates/?a=10722&z=50>



Cancer hospital

A Mobile elementary school did its part for international diplomacy by dispatching Mobile Congressman Jo Bonner with a \$2,400 gift to the embassy of Kazakhstan for a cancer hospital in the former Soviet republic.

http://www.nbc15online.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=7b5df419-a5c7-45c9-877e-467da9ab5522&rss=217



Corruption perceptions

Based on the annual Corruption Perceptions Index by Transparency International released Wednesday, the Philippines ranks 131st out of the 180 nations studied, with a 2.5 rating, along with Burundi, Honduras, Iran, Libya, Nepal, and Yemen.... 131. Burundi, Honduras, Iran, Libya, Nepal, Philippines, Yemen 2.5; 138. Cameroon, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Paraguay, Syria 2.4; 143. Gambia, Indonesia, Russia, Togo 2.3; 147. Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Nigeria 2.2; 150. Azerbaijan, Belarus, Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Zimbabwe 2.1; 162. Bangladesh, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Papua New Guinea, Turkmenistan, Venezuela 2.0; 168. Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Laos 1.9; 172. Afghanistan, Chad, Sudan 1.8; 175. Tonga, Uzbekistan 1.7; 177. Haiti 1.6; 178. Iraq, 1.5; 179. Myanmar, Somalia 1.4

<http://ghanaeye.blogspot.com/2007/09/rp-among-most-corrupt-nations-says.html>



Credit crisis

You can talk about Borat, but don't mention the word crisis in Kazakhstan.

Central Asian bankers were unusually candid – at times even argumentative – at what many had expected to be a staid banking conference in Kazakhstan on Wednesday. Instead, the meeting turned into a lively debate over whether or not the country's banks are facing a crisis.

At the opening day of the Almaty Interbanking Conference at the swank InterContinental Hotel in Kazakhstan's effective banking capital, bankers joined together to announce their support for the establishment of a Eurasian Club of Bankers - an idea floated by Kazakhstan's President NA Nazarbayev in St Petersburg on June 10.

<http://www.financeasia.com/article.aspx?ClaNID=62045&r=rss>



Earthquake

Magnitude ML 3.0
Region CENTRAL KAZAKHSTAN
Date time 2007-09-27 at 00:51:02.0 UTC
Location 42.55 N ; 70.71 E
Depth unknown
Distances 66 km SW Taraz (pop 358,153 ; local time 06:51 2007-09-27)
31 km E Ryskulov (pop 18,421 ; local time 06:51 2007-09-27)
<http://www.emsc-csem.org/index.php?page=current&sub=detail&id=56821>

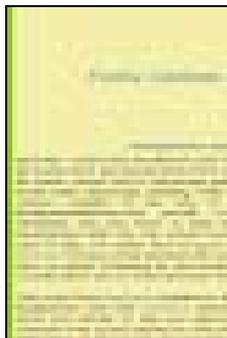


Foton-M3 spacecraft

The reentry capsule for the Foton-M3 spacecraft, which has been in low-Earth orbit for the last 12 days, successfully landed in an uninhabited area 150 km south of the town of Kustanay in Kazakhstan, close to the Russian border, on Wednesday at 08:58 UTC.

The unmanned Foton spacecraft, which was launched on 14 September from Baikonur Cosmodrome, in Kazakhstan, carried a payload of 43 European experiments in a range of scientific disciplines - including fluid physics, biology, crystal growth, radiation exposure and exobiology.

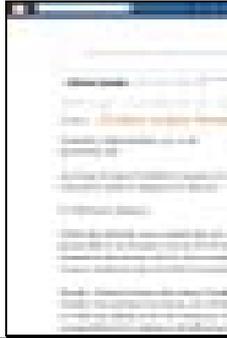
<http://spacespin.org/article.php/70948-foton-m3-return-earth>



Gambling

Recently I heard that Kazakhstan had clamped down on their little casinos all around town and moved them off to a little mountainside town, probably for better control and to discourage gambling. Sometimes I wonder if that would really discourage gambling when there are a whole host of online casinos available at any time of the day.

<http://funkycookies.blogspot.com/2007/09/backgammon-tips-and-tricks.html>



Gas Pipeline

Yet Russia has managed to match this achievement. On May 12, 2007, the governments of Russia, Turkmenistan, and Kazakhstan announced plans to construct a natural gas pipeline that will pump gas from Turkmenistan through Kazakhstan to Russia. Russia already buys Turkmen gas at below-market levels, and also effectively controls Turkmenistan's gas reserves through its network of Soviet-era pipelines owned by Russian energy giant Gazprom.

<http://hyelog.blogspot.com/2007/09/iran-turkey-rivalry-boosts-russias.html>



Golf

Leif Westerberg continues to dominate the 2007 Kazakhstan Open after a second round of one under par 71 left the Swede a shot ahead of Argentina's Hernan Rey at the top of the leaderboard.

On another beautiful day at the Nurtau Golf Club, where the imposing Tien Shen Mountains offer the most stunning of backdrops, Westerberg continued his ascent to post a ten under 132 halfway total, with Rey his closest challenger followed by Sweden's Pontus Ericsson on seven under after opening scores of 68-68.

<http://www.worldgolf.com/newswire/browse/11051-Leif-Westerberg-dominates-Kazakhstan-Open-after-second-round>



Grace church

Four members of the Grace Presbyterian Church – including its leader Igor Kim - are being investigated on treason charges which the National Security Committee (KNB) secret police have refused to explain to Forum 18 News Service. KNB officers in Karaganda told Forum 18 that the cases are being handled from the capital Astana, but no-one at the national KNB would talk to Forum 18. Church members are still being summoned for questioning. Pastor Vyacheslav Vorobyov of the church in Karaganda told Forum 18 that 12 church members began a hunger strike on 7 September to protest against the raids and investigations. He said the tax authorities are checking up on many of their 250 congregations across Kazakhstan, while computers and documents confiscated in 24 August raids have not been returned. Amanbek Mukhashev of the Justice Ministry's Religious Affairs Committee refused to answer Forum 18's questions by telephone. Kazakhstan's Human Rights Ombudsman Bolat Baikadamov told Forum 18 that he has asked the KNB about the case.

<http://chinaaid.org/2007/09/12/kazakhstan-treason-charges-against-grace-church-leaders/>



Hare Krishna

The Swami is the spiritual head of the Hare Krishna community in Kazakhstan, where repeated abuses of believers by the government authorities have drawn international protests ... It is an example of an OSCE state using the nation's laws and judicial system for implementing discrimination and violence against a minority religion. After procuring the list of names of the Krishna Hindus, authorities began selective discrimination stopping privatization of their residences and land plots.

http://news.iskcon.com/iskcon_leader_addresses_osce_conference_warsaw



HIV/AIDS

Kazakhstan has registered 1,165 fresh cases of HIV for the first half of 2007, an increase of 207 cases compared to the same period last year. There have been 181 new cases reported for the month of July this year, an increase of 50 cases compared to the same month last year. The rise of HIV was more among children. It has been reported that 40 new cases of children with HIV for the month of July. There were only 18 fresh cases for the same month last year.

<http://123healthindia.com/kazakhstan-registers-increase-in-fresh-hiv-cases-this-year/250/>



HIV/AIDS

The number of new HIV cases in Kazakhstan has increased to 1,165 cases in the first six months of 2007, compared with 958 cases reported for the same period in 2006, the Kazakhstan Statistics Agency recently reported, the Times of Central Asia reports.

<http://www.emaxhealth.com/53/16270.html>



Satellite

The bio-satellite was launched September 14 on a Soyuz rocket from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan.

Nothing is known yet about the creatures, including gerbils, snails, cockroaches and butterflies, onboard. Scientists say that some of them might have been killed during the landing, although the majority of creatures aboard bio-satellites have tended to survive earlier trips into space.

The re-entry module landed 170 km (105 miles) away from the town of Kostanai in northern Kazakhstan.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/space/library/news/2007/space-070926-rianovosti02.htm>



Human rights

An article in today's New York Times notes that Rudy Giuliani's presidential campaign is "holding a fundraiser today in Kazakhstan, despite concerns about its human rights record." "Concerns" is putting it mildly. The Human Rights Watch 2007 World Report notes that Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbaev has not only effectively shut down the main opposition party, but has also passed a new media law giving him "unlimited power to close independent and opposition media outlets."

Democracy promotion, anyone?

http://www.tpmcafe.com/blog/coffeehouse/2007/sep/26/rudys_judgment_from_kerik_to_kazakhstan



Humour

The humor here is rooted deep in the centuries when Kazakhs were nomads. Despite a rather tragic history, Kazakh folklore is stuffed with easy-going characters playfully coming out of troubles with smile on a face, such as Aldar Kose, Zhirenshe and Yer-Tostik. The 20th century was even more dramatic – famine, repressions, war, nuclear tests... No fun, of course. But if people endure serious challenges, their sense of humor should not disappear. It just gets reshaped....Asked why the Kazakhs joke so much about things that are not actually funny – the Aral Sea, corruption or language degradation – Dauren opines that it's a kind of protection mechanism: "The political inferiority complex of our people gets sublimated into irony, sarcasm and black humor about the reality they live in".

<http://kazakhstan.neweurasia.net/2007/09/24/humor-in-kazakhstan-laugh-or-cry/>



Kashagan oil field

In case the point were not yet ultra-clear, Kazakhstan wants to make it so – it is deadly serious about getting its way on the supergiant Kashagan oilfield.

Kazakhstan wants cash and effective control of the field – the largest discovery of the last three decades – and is in discussions with the Italian-led consortium developing it.

<http://oilandglory.com/2007/09/kazakhstan-lining-up-more-ducks.html>



Lake Alakol

Measures are being taken in Kazakhstan to ward off a flood threat to villages from a lake on the border with China.

Strong winds at Lake Alakol cause waves to pound its shores and erode the banks, experts say, bringing the waters closer to inhabited areas. If measures are not taken to shore up the disintegrating banks, erosion could cause the lake to flood settlements, and also holiday camps catering to the summer tourist trade.

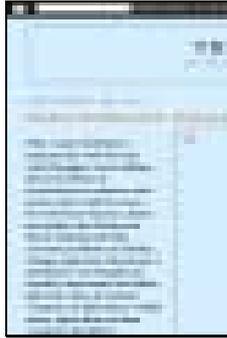
<http://disasters101.blogspot.com/2007/09/kazakhstan-authorities-move-to-ward-off.html>



Mining

Moscow and Astana carry on cooperating in the field of uranium mining and enrichment. Particularly, Moscow allocated a \$1.35 million loan for a Russian-Kirghiz-Kazakhstan joint venture, ZAO 'Zarechnoye' (Chimkent, Kazakhstan) dealing with uranium mining. In the end of January, Nikolay Tanaev, director of venture, has discussed the details of the project during his meeting with Alexandr Romyantsev, a head of the Russian Ministry of atomic power (Minatom). According to Minatom, business plan of industrial exploration of a uranium deposit in Kazakhstan by ZAO 'Zarechnoye' is already developed, and a documentation for a commercial credit is prepared. As estimated, construction of the first stage of a 500 tones of uranium per year capacity will take 2 years and \$14.4-14.6 million. According to Minatom, the second emission of the joint venture shares is already registered. Finally the shares are divided between: ZAO NAK 'Kazatomprom' - 45%, OAO 'TVEL' - 20%, OAO 'Techsnabexport' - 15%, OAO 'Atompredmetzoloto' - 10%, OAO 'Kara-Baltinsky Mining Complex' - 10%

http://www.environment.co.za/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=1359



Nuclear proliferation

My positive feelings toward the topic: United States leadership is much needed on this topic and developing countries need to have a clean and reliable power source to fuel development. Especially in countries such as Kazakhstan, Ghana, Slovenia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Romania, etc; minimizing ecological damage is of the utmost importance. In most developing countries such as China 10 years ago, development was detrimental to the environment and it has proved difficult breaking their oil and coal addiction. If the GNEP can be successful with providing nuclear energy to developing states, they could very well become models for other states in their region. What I find disturbing is the possible impact on geopolitics. States who's GNP relies heavily on oil exports, may suffer an economical blow due to the dip in demand. To be honest, I was surprised that Kazakhstan, a state whose economy is in part dependant on oil, would be willing to join the GNEP. Besides the obvious political clashes, I am also concerned with the logistical side of the issue. The fuel that is to be recycled has a potential to be used to make "atomic arms", given that fact, are the routes for transporting this material be protected? In addition to this, which state is going to supply this security?

<http://gunsmoking.blogspot.com/2007/09/nuclear-proliferation-warranted-or.html>

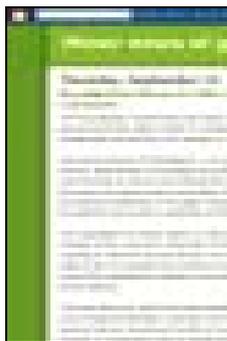


Oil

A family dustup in energy-rich Kazakhstan has turned one of the country's largest oil companies into a potential takeover target, attracting interest from some of the biggest players in the global oil industry.

MangistauMunaiGaz, or MMG, has been in play since a dispute earlier this year between Rakhat Aliyev and his former father-in-law, Nursultan Nazarbayev, the country's autocratic president, according to people familiar with the situation ... in Almaty, the most important fact for those wishing to conduct oil business is that nothing substantial can be done without a nod from Timur Kulibayev, the husband of Nazarbayev's second daughter-in-law, Dinara. Kulibayev owns shares in oil fields, and those he does not own he holds sway over through his influence in the state oil company, KazMunaiGas.

<http://oilandglory.com/2007/09/window-into-first-familys-oil-holdings.html>

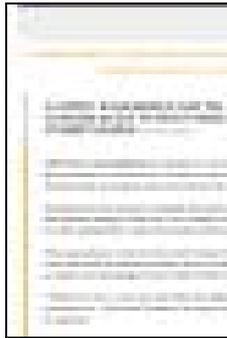


Oil contracts

The Kazakhstan Parliament took steps on Wednesday to grant the government the right to alter or cancel international energy contracts unilaterally should they run counter to the country's interests.

The lower house of Parliament — in which all elected seats belong to the Nur Otan Party of President Nursultan A. Nazarbayev — voted unanimously to amend an existing law on subsoil use, spelling out the steps the government could take if a contract failed to live up to its economic promise. The upper house is also dominated by the president's party and is expected to follow suit.

<http://importantnews-notreported.blogspot.com/2007/09/kazakhstan-moves-to-alter-oil-company.html>



Oil contracts

Kazakh lawmakers passed a bill Wednesday allowing the government to unilaterally break contracts with foreign companies, potentially threatening an Italian-led consortium developing a giant oil field.

Kazakhstan has already stopped operations at the huge Kashagan oil field, run by the Italian energy firm Eni, in a conflict over mounting costs and project delays, but the legislation raises the stakes still further.

The unanimous vote in the lower house of Parliament gave the state extra leverage over Eni and its main partners, Royal Dutch Shell, Exxon Mobil and ConocoPhillips as talks over Kashagan enter their final stage ahead of an Oct. 22 deadline.

<http://newsworking.info/2007/09/27/a-new-kazakh-law-is-a-threat-to-contracts-with-foreign-oil-companies/>



Oil contracts

Kazakhstan's parliament (the Majilis) approved a bill to allow the state 'to cancel or introduce retrospective changes to contracts perceived to harm the national economic interest' (FT).

I suppose one can credit them with being honest.

<http://scurvon.blogspot.com/2007/09/kazakhstan-asserts-its-right-to-screw.html>



Oil prices

However, many of Kazakhstan's personnel and policy changes are not terribly unpredictable economically. For instance, when oil prices are high, almost every state will consider the advantages of expropriation.

This phenomenon is a feature of the oil price cycle since the 1970's: in 1973, when much of the Persian Gulf expropriated oil; in 1979, during Iran's revolution; and in the past few years, states in Latin America, this year, Russia, and now—possibly—Kazakhstan.

Although all scenarios that consider power and political consolidation may be true, such as the changes that include Mr. Kulibaev's departure from Samruk, the state holding company and the problems at ENI are related to a current high price for production, and ENI's inability to get the oil out of the ground. Discussions of environmental or safety violations legitimize the state's act of expropriation, but I'm pretty sure these act as legitimizers alone....With so many customers available, and oil prices so high, it is perhaps to be expected that Kazakhstan would want to change the manner of its oil deals. ENI and the rest of the Kashagan consortium has been in a vulnerable position due to the lateness of production and the step of production that they have completed, which comprises most of its competitive edge. The question then becomes: what does Kazakhstan hope to gain? The first answer is income. But there are other items: OSCE leadership; continued interest from other states even as all the oil has been bespoken and lease arrangements made; a more varied economy; a better monetary policy. On a purely domestic level, Kazakhstan may well be trying to change in the coalitions of power within the state—perhaps to further consolidate Mr. Nazarbaev's power or perhaps to change what powers other coalitions have for other reasons. In the end, however, I believe that economics and production are

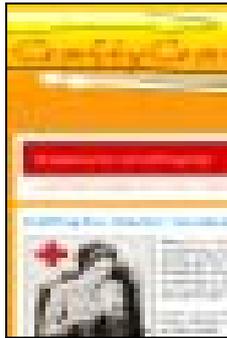
<http://centralasia.foreignpolicyblogs.com/2007/09/13/kazakhstan-shuffle-the-deck/>



Oil production

The only places on earth that are undergoing significant increases in crude production are Angola, Kazakhstan and Brazil. Kazakhstan will always be limited to the size of the pipeline it has available. Pipelines have fixed capacity.

<http://www.theoil Drum.com/node/3014>



Orphanages

Warmwoolies is a non-profit organization whose volunteers knit warm clothing for poverty-stricken children who would otherwise suffer from the cold.

In 2007, they'll be focusing warm%20woolies.jpg on supplying woolen clothes to orphanages in Russia, Kazakhstan, China and Mongolia and on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge tribal reservations in South Dakota. Most wanted items are baby blankets, followed by mittens, hats, gloves and scarves.

http://www.craftycrafty.tv/2007/09/crafting_for_charity_roundup_2_1.html



OSCE

Freedom House, together with six of the U.S.'s most prominent human rights organizations, issued a letter today to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, urging her to strongly oppose a bid by Kazakhstan to chair the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in 2009.

Despite a well-documented record of undemocratic governance, Kazakhstan has continued to push to lead the OSCE, an organization with a respected track record in human rights promotion and election monitoring. After years of lobbying by the Kazakhstani government, most European countries now support Kazakhstan's bid. Only the U.S. and the U.K. are still in opposition, and a change of position by the U.S. may be imminent.

http://www.allamericanpatriots.com/48733021_world_groups_strongly_urge_u_s_remain_opposed_kazakhstans_leadership_osce



Presbyterian church

Twelve members of a Presbyterian church in Kazakhstan began a hunger strike in protest against accusations of treason against three of its staff. The church had been raided by security forces on Aug. 24. Several members' homes were also searched. The government claimed the raids were due to suspicion of treason of the archbishop of the church, his sister and the church administrator. The investigation had been prompted by large contributions from a Kazakh businessman who had been accused of treason and is awaiting trial.

<http://spadams.typepad.com/bigorange/2007/09/kazakhstan-pres.html>



President of Kazakhstan

I was visiting the Sudanese Consulate today and when I was exiting the elevator stopped and there were about 50 people there, and the secret service held the elevator door open so the President of Kazakhstan could get in. He was kindahot.

<http://www.mylifeissoawkward.com/log/?p=60>



Satellite launch

or those who haven't heard, we had a great first stage burn on the rocket. everything after that, um, not so much.

on the plus side of things, i now have hands-on experience with a debris recovery effort, and i've ridden in a helicopter (many times). on the minus side, i got to spend an extra week or so in kazakhstan, i was probably exposed to hydrazine and beryllium, i had many arguments with many kazakh and russian people (though maybe that's a plus?), and i was advised by our russian doctor to burn all my clothes.

<http://ridingnerdy.com/blog/index.php?itemid=97>



Tourism

Last weekend our language group ventured into Almaty to hit up some culture ie. 2 Museums, which were quite nice actually. Saw some interesting Kazak art in the first. The transitions in style and subject were quite apparent given the time period produced. Pre-Soviet Art, to styles that were both promoted and banned during the Soviet era and finally to relatively modern art conceptions. Then off to the historical national museum, which houses a spotty, yet interesting, portrayal of Kazakhstan's history. The first floor was being renovated so I'm assuming I missed a good deal of interesting items. But the top floor did have some incredibly killer soviet relics along with an outstanding photo of Nazarbaev taking some sort of oath under a huge hammer and sickle....It's quite fun actually and I get a kick out of observing a random sampling of Kazakstani folk each day. Even had a free taxi ride the other night – the two Kazak guys up front really dug the fact that I was an American volunteer in their town and refused payment despite my efforts

<http://zachspotting.blogspot.com/2007/09/hey-did-someone-say-conjecture.html>



Tourism

But then I forgot myself, and asked about her president. The guide book explicitly tells you not to ask the locals about their president, because it can be dangerous for them. She told me he was the president and had been for about 20 years, and that that was all she was going to say about him. I was surprised, I'd never actually seen political suppression right in front of my face before. We did meet up later that week, and it was nice, but she was busy working and couldn't really hang out.

<http://lostboy87.livejournal.com/31993.html>



Tourism

According to the opinion of the international tourist experts, Montenegro is one of the TOP TEN destinations of the future – those were the results of the Wall Street journal.

Beside Montenegro top ten destinations are Honduras, Providence Rhode Island, Newfoundland – Canada, Rwanda, Seychelle Islands, Almaty Kazakhstan, Chinese Hainan Island, and Boracay on Philippines as well as the island in Saadiyat in Abu Dhabi which is at the top of the list.

<http://www.sunny-estates.com/?p=83>



Tourism

A good friend of mine just did 15 days in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan. He was very pleased with the opportunities he had to see these places before they got too popular. Although it was a difficult trip to arrange (he speaks no Russian or any -stan languages), he managed to have a good time. The difficulties in getting that last visa were well worth the hassles.

<http://www.aardvarktravel.net/chat/viewtopic.php?p=114884#114884>



Tourism

Me and my friends are planning to go to Kazakhstan to see the Aral sea and Baikonur cosmodrome by car. The problem is - I cannot find any information about border crossing points. We are going through Russia and overnight at Saratov (below Samara). After visiting Aral sea we would like to go to Novosibirsk in Russia (above Kazakhstan). Can someone tell where can we cross the border?

<http://www.horizonsunlimited.com/hubb/northern-asia/get-into-kazakhstan-29559>



Tourism

On one of my many trips to Astana this summer (3 hour drive from Karaganda), I was looking out across the vastness of the land. There aren't a lot of trees in this part of Kazakhstan, but as I was looking out and saw the rolling hills I was taken by the beauty. It was at that time that I knew the Lord had answered my prayers.

So, as I returned from Astana last Saturday, I was noticing the trees in their many hues and thanking God for their beauty. As I arrived in the city, I noticed the many trees where the leaves were already falling and the leaves were piling up underneath the trees.

<http://www.ioeragan.org/life-where-i-live/fall-in-the-city>



US International relations

To those who say, no country with a McDonalds or Wal-Mart has every attacked the United States...I say you're an idiot, your right Cambodia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Samoa, they've never attacked us, inadvertently anyways, to say nothing of the fact that those countries also, don't have the ability or resources to attack us.

<http://twentysomethingpolitics.blogspot.com/2007/09/strike-baby-strike.html>



US Lobbyists

Flipping through the report, however, one cannot help but notice how many of the countries that flout “the non-negotiable demands of human dignity” seem to have negotiated themselves significant support from the U.S. government, whether military assistance (Egypt, Colombia), development aid (Azerbaijan, Nigeria), expanded trade opportunities (Angola, Cameroon), or official Washington visits for their leaders (Equatorial Guinea, Kazakhstan). The granting of favorable concessions to dictatorial regimes is a practice hardly limited to the current administration:... Between 1999 and 2000, the Carmen Group received more than \$1 million from the government of Kazakhstan to help “establish President [Nursultan] Nazarbayev as one of the foremost emerging leaders of the New World.” The lobby shop sent four writers—syndicated columnist Georgie Anne Geyer, Providence Journal associate editor Philip Terzian, R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr. of The American Spectator, and Scott Hogenson of the Conservative News Service—on all-expenses-paid trips to Kazakhstan, and upon their return all wrote stories, ranging from critical but sympathetic to slavishly fawning, which the Carmen Group circulated on Capitol Hill.¹¹ The most notable entry in the latter category came from Tyrrell. Despite traveling to Kazakhstan soon after a presidential balloting that was widely condemned as rigged, he wrote that the country “has at least four highly competitive political parties . . . the freedoms of our Bill of Rights, and commendable tolerance.”

<http://intellibriefs.blogspot.com/2007/09/their-men-in-washington-undercover-with.html>



Kazakhstan considers Tajikistan to be an important strategic partner in the Central Asian region. Have been living in Dushanbe for about two months and I can feel. Year student at the Institute of Foreign Languages in the Tajik capital Dushanbe. TAJIKISTAN AND KYRGYZSTAN AGREE TO DEEPEN SECURITY COOPERATION. All heads of CIS states will participate in CIS heads of states. Informed the source in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan. More than kg of heroin sized in Tajikistan.

<http://autismnotes.com/blogs/getthecom/2007/09/27/the-increase-in-price-for-food-is-becoming-the-main-problem-in-dushanbe-tajikistan/>



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What are some desert recipies?
http://board.classifieds1000.com/Kazakhstan/Recipes_and_Food/Deserts



Kazakhstan became famous when the notorious comedian Sacha Baron Cohen came out with his movie 'Borat'. Here is more accurate information about the country:

1. It is the ninth largest country in the world by area.
2. It ranks 62nd in the world in terms of population.
3. The GDP growth has been in excess of 9% for each of the last five years.
4. It was the first former Soviet republic to repay all of its debt to the International Monetary Fund, seven years before it was due.
5. In 2002, the first country in the Commonwealth of Independent States to receive an investment-grade credit rating.
6. In 2003, they adopted a new tax code, dropping the personal income tax from 30% to 20%. In 2006, they dropped it again to 5% for personal income in the form of dividends and 10% for other personal income.
7. They have approximately 4 billion tons of proven recoverable oil reserves.
8. They just recently introduced bank deposit insurance.
9. It is the sixth-largest producer of grain in the world.
10. Kazakhstan is supposed to be where the apple originated.
11. It has the second largest uranium, chromium, lead, and zinc reserves in the world.
12. It has the fifth largest copper reserves in the world.

<http://stockerblog.blogspot.com/2007/08/kazakhstan-stocks-more-than-just-borat.html>
