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UZBEKISTAN'S LEADER PARTICIPATED IN SCO SUMMIT

On November 10, the President of Uzbekistan participated in a videoconference meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of States.

The agenda of the meeting chaired by the Russian side includes issues pertaining to the enhancement of multifaceted interaction within the SCO in the context of mounting new global challenges and threats.



At the event, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev spoke about main important and topical international issues.

On Afghan issue:

“Today, it is important to seize the historic opportunity to achieve the long-awaited peace in Afghanistan. Security and peace in this country should be seen as an important component of the stability and economic prosperity of the entire SCO region,” he said.

The head of state stressed that, due to the efforts of the international community, including the SCO countries, there have been promising prospects for a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Afghanistan.

“It is important to *join forces to support these positive signs of peace and to provide economic assistance to the Afghan people*. I am convinced that the peaceful and sustainable development of the country will also be facilitated by the involvement of Afghanistan in regional economic and trade processes. Therefore, we support *the early elaboration and adoption of a plan of measures to promote the socio-economic reconstruction of Afghanistan* within the contact group SCO-Afghanistan,” the leader of Uzbekistan noted.

President Mirziyoyev stated that all SCO countries will benefit from initiatives to build transport corridors that would also help to restore Afghanistan to its historic role as a bridge between Central and South Asia.

“*We propose to discuss these and other issues in April 2021 in Tashkent at an International Conference,*” Shavkat Mirziyoyev concluded.

On the threats of terrorism, extremism and drug trafficking:

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev underlined that under the present circumstances, the threats of terrorism, extremism and drug trafficking are not reduced, but even further intensified and take on new forms.

“The role of information technologies and social networks in the recruitment and radicalization of young people and the financing terrorists is increasing. Therefore, there is a growing demand for *adaptation of the SCO Regional Counter-Terrorism Organization to the solution of fundamentally new tasks to ensure security,*” the President said.

President Mirziyoyev believes that *it is necessary to increase the frequency of working contacts of the competent authorities and to develop new mechanisms of interaction.*

“It is important to ensure regular discussion of the situation and agreement on joint measures to counter these challenges and threats, including in the information field. Ultimately, this will determine our overall contribution to the strengthening of peace and stability in the SCO region,” Shavkat Mirziyoyev concluded.

On the Karabakh conflict:

The President expressed the hope that peace and stability in the region would be restored as soon as possible. **“We welcome the peace deal on the ceasefire and ending all military actions in Nagorno-Karabakh.** It was reached with the active assistance of the Russian Federation,” he said.

“Unfortunately, the military and political situation in certain regions of the world is worsening, and conflicts on inter-ethnic and inter-religious roots are intensifying. These **global challenges and threats can be overcome only by preserving our traditions of good-neighborliness, equality, trust and consideration of each other’s interests**”.



The head of state stressed that “today it is important more than ever to strengthen “Shanghai spirit” - this unique experience of multilateral cooperation, which is our common heritage. It expresses our desire for joint development, respect for diversity of cultures.”

On combatting diseases that cause epidemics:

“It is very important *to expand joint counteraction against new challenges and threats to the health of the population of our countries.* Humanity today is facing infections that were unknown previously. Fighting them is becoming a part of our daily life,” Shavkat Mirziyoyev said during his speech.

The Head of state noted that Uzbekistan welcomes the adoption of a comprehensive plan of joint measures to counter the threat of epidemics.

“It is important to ensure its practical implementation, to establish an effective information exchange on the spread of dangerous infectious diseases,” the President said.

President Mirziyoyev also proposed *to create a network of medical institutions to combat diseases that cause epidemics*. “It will help establish effective interaction between specialized clinics of the countries.”

“Within the framework of this network, mutually beneficial projects can be implemented, aimed at exchanging experience in the field of diagnostics, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases, organizing the activities of joint teams of doctors and their training,” Mirziyoyev noted.


In addition, the President thanked the partners, primarily Russia and China, for the great help and support provided to Uzbekistan in the fight against the coronavirus infection.

“In the pandemic, *there is also an increasing need to introduce new telecommuting technologies into healthcare*. In this regard, *we consider it expedient to develop a concept of cooperation in the field of telemedicine*,” the President said.

UZBEKISTAN AMONG TOP-10 COUNTRIES WITH HIGHEST LAW AND ORDER INDEX

Gallup has published its annual global Law and Order Index.

The Law and Order Index is a composite score based on people's reported confidence in their local police, their feelings of personal safety, and the incidence of theft and assault or mugging in the past year. The higher the score, the higher the proportion of the population that reports feeling secure.

Countries/Areas With Highest Law and Order Index Scores	Countries/Areas	Law and Order Index
	 Singapore	97
	 Turkmenistan	97
	 China	94
	 Iceland	93
	 Kuwait	93
	 Norway	92
	 Austria	92
	 Switzerland	92
	 Uzbekistan	92
	 United Arab Emirates	92

GALLUP WORLD POLL, 2019

According to the rating, *Uzbekistan entered the top 10 countries in the world in terms of security scoring* 92 out of 100 possible.

Countries scoring highest and lowest on the index were also largely the same as in recent years. Scores worldwide ranged from a high of 97 in Singapore -- which tops the list nearly every year -- to a low of 43 in Afghanistan, which ranked alone as the lowest in the world for the second consecutive year.

Nearly seven in 10 people worldwide said in 2019 that they feel safe walking alone at night where they live (69%).

In most economically developed countries with a strong rule of law, the majority of residents said they feel safe walking alone at night in their area. This response was nearly universal in Singapore, at 97%, and topped 80% in many Western European countries.