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## **UZBEKISTAN ONCE AGAIN REMINDS TAJIKISTAN ABOUT DANGER OF ROGUN PLANT CONSTRUCTION**

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Uzbek Prime Minister Shavkat Mirziyoyev sent a letter to his Tajik counterpart Kahir Rasulzoda July 19, the Uzbek Foreign Ministry said in a message.

In his letter, Mirziyoyev expressed the Uzbek sides concern over the information on the conclusion of a framework agreement between the government of Tajikistan and Salini Impregilo company for the construction of the Rogun hydropower plant.

"We consider it necessary to once again draw your attention to the fact that the exploration on the construction site, comprehensive international assessment of the project, carried out under the auspices of the World Bank (WB), confirmed that the construction of the Rogun hydropower plant is associated with the huge threats to the entire Central Asian region, the letter said.

According to the letter, the WB refused to finance the construction of the Rogun hydropower plant realizing the enormous technological, environmental, social and economic risks in the project.

According to the document, the Rogun plant construction project was worked out in the 1970s. The project needs reconsidering in accordance with modern requirements and experience.

Moreover, the Uzbek side has every reason to believe that the Tajik leadership can solve difficult problems with the countrys energy supply through the construction of small and medium hydropower plants, by using numerous rivers and water resources in the territory of the country, the letter said.

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