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CORONAVIRUS, OIL PRICES PUSH KAZAKHSTAN TOWARD RECESSION

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The government in Kazakhstan has, in the light of the unfolding coronavirus pandemic and the concomitant fall in global oil prices, revised its economic projections for this year to forecast a 0.9 percent contraction.
Before the current crisis hit, gross domestic product, or GDP, had been expected to expand by 4 percent.
National Economy Minister Ruslan Dalenov said on April 2 that the value of Kazakhstans exports has been especially badly hit.
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