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## PRESIDENT AT THE UN: IS TOKAYEV'S SPEECH INDICATIVE OF KAZAKHSTAN'S NEW PLACE IN THE WORLD?

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In his second appearance before the United Nations (UN) General Assembly as Kazakhstans Head of State, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev spoke both as one of Asias rising young leaders, and also as the Head of State of one of the rising powers on the continent. Last year (2019) had been his debut appearance. This time he appeared as one who was already one of the shining stars of Asias rising generation.

The President lost no time identifying this as a dramatic and critical time to be celebrating the UNs 75th anniversary. He referred to the Covid-19 Pandemic as both an unprecedented human tragedy and a stress test for all humanity. He lauded the selfless work of health workers around the world, and extended his profound gratitude to all the worlds medical professionals and other health workers, who are protecting all of us in this time of global disfunction.

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