
**PROSPECT OF COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA ON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CLOUDS
UZBEKISTAN'S MORE IMMEDIATE ENERGY NEEDS**

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During a recent (March 24) government meeting dedicated to upgrading Uzbekistans energy infrastructure, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev announced that, in 2021 alone, over \$1.1 billion would be allocated to upgrading the countrys ineffective and outdated electricity grid and crumbling natural gas distribution system. Energy Minister Alisher Sultanov emphasized that the energy sector had never received such large financing to address the crippling problems that had been accumulating over many years (Gazeta.uz, March 25).

Throughout this year, more than 15,000 kilometers of electricity transmission lines and 4,000 electricity substations will be renewed as well as 958 kilometers of gas networks and 3,232 gas distribution points will be completely overhauled. Most of this energy infrastructure was built in the 1950s and 1960s and badly needs modernization.[...]

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