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## **XI JINPING PLEDGES US\$500 MILLION IN AID FOR CENTRAL ASIAN NATIONS**

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*Chinese president tells leaders the funds will be provided over the next three years for projects involving peoples livelihoods. He also hit out at other countries using human rights as an excuse to intervene in domestic politics during virtual meeting.*

President Xi Jinping has pledged US\$500 million in aid to Central Asian nations, saying China will support them to walk their own paths and defend their sovereignty.

Xi announced the aid on Tuesday during a virtual meeting with the leaders of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

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