
GEORGIA, UZBEKISTAN, PRIORITIZE THE BTK RAILWAY TO BOOST TRADE

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Georgia and Uzbekistan are looking to develop the Baku-Tbilisi BTK (BTK) railway route by boosting transport and logistic cooperation, according to reports from the Uzbekistan Ministry of Investment, Industry, and Trade. The BTK route has been beset by problems and has been considered something of a white elephant in Tbilisi as expected freight volumes have failed to materialise.

The issue concerning BTK usage was discussed between Jamshid Khodjayev, Uzbekistans Deputy Prime Minister, and Levan Davitashvili, Georgias Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy and Sustainable Development, during the 9th meeting of the Uzbek-Georgian Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation.

Georgia and Uzbekistan also discussed the potential of using Georgias Black Sea port infrastructure to facilitate trade to Europe. Both countries are looking at increasing their bilateral trade turnover to US\$500 million and looking at ways to achieve this.

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