BORDER BREAKTHROUGH: KYRGYZSTAN AND TAJIKISTAN END DECADES OF DISPUTE

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When Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov and Tajik President Emomali Rahmon exchanged firm hugs after signing a historic border treaty last week, they signaled relief over resolving one of post-Soviet Eurasias most intractable disputes a 33-year conflict that turned their shared frontier into a violent flashpoint. The March 13 agreement demarcates the entire Kyrgyz-Tajik border, ending a crisis that killed hundreds, displaced tens of thousands and risked destabilizing a region critical to global energy transitions.

The treatys significance lies in the political courage required to achieve it. Zhaparov and Rahmon prioritized stability over territorial claims. Askat Alagozov, spokesperson for Kyrgyzstans presidency, remarked: "This agreement is the fruit of political will. The issue festered for over a century. Its resolution opens a path to friendship, cooperation and economic development."

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