
KAZAKHSTAN, UZBEKISTAN STRENGTHEN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Murat Nurtleu discussed multifaceted cooperation with Uzbek Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov at the first meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers during his working visit to Khiva on March 20, reported the Foreign Ministry's press service.

Kazakhstan remains one of Uzbekistan's top three trading partners, with annual trade exceeding \$4 billion. The ministers emphasized the importance of implementing the previously signed program to increase trade turnover to \$10 billion by 2030 and accelerating the launch of the Central Asia International Industrial Cooperation Center.

They also welcomed the opening of the Kazakhstan Trade Pavilion in the Airtom free economic zone in Termez, highlighting opportunities to expand trade with Afghanistan.

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