
UZBEKISTAN DEPLOYS TURKISH BAYRAKTAR DRONES TO GUARD STATE BORDERS

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Uzbekistan has begun using Turkish-made Bayraktar strike and reconnaissance drones to secure its state borders, the Chairman of the State Security Service, Bahadır Kurbanov, reported at an expanded meeting of the Security Council under the President.

The Security Council session took place on 13 January 2026 with the participation of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Speaking at the meeting, Kurbanov noted that a newly established special unit equipped with Bayraktar drones has been placed on combat duty along the countrys frontiers.

According to published video materials, the drones in use are Bayraktar TB2 models. These are medium-altitude, long-endurance tactical strike UAVs powered by an internal combustion engine and a pusher propeller. Each drone can carry up to four guided munitions and remain airborne for 12 to 24 hours, enabling extended patrols.

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