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## Central Asia: Stans undelivered

TAJIKISTAN has the vainest ruler in Central Asia. Emomali Rahmon flies what may be the world's largest flag atop what used to be the world's tallest flagpole. His capital boasts that it will soon host the region's biggest mosque, mainly paid for by Qatar.

It already has the world's largest teahouse, mainly Chinese-financed and mostly empty; and an immense national library—sadly devoid of books, according to whispering sceptics.  
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