

## Session of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan

Outcomes of development of the branches, plans of further social and economic development of the country as well as programs of events planned to be held on occasion of the glorious 30th anniversary of the Motherland's development and slogan of the year were in the center of attention.

First, the floor was given to the Speaker of the Mejlis G. Mammedova who has informed on the activity of the parliament for further modernization of national legislation.

Work for strengthening of legal base of the main spheres of development of the state and society is continued at present. Law in the sphere of strengthening of public order, protection of rights and freedoms of the citizens, support of entrepreneurship and activation of the partnership between the state and private sector, improvement of education, healthcare, further enhancement of social and life level of Turkmenistan citizens are under development.

The deputy corps of National Parliament pays special attention to development of normative and legal acts for election of the members of the People Council of the National Assembly of Turkmenistan.

Proposals on relative amendments and addendums of existing laws of Turkmenistan are developed in cooperation with ministries and profile departments.

Preparation to the elections of the members of the People Council of the National Assembly of Turkmenistan, which are appointed on the last Sunday of March this year, has been started. In this regard, the working plan for coordinated activity of the Central Election Commission with the regional election committees and administrations has been approved.

Using capabilities of mass media, the deputies of the Mejlis carry out explanation works among the population on importance of decisions of the People's Council for establishment of two-chamber structure of legislative representative body of the country as well as public and political importance of 2021, which is held under slogan "Turkmenistan - Home of Peace and Trust", and fulfilment of the plans.

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has highlighted the necessity of further improvement of national legislative base taking into account modern realities of the state development. The Mejlis has to provide legal support to improvement of social and living conditions of native people.

Speaking of the importance of high-level organization of coming elections of the members of the People's Council of National Assembly of Turkmenistan, the Head of the State has noted that the deputies have to expand propaganda and advocacy activity on sites. The election campaign has to reflect the unity and solidarity of Turkmen society, commitment of our country to democratic way of development, the Leader of the Nation said, having focused the attention of the Head of the Mejlis and heads of regional administrations on this subject.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Minister R. Meredov has reported on the preparation to the working trip of Turkmenistan' delegation to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Afghanistan is one of the country, with which Turkmenistan supports good neighborliness and equal

dialog.

Under the leadership of the Head of the State, our country takes large-scale long-term measures for development of the economy and restoration of social sphere of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

This is indicated by the construction of the TAPI gas pipeline, TAP power and fiber optic lines, supply of electricity to Afghanistan on beneficial terms, construction of railways from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan, provision of humanitarian aid, support of people of neighboring country in educational and health protection spheres, the Vice-premier noted.

It was informed about preparation to working trip of Turkmenistan's delegation to Kabul for discussion of further development of bilateral relations planned on January 8 - 9.

It is planned to hold the 6th session of Turkmen - Afghan Security Working Group as well as political consultations between foreign ministries of two countries. In addition, it is planned to hold the talks with the government of Afghanistan and official representatives of relative government institutions.

Number of draft documents have been developed together with Afghan side at the request of the Head of the State for signing during the visit to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has noted that international relations of our state are built according to the Concept of foreign course of neutral Turkmenistan in 2017 - 2023, which sets the improvement of contractual and legal framework of multilateral contracts as the main objective.

These works, which are aimed at expansion of the cooperation with foreign countries and competent organizations, including the neighboring Afghanistan, are carried out taking into account strategic plans of Turkmenistan in international politics and present time, the Leader of the Nation said.

Speaking of the planned working trip of Turkmenistan's delegation to Afghanistan, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has noted the importance of subjects brought out for discussion by the participants of the meeting. In this regard, having signed the Resolution on working trip of Turkmenistan's delegation to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Head of the State send it to the Foreign Minister by electronic document management system and addressed number of relative instructions on this account.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Mammedova has reported on work for preparation of cultural events on occasion of national holidays and remarkable dates, which are going to be observed this year held under slogan "Turkmenistan - Home of Peace and Trust".

Draft Resolution on establishment of Organization Committee for high-level conduct of events and activities on occasion of the glorious celebration - the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan's independence, has been presented to the Leader of the Nation for review.

Relative ministries, profile departments, administrations of Ashgabat and regions will take part in the celebration events dedicated to the anniversary of independence of the Motherland.

Summing up the report, the President of the country has highlighted historical importance of the coming remarkable date - the 30th anniversary of the state independence of Turkmenistan, which has achieved big

success in all life spheres for the years of sovereign development.

The Head of the State has given specific assignments for organization of all planned events on high level to the Vice-premier and heads of regional administrations. The events have to reflect original traditions and customs of Turkmen people and its creative energy.

Having signed the Resolution on establishment of Organizational Committee for high-level conduct of the glorious holiday – the 30th anniversary of Turkmenistan’s independence, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov sent it to the Vice-premier by electronic document management system.

The Leader of the Nation has also requested to pay special attention to international events, which enrich the relations of Turkmenistan with foreign states with new content and support the strengthening of friendship and cooperation with the countries of the world community and wide popularization of the heritage of Turkmen nation.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers B. Ovezov has reported on the preparation to the opening of Akina – Andhoy railway, Ymamnazar – Akina and Serhetabat – Turgundy international system of fiber optic communication systems in Afghanistan.

According to the orders of the Head of the State Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on implementation of big regional projects in transport, communication and power energy spheres, all planned works for opening of number of facilities have been accomplished on time.

It includes 30-km railway line between Akina and Andhoy railway stations in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, 153-km 50KW Kerky (Turkmenistan) – Andhoy (Afghanistan) powerline as well as Ymamnazar (Turkmenistan) – Akina (Afghanistan) and Serhetabat (Turkmenistan) – Turgundy (Afghanistan) international fiber optic and transit system.

In this regard, the Vice-premier has presented the Draft Plan of events in Lebap Region to the Leader of the Nation for review.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov highlighted that Turkmen – Afghan relations, which have an old history, are built on good neighborliness and respectful basis.

The Leader of the Nation has noted that Turkmenistan pays special attention to traditional dialog with the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan providing comprehensive support in its restoration, standing for the regulation of the situation in the neighboring state exclusively by peaceful, political and diplomatic methods.

President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov highlighted that realization of big infrastructural projects with participation of Afghanistan in such strategic spheres as energy, transport and communication is the main condition of political stability in Afghanistan, its social and economic restoration and successful integration to the system of regional and world economic relations.

Actively developing cooperation in power energy industry, Turkmenistan gradually increases the supply of electricity to Afghanistan. It is remarkable that in addition to operational purpose, the planned opening of Akina – Andhoy railway, Ymamnazar – Akina and Serhetabat – Turgundy international fiber optic communication system in Afghanistan would support the enhancement of integrational processes in this part of Asian region.

The Head of the State Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov continued that involvement of Afghanistan to the projects of establishment of large-scale transport and transit infrastructure in the region, including in railway and other transport spheres, is very important.

Cooperation in realization of the project of Lapis Lazuli transport corridor (Afghanistan – Turkmenistan – Azerbaijan – Georgia – Turkey) is carried out. All these projects have become the evidence of constructive long-term character of bilateral partnership, which is aimed at achievement of certain results.

Today, Afghanistan searches for additional sale markets of its agricultural production and trade and transit routes. Therefore, Akina – Andhoy railway will open new opportunities for development of the economy of neighboring country, activation of its small and medium business, entry of Afghan products to the world market.

It is worth to mention that construction of the railway in Afghanistan was sponsored by Turkmen side, our personnel and materials resources have been used, the Leader of the Nation highlighted.

We would continue providing comprehensive support to fraternal neighboring Afghanistan, the Head of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov highlighted, having addressed the Vice-premier with number of instructions for provision of high level of events on occasion of the opening of the facilities.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Meredov has reported on the realization of the Program of development of oil and gas industry of Turkmenistan until 2030, situation in various sectors of fuel and energy complex and preparation to the opening of new gas compressor station with output capacity of 30 billion cubic meters of gas per year, which was built at Malay Field in Lebap Region.

Having listened to the report, the President of Turkmenistan highlighted that energy policy of our country, which has significant reserves of hydrocarbon resources, is aimed at comprehensive development of oil and gas complex, its dynamic integration to global energy system.

In this context, Leader of the Nation Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has ordered the Vice-premier to provide high level of events on occasion of the opening of new gas compressor station at Malay Field.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Sh. Durdiliyev has reported on the situation of the spheres under his supervision and fulfilment of the assignments given by the Head of the State previously.

The Vice-premier has reported on the opening of new 50KW powerline from Kerky power station in Lebap Region to Turkmen – Afghan border, which would significantly increase the volume of electricity supplied by Turkmenistan to neighboring Afghanistan.

The Vice-premier has informed about the list of big production and social facilities, which are planned to be commissioned in 2021, which is held under slogan “Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust”.

Interdepartmental commission composed of the representatives of various ministries and profile departments has been sent to the regions for inspection of current works at the facilities.

Working plans and dates of delivery of materials and equipment from abroad, which are required for timely and qualitative

completion of construction, have been reviewed together with customers and contractors.

Session of definition of the list of major production and social facilities and buildings planned to be opened this year has been held by the outcomes of the expertise. The list of selected facilities has been presented to the Head of the State for review.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov highlighted the importance of opening of new industrial, social and cultural facilities.

Having noted that all anniversary facilities are the symbols of rapid development of independent Turkmenistan, its confident movement along the way of grandiose changes of the epoch of might and happiness, the Leader of the Nation has requested relative officials and heads of administrations to enforce the control of the course and quality of construction works, having provided their completion as per set schedule.

Further, Chairman of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs D. Hudayberdiyev, who reported on the projects given to representatives of private sector of national economy, has been invited to the video conference session.

Having noted active participation and input of representatives of local business structures to implementation of integrated reforms and strengthening of economic power of the Motherland, the Head of the State ordered to provide high quality of works at the facilities, which have to be commissioned as per set timescale, given to entrepreneurs.

Further, Minister of Textile Industry of Turkmenistan R. Rejepov has reported to President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov about the situation in the ministry and at the facilities planned to be opened on occasion of the 30th anniversary of independence, in particular modern textile complexes, which are under construction in Kaahka and Babadyahan districts of Ahal Region.

Having noted the importance of big facilities of light industry, which are currently under construction and which opening would directly support the increment of export potential of national textile industry and solution of important social issues, in particular the opening of new work places, the Leader of the Nation pointed out the necessity of provision of proper control of the course and quality of construction, having given specific instructions.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers G. Mushikov has reported on the situation of the structures under his supervision and fulfilment of assignment of the Leader of the Nation on privatization of the state-owned facilities.

The Vice-premier has reported that the Ministry of Finances and Economy together with organizations under its jurisdiction and regional and capital administrations has made analysis and prepared the list of number of facilities subject to privatization.

Relative list, which has been reviewed at the session of interdepartmental central commission under the Ministry of Finances and Economy, has been presented to the President of Turkmenistan by the outcomes of performed work.

Having listened to the report, Head of the State Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has noted that dynamic growth of socially oriented economic spheres, which is based on various forms of ownership and provides staged transit to market relations, has been

achieved in the country.

Staged privatization of the facilities is carried out for intensification of fundamental reforms in this sphere based on active introduction of efficient management methods and formation of various structures of ownership for management of facilities of the branches of national economy.

Measures taken in this direction support the increment of the share of non-government section of national economy, the Leader of the nation noted. Having approved the proposal and list presented by the Vice-premier, the President of the country ordered to hold the solution of specified objectives under permanent strict control.

Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Ch. Gylyjov has reported on the measures undertaken by the Ministry of Textile Industry for procurement of cotton fiber in 2021.

The Vice-premier has reported that more than 145.5 thousand tons of cotton fiber, 8,500 tons of fine fiber cotton, 200 tons of ulyuk and 200 tons of lint are required taking into account new textile complexes, which are under construction in Kaahka and Babadayhan districts, Ahal Region.

At present time, the provision of facilities with raw material for industrial processing is carried out at the set prices from the stock of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Protection and the government reserve fund according to the instructions of the Head of the State.

Summing up the report, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov highlighted that textile industry, which is one of the main segments of industrial sector of national economy, has important objectives for increment of volumes of production, opening of new facilities producing competitive goods based on efficient use of local material resources.

For these purposes, textile facilities have to be provided with advanced technological equipment, the Leader of the nation continued, having noted the importance of fulfilment of the utmost objectives in this direction, and addressed the Vice-premier with certain instructions.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers M. Geldiniyazov has reported on the situation in the spheres under his supervision as well as presented the Draft Resolution on approval of the Government Program in the sphere of the state youth policy of Turkmenistan in 2021 – 2025 to the Head of the State Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov for review.

Improvement of the youth's awareness of constitutional, social and economic rights and freedoms, legal rights and responsibilities, provision of active participation of young Turkmenistan citizens in modern reforms in all spheres of the state and society, in important public events, further improvement of their social and life level, establishment of integrated legal, social, economic and organizational conditions are the main goals of the Program.

The activities under the Program will be aimed at the formation of perfect individual who is aware of and appreciate the history of his nation, culture and humane traditions of the ancestors.

The draft Plan of events on implementation of the State Program in the sphere of the state youth policy of Turkmenistan in 2021 – 2025 has also been developed.

Further, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov has called Chairman of the Central Council of Magtumguly Youth Organization Ya. Ovezberdiyev who reported on

the measures for comprehensive support of the youth and provision of them with legal and social protection.

Big public organization has taken an active part in the development of the Government program in the sphere of the youth policy of Turkmenistan for further five years, which will be a guide in its further work.

The Government program in the sphere of the state youth policy of Turkmenistan in 2021 – 2025 and Plan of activities for its implementation provide entire complex of important objectives.

It includes the provision of social protection of the youth, improvement of the level of explanatory and educational work conducted among the youth and aimed at their upbringing in the spirit of love of national culture, language and literature, history, stimulation of the youth to international scientific cooperation.

Support of the formation of the segment of young entrepreneurs, improvement of legislative base in the sphere of youth affairs and study of the practice of other countries in this direction, provision of rural schools and preschool facilities with qualified specialists meeting time requirements, support of new families occupies an important place in the documents.

Having listened to the reports, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov highlighted exclusive importance of creation of favorable environment for comprehensive development of growing generation, the reveal of its intellectual and creative potential as well as personal growth.

It was mentioned that the government youth policy entails the formation of the system of social, economic, political, organizational and legal measures aimed at the realization of rights and freedoms, support of young citizens of Turkmenistan and that public organizations and relative government structures have to be actively involved in this work.

Together with patriotic education and waking up of love to the Motherland, special attention has to be paid to explanation of the fundamental ideas of historical development of modern directions of the state policy, meaning of grandiose changes of the current epoch of might and happiness to the youth.

It is necessary to give wide capabilities to the youth for quality education, spiritual and physical development, realized selection of profession according to the interests, providing of working occupancy of the youth and application of their professional knowledge at production facilities, on government service, in scientific and creative spheres, the Head of Turkmenistan said, having addressed the Vice-premier with relative instructions.

It was also pointed out at the necessity of expansion of cooperation with international organizations for establishment of beneficial exchange of practice in this sphere and development of new joint programs.

Having highlighted the importance of wide popularization of primordial national traditions and customs, the Head of the State Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov noted their significance in education of younger generation.

The youth has to take an active part in all events of the year, which is held under slogan “Turkmenistan – Home of Peace and Trust” and marked with glorious 30th anniversary of independence, the Leader of the Nation noted, having addressed relative assignments on this account.

Having approved

the presented project, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov signed the Resolution and gave relative instructions on its implementation to relative officials.

Further, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers E. Orazgeldiyev has reported on seasonal agricultural works in the regions as well as on preparation to spring sowing campaign.

All agricultural activities are carried out for care of winter crops at present time. Relative work is carried out at the fields sown with wheat taking into account their vegetation condition.

The regions prepare for the spring sowing campaign, in particular farming lands of the regions, for production of rich harvest of cotton and other agricultural crops according to scientifically based agricultural periods.

Steadfast work is carried out for processing of seed cotton and preparation of qualitative seeds at the regional cotton gin facilities for provision of cotton producers with seeding material.

Having listened to the report, President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov focused on the improvement of productivity of wheat, cotton and other agricultural crops, improvement of soil condition of the fields and provision with water for irrigation.

The Head of the State has highlighted the importance of comprehensive strengthening of food sector of national economy, satisfaction of the population's demand on quality food products of won make.

In this context, the Vice-premier and heads of the regions have received specific instructions, including the instruction to pay special attention to the development of agricultural fields given to the tenants from special land funds of the regions, to introduce advanced agricultural methods to the farming and to continue developing hothouse section.

Other subjects of the state life, on which relative decisions have been made, were reviewed at the session of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Finishing the session, President Berdimuhamedov has wished strong health and big success



prosperity of sovereign Motherland to the participants.