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EMERGENCY IN SYRDARYA REGION OF UZBEKISTAN

A leak in the wall at Sardoba Reservoir

On May 1, at 05:55 AM a leak occurred in the wall of the sixth picket of the dam of Sardoba Reservoir. Water inundated Kurgontepa village.

Sown areas are mostly affected.

Syrdarya District Emergency Situations Directorate, together with the lower-level organizations of the State Emergency Situations Prevention and Response System, evacuated residents of MCA Kurgontepa of Sardoba district, located near the reservoir, to Mirzaabad district. 60,450 people have been evacuated.

Head of the government of the country, the leadership of ministries of emergency situations, emergency departments, internal affairs, the National Guard and other organizations arrived at the place. They coordinate the work on organizing evacuation and eliminating the consequences of the emergency.

President arrives in Syrdarya



President Shavkat Mirziyoyev immediately arrived in Sardoba district of Syrdarya region. **The Ministry of Emergency Situations and other agencies are taking operational measures. Residents of nearby villages are being evacuated.**

Shavkat Mirziyoyev: No family, no person to be left without attention



After heavy rain and strong winds on the morning of May 1, a part of Sardoba Reservoir dam collapsed. The natural disaster caused great damage in human settlements, communication networks and agricultural land.

The **Head of the state** **urgently arrived** in the suffered area. **A Government Commission has been formed, all measures have**

been taken to eliminate the consequences of the emergency, evacuate the population to safe places and provide them with comprehensive assistance.

The President met with the evacuees in Oqoltin district and noted that all sufferers will be given special attention, they will be provided with housing and food.

– *This is a trial that no one expected. Our first action was to evacuate people to safe places. Most importantly, no casualties. I ask the elders, the chairmen and inspectors of makhallas: we should place them in houses, tents, provide food for all people. We will mobilize all forces and means. No leader will leave until the situation improves. We need to endure, withstand, no matter how heavy the burden is. No family, no person will be left without attention*”, said **Shavkat Mirziyoyev**.

Operational measures involve forces and means of the Ministry of Emergency Situations, the Ministry of Water Resources, construction and repair organizations, law enforcement agencies and other services. **Residents** of makhallas near the reservoir **have been evacuated to safe areas**, in particular, they were placed in schools, colleges, enterprises, some of the suffered were received by residents of other makhallas.

Currently, **water leakage has stopped**. The flow has been directed into the Abay Canal of Oqoltin district and brought to Arnasay Lake of Jizzakh region.

The situation is under the personal control of the President.

The Head of the state continues his visit to Syrdarya region.

Instructions given to restore the burst dam

As previously reported, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev visits Syrdarya region in connection with the emergency situation in the region.

The burst of Sardoba Reservoir dam was an unexpected disaster, another trial that befell the country. Under the leadership of the Head of the state, **people of Uzbekistan have united**, without



panic and resolutely proceeded to eliminate the consequences of the disaster.



Remediation continues. The Ministry of Emergency Situations, the Ministry of Water Resources, the Ministry of Defense, law enforcement agencies, construction and repair organizations and local khokimiyats, acting in a coordinated manner, are taking measures to normalize the life in the region.

It should be noted that the work is organized around the clock, hundreds of units of construction and other special equipment are working. Highly qualified engineers specializing in hydraulic structures, workers and experts from related spheres and industries are also involved.

President visits flood-affected makhallas

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev visits Syrdarya region in connection with an emergency at Sardoba Reservoir.

The Head of the state visited Navoi makhalla of Sardoba district, which was the first to be affected by the blow of the natural disaster.

Members of the Government Commission reported on measures taken to eliminate the consequences of the disaster.



The President visited the makhalla and directly got acquainted with the damage. He gave instructions on the thorough cleaning and disinfection of the territory, the provision of strict sanitary and epidemiological surveillance, the speedy and at the same time high-quality restoration of engineering and communication networks.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev spoke with residents who returned home after the water retreated and noted that life in the affected localities will soon normalize, all kinds of assistance will be provided to people.

“In this difficult time, we are all with you. First, fire engines will pump water in each makhalla. We will consult with people on the issue of construction and repair, the construction of new houses. Farmers’ problems will be resolved with access to fields. Most importantly, you are alive and healthy, your children are with you. Keep calm. We ask the Almighty to support us, let it be the last thing we face”, the **President said**.

The Head of the state also visited Shodlik makhalla of Oqoltin district and Haqiqat of Mirzaabad district.

Presidents of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan talk over the phone

On May 2, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a telephone conversation with President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

Heads of state discussed in detail the current situation and issues of organizing close cooperation to eliminate the consequences of the emergency in Sardoba Reservoir in the border regions of the two countries.



Effective measures in the two countries to combat the spread of coronavirus infection and minimize its negative impact on bilateral trade and economic ties have been also supported.

During the conversation, special attention has been paid to the issues of strengthening Uzbekistan – Kazakhstan friendship, good neighborliness and strategic partnership, as well as prospects for further expansion of multifaceted cooperation.

The conversation has been conducted in a traditionally warm and friendly atmosphere.

Shavkat Mirziyoyev inquires after the state of the sufferers



President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in the city of Gulistan talked to the evacuated from the emergency zone in Sardoba, inquired after their state. The Head of the state noted that no one will be left without attention, assistance will be provided to everyone.

In accordance with the instructions given by the Government

Commission, continuous work is underway to clear flooded areas, build and repair facilities, and normalize people's lives.