

**Country/entity** Kyrgyzstan  
Tajikistan

**Region** Europe and Eurasia

**Agreement name** Joint Statement

**Date** 29 Jun 2021

**Agreement status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/conflict level** Interstate/interstate conflict

### Kyrgyzstan–Tajikistan Border Clashes

A border conflict began between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on 28 April 2021. Both countries had become independent of Russia in 1991, with Russia having delimited the border between them. Military from each country along the border began clashes, with the precise reasons disputed, although possibly related to historic disputes over water. This clash escalated militarily. At least 55 people were killed in the events and more than 40,000 civilians were displaced. In January 2022, sporadic clashes resumed, killing at least 2 and wounding many more. An initial ceasefire was declared (no formal agreement has been found) 30 April 2021, but did not fully hold. This led to ongoing mediation of the dispute and a statement of agreement between the Presidents.

Close  
Kyrgyzstan–Tajikistan Border Clashes

**Stage** Pre-negotiation/process

**Conflict nature** Territory

**Peace process** Kyrgyzstan–Tajikistan Border Process

**Parties** The Republic of Tajikistan represented by President Emomali Rahmon, the Kyrgyz Republic represented by the President Sadyr Japarov.

**Third parties** -

**Description** This is a meeting between the two presidents of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan to discuss a range of issues of shared interest between the two countries. Although there is no substantive commitments made in the meeting, there is mention of series of existing trade pacts and interstate commissions.

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## **Groups**

**Children/youth** No specific mention.

**Disabled persons** No specific mention.

**Elderly/age** No specific mention.

**Migrant workers** No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/  
national group** Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical  
Page 4, 14.  
The heads of state agreed to create favorable living conditions for ethnic Kyrgyz in the Republic of Tajikistan and ethnic Tajiks in the Kyrgyz Republic.

**Religious groups** No specific mention.

**Indigenous people** No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced  
persons** No specific mention.

**Social class** No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

**Women, girls and  
gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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**State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** Page 2, 3.

The Presidents noted the prevention of border conflicts on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border and the need for the parties to comply with international obligations and international law.

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The heads of state discussed issues related to the delimitation and demarcation of the Kyrgyz-Tajik state border. They spoke in favor of speeding up negotiations and searching for mutually acceptable solutions within the framework of the Intergovernmental Commission on the Delimitation and Demarcation of the Kyrgyz-Tajik State Border.

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**Cross-border provision**

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**Governance****Political institutions (new or reformed)**

Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references

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**Elections**

No specific mention.

**Electoral commission**

No specific mention.

<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil society</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Traditional/religious leaders</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Constitution</b>	No specific mention.

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#### **Power sharing**

<b>Political power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	No specific mention.

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#### **Human rights and equality**

<b>Human rights/RoL general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Bill of rights/similar</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Treaty incorporation</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil and political rights</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Socio-economic rights</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

<b>Citizenship</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Democracy</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Detention procedures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Media and communication</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mobility/access</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	Rights institutions→Regional or international human rights institutions→Other Page 4, 20. The President of the Republic of Tajikistan supported the candidacy of the Kyrgyz Republic to the UN Human Rights Council for 2023-2025.

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## **Justice sector reform**

<b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b>	No specific mention.
<b>State of emergency provisions</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Judiciary and courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisons and detention</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Traditional Laws</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

### **Development or socio-economic reconstruction**

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

Page 2, 5.

The heads of state called for the continuation of the joint efforts of the states of Central Asia to intensify cooperation in the political, economic, cultural, humanitarian and other spheres. They noted the importance of holding regular consultative meetings of the heads of state of Central Asia, which contribute to the formation of a new atmosphere of interaction in the region.

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The Presidents welcomed the holding in November 2021 in the city of Bishkek of the First Economic Forum "European Union - Central Asia" at the level of prime ministers of Central Asia and high representatives of the EU.

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

Page 4, 13.

The Presidents noted the importance of continuing cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan on the implementation of projects for the construction of power lines, including the construction of the Central Asia-South Asia CASA-1000 regional power transmission line.

### **National economic plan**

No specific mention.

### **Natural resources**

No specific mention.

### **International funds**

No specific mention.



<b>Business</b>	<p>Page 3, 8.</p> <p>The heads of state noted the decrease in the volume of mutual trade between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan. In this context, we advocated the adoption of appropriate measures to use the untapped potential of trade and economic cooperation. They noted the need to organize mutual business economic missions, exhibitions in priority areas of economies and business forums.</p>
<b>Taxation</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Banks</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion  
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The Presidents noted the need to intensify Kyrgyz-Tajik cultural and humanitarian cooperation through joint cultural events, which will help bring peoples closer together and strengthen interethnic and cultural ties.

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Other  
Page 2, 1.  
Kyrgyz-Tajik relations are based on centuries-old historical ties, common cultural and spiritual values.

**Environment**

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In order to meet the growing needs of the population and economies of the Central Asian states and taking into account the negative trends in climate change and obligations under the Paris Agreement, the Heads of State expressed their readiness to mutually support the international initiatives of the two countries to develop their huge hydropower potential to provide the region and beyond environmentally friendly renewable energy.

Page 4, 17.

The President of the Kyrgyz Republic welcomed the global water initiatives of the Republic of Tajikistan and noted the adoption on December 21, 2020 of the resolution of the UN General Assembly “UN Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Achievement of the Goals of the International Decade for Action 'Water for Sustainable Development', 2018–2028”.

Page 4, 18.

The President of the Republic of Tajikistan welcomed the adoption of the resolution “Nature knows no borders: transboundary cooperation is a key factor in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity”, initiated by the Kyrgyz Republic in the framework of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly.

Page 4, 19.

The President of the Kyrgyz Republic welcomed the initiative of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to declare 2025 the International Year for the Preservation of Glaciers.

**Water or riparian rights or access**

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**Security sector****Security  
Guarantees**

No specific mention.

**Ceasefire**

No specific mention.

<b>Police</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Armed forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>DDR</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	Page 3, 9. The Presidents expressed their concern about the ongoing smuggling of goods in the border areas of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan. It is believed that this circumstance is detrimental to bilateral economic relations.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.

<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

<b>UN signatory</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Other international signatory</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Referendum for agreement</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>International mission/force/similar</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Enforcement mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Related cases</b>	No specific mention.
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