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MIRZIYOYEV'S PARIS VISIT TO STRENGTHEN UZBEKISTAN-FRANCE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

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President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev is set to visit Paris on March 11-13, with energy cooperation dominating discussions, according to Le Figaro. As Uzbekistan seeks to diversify its energy mix and France looks for new uranium sources amid geopolitical shifts, the two nations are exploring deeper collaboration in nuclear energy, renewables, and gas-fired power projects.

With an annual economic growth rate of 6% and a rapidly expanding population of 35.65mn, Uzbekistan is undergoing a transformation in its energy sector. The country is undergoing a major shift away from its traditional reliance on natural gas, which previously accounted for 85% of its energy supply. While gas remains a key part of the transition, the government aims to increase the share of renewables to 54% by 2030.

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