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## CENTRAL ASIA, CHINA STRENGTHEN TIES AT FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN ALMATY

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*Almaty hosted the sixth meeting of foreign ministers in the Central Asia [ ] format on April 26, focused on strengthening political dialogue, expanding trade and economic ties, developing transport interconnectivity, addressing regional challenges and threats, and promoting sustainable development and environmental security.*

The meeting brought together Kazakhstans Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Murat Nurtleu and foreign ministers of China Wang Yi, the Kyrgyz Republics Zheenbek Kulubaev, Tajikistans Sirojiddin Mukhriddin, Uzbekistans Bakhtiyor Saidov, and a representative of Turkmenistan.

Participants also discussed proposals to enhance the architecture of multilateral cooperation between Central Asia and China based on principles of mutual respect and equality. The sides emphasized the need for balanced approaches to modern challenges and agreed to take steps toward mutually beneficial development.

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