
KYRGYZSTAN ADVANCES NEW CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORT CORRIDOR WITH CHINA VIA BEDEL PASS

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Kyrgyzstan is advancing plans to develop a new international transport corridor through the Bedel checkpoint on the Chinese border, aiming to boost cross-border trade and reduce reliance on high-altitude routes that are often impassable in winter.

The proposed corridor was a central focus during Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers Bakyt Torobaevs July 8 visit to Beijing. Torobaev met with Chinese corporate leaders to discuss the construction of the Barskoon-Uchturfan-Aksu highway, which would link Kyrgyzstans Issyk-Kul Region with Chinas Aksu Prefecture in Xinjiang via the Bedel Pass.

The Bedel checkpoint, located in a remote mountainous region of southeastern Kyrgyzstan, was first opened under a simplified regime in September 2024. It lies roughly equidistant from Karakol and Aksu and currently operates with temporary infrastructure. According to the Kyrgyz government, the routes full-scale development, including a modern highway and internationally compliant border facilities, is scheduled for completion by 2027.

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