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## **TOKAYEV'S BISHKEK VISIT OUTCOME BOOSTS TRADE MOMENTUM □ KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN CHART NEW PATH**

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*The visit of Kazakhstans President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev to Kyrgyzstan on August 21-22 marked a significant milestone in the bilateral relations between the two countries. During his trip, Tokayev held talks with Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov. The presidents also participated in the seventh session of the Supreme Interstate Council of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.*

The most notable outcome of the visit was the signing of a Roadmap aimed at increasing bilateral trade turnover to \$3 billion by 2030. The presidents also approved a Comprehensive Cooperation Plan for 2025 □□□□□ These measures demonstrate the countries commitment to developing their partnership in a systematic and long-term manner.

Currently, trade ties between Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan are steadily growing. In 2024, bilateral trade reached \$1.47 billion, a 7.4 percent increase over 2023. In the first half of 2025, trade turnover amounted to \$721 million, up 13.8 percent year-on-year. Imports from Kazakhstan rose by 25.7 percent to \$542 million, while Kyrgyz exports fell by 11.6 percent to \$179 million. Despite this imbalance, Kazakhstan remains Kyrgyzstans third-largest trading partner after China and Russia, accounting for over 10 percent of the countrys total trade.

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