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## **TOKAYEV URGES CENTRAL ASIA AND CHINA TO STRENGTHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION**

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Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev hosted the interior and public security ministers of the Central Asia-China format in Astana during the second meeting of regional law enforcement agencies. The meeting was attended by Chinese Minister of Public Security Wang Xiaohong, Kyrgyz Interior Minister Ulan Niyazbekov, Tajik Interior Minister Ramazon Rahimzoda, Turkmen Interior Minister Muhammet Hydyrov, and Uzbek Interior Minister Aziz Tashpulatov.

Participants discussed transnational crime, drug trafficking, cybercrime, and extremism.

Tokayev said strengthening cooperation between the law enforcement agencies of Central Asia and China is essential for maintaining regional stability.

Transnational organized crime is becoming increasingly flexible and interconnected. Cybercrime has evolved into a highly profitable global industry, the president said.

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