

Country/entity Kyrgyzstan
Tajikistan

Region Europe and Eurasia

Agreement name Joint Statement

Date 29 Jun 2021

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement Yes

Agreement/conflict level Interstate/interstate conflict

Kyrgyzstan–Tajikistan Border Clashes

A border conflict began between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on 28 April 2021. Both countries had become independent of Russia in 1991, with Russia having delimited the border between them. Military from each country along the border began clashes, with the precise reasons disputed, although possibly related to historic disputes over water. This clash escalated militarily. At least 55 people were killed in the events and more than 40,000 civilians were displaced. In January 2022, sporadic clashes resumed, killing at least 2 and wounding many more. An initial ceasefire was declared (no formal agreement has been found) 30 April 2021, but did not fully hold. This led to ongoing mediation of the dispute and a statement of agreement between the Presidents.

Close
Kyrgyzstan–Tajikistan Border Clashes

Stage Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict nature Territory

Peace process Kyrgyzstan–Tajikistan Border Process

Parties The Republic of Tajikistan represented by President Emomali Rahmon, the Kyrgyz Republic represented by the President Sadyr Japarov.

Third parties -

Description This is a meeting between the two presidents of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan to discuss a range of issues of shared interest between the two countries. Although there is no substantive commitments made in the meeting, there is mention of series of existing trade pacts and interstate commissions.

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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 4, 14. The heads of state agreed to create favorable living conditions for ethnic Kyrgyz in the Republic of Tajikistan and ethnic Tajiks in the Kyrgyz Republic.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation Page 2, 3.

The Presidents noted the prevention of border conflicts on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border and the need for the parties to comply with international obligations and international law.

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The heads of state discussed issues related to the delimitation and demarcation of the Kyrgyz-Tajik state border. They spoke in favor of speeding up negotiations and searching for mutually acceptable solutions within the framework of the Intergovernmental Commission on the Delimitation and Demarcation of the Kyrgyz-Tajik State Border.

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Cross-border provision

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Governance**Political institutions (new or reformed)**

Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references

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Elections

No specific mention.

Electoral commission

No specific mention.

Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	Rights institutions→Regional or international human rights institutions→Other Page 4, 20. The President of the Republic of Tajikistan supported the candidacy of the Kyrgyz Republic to the UN Human Rights Council for 2023-2025.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

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The heads of state called for the continuation of the joint efforts of the states of Central Asia to intensify cooperation in the political, economic, cultural, humanitarian and other spheres. They noted the importance of holding regular consultative meetings of the heads of state of Central Asia, which contribute to the formation of a new atmosphere of interaction in the region.

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The Presidents welcomed the holding in November 2021 in the city of Bishkek of the First Economic Forum "European Union - Central Asia" at the level of prime ministers of Central Asia and high representatives of the EU.

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

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The Presidents noted the importance of continuing cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan on the implementation of projects for the construction of power lines, including the construction of the Central Asia-South Asia CASA-1000 regional power transmission line.

National economic plan

No specific mention.

Natural resources

No specific mention.

International funds

No specific mention.

Business	<p>Page 3, 8.</p> <p>The heads of state noted the decrease in the volume of mutual trade between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan. In this context, we advocated the adoption of appropriate measures to use the untapped potential of trade and economic cooperation. They noted the need to organize mutual business economic missions, exhibitions in priority areas of economies and business forums.</p>
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion
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The Presidents noted the need to intensify Kyrgyz-Tajik cultural and humanitarian cooperation through joint cultural events, which will help bring peoples closer together and strengthen interethnic and cultural ties.

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Other
Page 2, 1.
Kyrgyz-Tajik relations are based on centuries-old historical ties, common cultural and spiritual values.

Environment

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The President of the Republic of Tajikistan welcomed the adoption of the resolution “Nature knows no borders: transboundary cooperation is a key factor in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity”, initiated by the Kyrgyz Republic in the framework of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly.

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The President of the Kyrgyz Republic welcomed the initiative of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to declare 2025 the International Year for the Preservation of Glaciers.

Water or riparian rights or access

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Security sector**Security
Guarantees**

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	Page 3, 9. The Presidents expressed their concern about the ongoing smuggling of goods in the border areas of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan. It is believed that this circumstance is detrimental to bilateral economic relations.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.

Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
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Other international signatory	No specific mention.
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Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
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International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
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Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
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Related cases	No specific mention.
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