

# Daily Memo: Kazakhstan Reaches Out for Help Amid Protests

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**Kazakhstan update.** After the Kazakh government resigned on Wednesday and protests continued into Thursday, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev **turned** to the Russian-led Collective Security Treaty Organization for help in fighting what he called “terrorist gangs.” The CSTO **deployed** its Collective Peacekeeping Forces, including troops from Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, to Kazakhstan.

**Africa matters.** The U.S. special envoy for the Horn of Africa will **meet** with Ethiopian officials in Addis Ababa on Thursday to discuss peace talks with Tigray rebels. The visit comes a day after China’s foreign minister **held** a meeting with Eritrean officials where they too discussed the Tigray conflict. Relatedly, Beijing **announced** on Thursday that it would also appoint a special envoy for the Horn of Africa.

**Gas deal.** Russian firm Gazprom and Turkey’s Petroleum Pipeline Corp. **signed** a new contract for the supply of up to 5.75 billion cubic meters of Russian natural gas annually through the TurkStream pipeline for the next four years.

**Diplomacy.** The foreign ministers of Russia and Turkey held **talks** by phone. They discussed bilateral relations, the upcoming Russia-NATO Council summit in Brussels, Kazakhstan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Caucasus. The Turkish minister also **spoke** Wednesday with the NATO secretary-general.

**Chinese funding.** Morocco and China signed an agreement to develop technology, energy, trade and agriculture projects. Funding for the projects will come from China’s Belt and Road Initiative.

**Moscow meeting.** Russia will hold **talks** in Moscow on Ukraine with Germany and France under the Normandy format on Thursday.

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