

Country/entity	Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Joint statements of the Governmental delegations of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic on the delimitation and demarcation of the Tajik-Kyrgyz state border
Date	5 May 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	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Kyrgyzstan–Tajikistan Border Process
Parties	S.S. Yatimov Head of the delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan K.K. Tashiyev Head of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic

Third parties

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Description

The joint statement by the governmental delegations of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan on May 5, 2021, in Dushanbe, addresses the delimitation and demarcation of the Tajik-Kyrgyz state border. The agreement, fostered by a spirit of mutual trust and historical coexistence, focuses on urgent measures to resolve border disputes and resume joint commission work, using historical documents from 1924-1927 and 1989 as references. It includes specific plans for border delineation in designated areas, construction of a bypass road, and arrangements for the next meeting in Tajikistan.

Agreement document

[KG_TJ_210505_Joint Statements of the Governmental Delegations of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic on the delimitation and demarcation of the Tajik-Kyrgyz state border_EN.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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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**

No specific mention.

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 The heads of the delegations of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic expressed mutual understanding on the issue of the need to urgently describe the boundary line in the remaining areas of the Tajik-Kyrgyz state border.

Locate in agreement

The parties agreed to use documents and materials from the 1924-1927 National territorial-demarcation and 1989 parity commission to describe the project line of the state border between the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic in the areas from border point No.

Locate in agreement

43 to border point No.

Locate in agreement

61 and from border point No.

Locate in agreement

135 to border point No.

Locate in agreement

141.

Locate in agreement

Working groups of topographers were instructed to describe the project line of the Kyrgyz-Tajik border in the above-mentioned areas from May 5th to May 9th of the year 2021.

Locate in agreement

At the same time, by May 17, 2021, working groups of the parties will commence topographic work for describing the project line of the Kyrgyz-Tajik state border in Ovchi Kalacha Babajan in Gafurov district, Chorkuh, Somoniyon, Khojai-Alo of Isfara city in Sogd region of the Republic of Tajikistan as well as populated areas Maksat, Kulundu in Leilek district, Kok-Tash, Kok-Terek, Ak-Sai settlements in Batken district of Batken region of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Locate in agreement

To assure unhindered movement of citizens and passage of vehicles and goods of the Republic of Tajikistan, before the completion of the process of delimitation, demarcation and legal registration of the Kyrgyz-Tajik state border, the parties reached an agreement to jointly construct “Khojai Alo-Vorukh” bypass road on the eastern side of Kapchigai (Tangi) settlement, which the Tajik side will be using and maintaining.

Locate in agreement

The status of the road will be determined by a separate state agreement between the two countries.

Locate in agreement

The parties agreed to proceed with the design description of the Tajik-Kyrgyz state border line at the Vorukh area after the construction of the bypass road on the eastern side of the Tangi (Kapchygai) settlement is completed.

Locate in agreement

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

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 To assure unhindered movement of citizens and passage of vehicles and goods of the Republic of Tajikistan, before the completion of the process of delimitation, demarcation and legal registration of the Kyrgyz-Tajik state border, the parties reached an agreement to jointly construct “Khojai Alo-Vorukh” bypass road on the eastern side of Kapchigai (Tangi) settlement, which the Tajik side will be using and maintaining.
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Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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→Infrastructure and reconstruction
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National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources To promptly commence the construction of the aforementioned road, the working groups of topographers were instructed to conduct a field examination of the given area on the lands of practical use in the Batken region, together with design organizations, by June 1, 2021.
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International funds No specific mention.

Business	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.
Environment	No specific mention.
Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.

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	No specific mention.
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.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source No specific mention.
