
KAZAKHSTAN WANTS MORE OIL OUTPUT TO STAY AT HOME TO TACKLE FUEL PROBLEMS

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Kazakhstan has asked the foreign companies operating its main oilfields to supply the domestic market so it can boost its refining industry and tackle the rising fuel prices that led to violent protests in January.

Energy minister Bolat Akchkulakov said Kazakhstan can't ramp up domestic refining without supplies from the foreign-led consortia operating its Tengiz, Kashagan and Karachaganak oilfields, according to notes accompanying a presentation he gave to journalists.

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