U.S. Senators Urge India to Soften Data Localization Stance

NEW DELHI - Two U.S. senators have called on India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi to respect his commitment to data localization, warning that requiring its use “may lead to barrenness between the two nations.” In a letter to Modi dated Friday and sent by U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Mark Warner - co-chairs of the Senate’s Working Group on India - the senators said that India’s stance on data localization, which seek to ensure that data belonging to Indians is stored in India, is causing “wide ramifications and continues to spread like a cancer cell.”

The letter comes as relations between Washington and New Delhi are strained over multiple issues, including an Indian-Russian defense deal, India’s new national security laws, and its moves to ban Chinese apps. The two senators are among several lawmakers who have asked the Biden administration to soften its stance on India’s data localization laws.

In addition, the letter is part of a broader push from the United States to counter China’s growing influence in the region.

12 Fearful Dead in India Cyclone Swamped by Landscape

MUNICH - Germany’s economic strong heartland is set to elect local parlia-"mement” on Sunday. The southern state’s long- standing Christian Social Union (CSU), the forerunner of which was defeated in state elections in Bavaria and Austrian South Tyrol last week, will host a rally on Friday. The party, which had been predicted to lose its control of the state since 2013, has been boosted by the arrival of a new figurehead, Carola Veit, who led the CSU to victory in the state election last year. But the party has been criticized for its handling of the coronavirus pandemic, which has claimed the lives of at least 12 people.

DEFENDING - Governmental officials refer to the Daycare Shelter as a safe haven for children displaced by conflict. (Trend)

Interests of Uzbek People Top Priority for Agriculture Sector: Mirozovoy

TASHKENT - Interests of the Uzbek people for the development of the agro-industrial sector, as the main economic entity, are a fundamental issue to the state, the Prime Minister of Uzbekistan, said in his recent speech.

The significance of the agro-industrial sector has been due to the fact that it provides food security for the population, supports the economy and trade and one that is crucial to the development of the country. Uzbekistan has a large agricultural potential, and its agro-industrial sector has a significant share in the country’s GDP. The government has been implementing various initiatives to support and develop the sector, including investments in modernization and infrastructure development. In addition, the country has been a net exporter of agricultural products, with a significant portion of its agricultural exports being directed to the EU and other international markets.

As a result, Uzbekistan has been able to achieve substantial economic growth in recent years, with the agro-industrial sector playing a key role in this growth. The sector has also contributed to the country’s export earnings, with Uzbekistan being one of the world’s largest exporters of cotton. This has helped to expand the country’s foreign trade and contribute to its economic diversification.

The government’s focus on the agro-industrial sector is further evidenced by its recent decision to establish a special economic zone (SEZ) for agricultural products. This SEZ is designed to attract foreign investment and provide support to local farmers, thereby boosting productivity and competitiveness in the sector.

The agro-industrial sector is also a significant source of employment, with a large portion of the country’s workforce being employed in the sector. This has helped to reduce unemployment and improve living standards for the population. In addition, the sector has a significant role in poverty reduction, with many of the poor being employed in the sector.

In conclusion, the agro-industrial sector is a key driver of economic growth and development in Uzbekistan. The government’s focus on this sector is reflected in its policies and initiatives, which aim to support and develop the sector further. This focus is essential for the country’s economic diversification and poverty reduction, and it is expected to continue in the future.