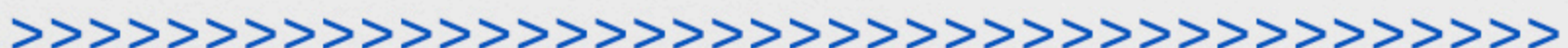




**A 101-YEAR BORDER  
DISPUTE IS  
FINALLY  
OVER!**

For over a century, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan  
have been at odds over their shared border.  
But now, history has been made.

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# WHAT WAS THE CONFLICT ABOUT?

- 📅 On **March 13**, the Presidents of both countries signed a **landmark agreement**, putting an end to the dispute once and for all.
- 📍 The border between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan has been contested for **decades**, leading to clashes over land, water, and resources.
- ⚔️ In **2021**, tensions erupted into violence.
- 🔥 In **2022**, armed conflict broke out.
- 🌱 But behind the scenes, **brave leaders, activists, and everyday people** worked tirelessly to build peace.







# HOW DID PEACE HAPPEN?

- ◆ **Ceasefire Agreement:** After the 2022 conflict, both sides agreed to stop the fighting.
- ◆ **2+ Years of Talks:** High-level officials met regularly to find a lasting solution.
- ◆ **People-Powered Peace:** A group of activists, journalists, and experts from both countries built bridges through **dialogue and trust.**




This wasn't just politics — **this was people taking peace into their own hands.**







# WHY THIS MATTERS

-  **Regional Stability:** This deal brings **peace** to one of the most densely populated regions in the world.
-  **Economic Growth:** With open borders, trade and business can **thrive**.
-  **A Global Win for Diplomacy:** The world is watching — this proves that **talking works better than fighting**.









# THE UNSUNG HEROES

While governments negotiated, **courageous individuals** on both sides took action:

-  **Kyrgyz & Tajik peacebuilders** risked everything to keep dialogue alive.
-  **Expert groups** helped leaders understand the real impact of war.
-  **People's diplomacy** ensured the public was ready for peace, not war.

AS ONE PEACEBUILDER PUT IT:

***“A drop wears away a stone.  
We changed public opinion,  
one conversation at a time.”***





# HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

With the border dispute resolved, we look ahead:

- ✓ **A peaceful Fergana Valley**
- ✓ **Stronger relationships between neighbors**
- ✓ **A future built on cooperation, not conflict**

This agreement proves that even the toughest disputes can be solved—not with weapons, but with **understanding and persistence.**

**Real peace takes time—it's about building trust and connections, not just short-term results.**

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