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On weekends, 50 medical personnel from the Department of Internal Affairs are called to the cotton fields to heal the employees who are suffering from the high temperatures. According to the source, the new high temperatures have a negative effect on the health of the employees and therefore, on the harvest. The employees are required to work for more than 12 hours a day in the hot sun. The cotton workers are paid 900 - 1200 soum for a day of work, which is not enough. The employees are demanding that the cotton workers be paid at least 3000 soum for a day of work. But the mahalla committees and district inspectors in Namangan asked temporarily unemployed citizens to go to pick cotton in the Jizzakh region to increase the harvest. Currently, more than 500 workers of "Uzagrotehsanoatholding" are participating in the cotton harvesting.

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