



### Georgia's Independence Day



#### 26.05.2019 TBILISI

Georgia marked Independence Day, commemorating May 26, 1918 – the day when the Act of Independence was adopted, establishing the First Democratic Republic of Georgia. The President, Prime Minister, Speaker of the Parliament and the Defense Minister addressed the army and attendees at the Liberty Square.

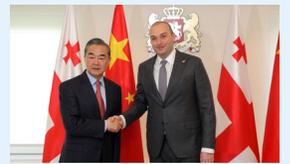
Georgian cities across the country celebrated with a range of events and activities including exhibitions, educational games, craft displays and music shows. Georgia's Embassies abroad, together with the diaspora representatives organized celebrations. Different sights throughout the world were illuminated in the colors of Georgian national flag. National anthem of Georgia was performed in the capital cities at 17:10 Tbilisi time as the independence of Georgia was publicly announced at this time.

Foreign countries and world leaders congratulated Georgia on its National Day. [MORE](#)



### State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Paid Official Visit to Georgia

#### 23-24.05.2019 TBILISI



During his first official visit to Georgia, Mr. Wang Yi held meetings with President Salome Zourabichvili, Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze and Minister of Foreign Affairs David Zalkaliani

**Discussed:** Promotion of practical relations both in bilateral and multilateral formats, cooperation in the areas of trade, investment and transport, the importance of partnership

under the Belt and Road Initiative, situation in Georgia's occupied territories. Minister Zalkaliani described Wang Yi's visit "historic" as it is the Chinese Foreign Minister's first official visit to Georgia over the past 23 years. Chinese Foreign Minister congratulated Georgian people on the Independence Day and reaffirmed China's strong support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. [MORE](#)



### The Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Visited Georgia

#### 19-21.05.2019 TBILISI



Within the frames of her visit Ms. Christine Lagarde held meetings with President of Georgia, Prime Minister as well as civil society organizations, female entrepreneurs, business leaders and students.

**Discussed:** Comprehensive reforms implemented in Georgia and reforms supported by the IMF, necessity of increasing economic resilience and continuation of the reform process in order to foster inclusive and sustainable growth.

*"Over the past generation, Georgia has written a remarkable story of transformation—by shifting the economy from a heavy reliance on agriculture towards service industries, lifting average incomes, boosting tourism and trade, and creating one of the world's most welcoming business environments"*- Christine Lagarde stated. [MORE](#)

### Bipartisan Georgia Support Act Unanimously Approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives

#### 22.05.2019

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives approved a bipartisan bill-Georgia Support Act, which is yet another demonstration to strengthen Georgia-U.S. strategic partnership. Act underlines the United States' support towards Georgia's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity; Condemns the military intervention and occupation of Georgia by the Russian Federation and its continuous illegal activities along the occupation line in Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia. It calls for imposition of sanctions on persons complicit in or responsible for serious Human Rights abuses, including right to life in Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia occupied by Russia. [MORE](#)



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We congratulate our friends in #Sakartvelo on the occasion of Independence Day of #Georgia! ლიტვა-საქართველოს მეგობრობას გაუმარჯოს! @MFAgovge

**MFA of Ukraine** @MFA\_Ukraine Following

We send the warmest congratulations to our friends in #Georgia celebrating the #IndependenceDay!

**MFA Azerbaijan** @AzerbaijanMFA Following

We extend our cordial congratulations to Georgia on the occasion of its Independence Day. and have historically lived in an atmosphere of friendship and good neighborliness. On this remarkable day we wish happiness, peace and prosperity to the friendly people of #Georgia.

**Latvian MFA** @Latvian\_MFA Following

Sincere congratulations to our friends in #Georgia on the occasion of the #IndependenceDay!

**Estonian MFA** @MFAestonia Following

Our dear friends in #Georgia, happy Independence Day! Estonia is and will always be your close friend and strong ally.

**Nikol Pashinyan** @NikolPashinyan Following

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**Edgars Rinkēvičs** @NikolRinkevics Following

Very warm congratulations and best wishes to our Georgian friends celebrating Independence Day! #Georgia

**David Zalkaliani** @DZalkaliani Following

Great pleasure to welcome Minister Wang Yi in #Tbilisi. High-level contacts between demonstrate our intention to further deepen bilateral relations. This visit will give a new impetus to strengthening our partnership and will shape our cooperation for the years ahead

**Christine Lagarde** @Lagarde Following

I had a very good conversation with #Georgia's Prime Minister @BakhtadzeMamuka about the need to increase economic resilience and continue the reform process in order to foster inclusive and sustainable growth.

**Adam Kinzinger** @RepKinzinger Following

#ICYMI – my bill w/ @GerryConnolly, the Georgia Support Act, passed through HFAC this week, taking us one step closer to reaffirming our commitment to Georgia's sovereignty, strengthening our partnership, and reminding the Kremlin to back off. @HouseForeignGOP

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