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POLITICS

Georgian Foreign Minister on the Results of the Meeting of NATO Defense Ministers



Georgian Foreign Minister Mikheil Janelidze stated: „We welcome NATO's increased presence and activities in the Eastern Europe and especially in the Black Sea region. Georgia as an aspirant country supports the Allied efforts to strengthen shared Euro-Atlantic security. Georgia is committed to continue its contribution to the security of the Euro-Atlantic area, and of the Black Sea region as its integral part.”

More: <http://e.gov.ge/OotoM>

Negotiation on Georgia's Visa Liberalization

European Parliament calls on the Council to start negotiations on exempting Georgian citizens from EU visa requirements “without any further delay”. In a letter sent on 26 October, 2016 to the Slovak Presidency, Civil Liberties MEPs invite the Council to open trilogue talks “as soon as possible at the beginning of November”.

MEPs note that there is no real reason for delaying the talks on Georgia's visa waiver, given that both the Parliament and the Council have approved mandates, following the confirmation by the Commission that the country has fulfilled all criteria.

More: <http://bit.ly/2eMMUUE>



EU support program for the development of Public Administration in Georgia



EU has concluded an agreement with Georgia for the allocation of 30 million Euros within the scope of a program supporting the Public Administration Development in the country.

"I wish to thank the EU Delegation to Georgia and personally H.E. Janos Herman, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the European Union for the demonstrated support and cooperation. EU is one of the largest donors, with an exposure of many years in a row. It actively assists the country in the implementation of democratic and intensive reforms. Many successful reform agendas have been resulting from the EU support in Georgia," - noted Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia.

More: <https://goo.gl/PswpTB>

SOCIAL MEDIA



Mariya Gabriel

We urge [@EUCouncil](#) 2 open talks on a [#visa waiver](#) for [#Georgia](#) w/out any further delay. [@en2016sk](#) [#Georgia](#) has fulfilled all benchmarks.

EUDelegation Georgia

JanosHerman: "Media monitoring results show more balanced and informative media than in 2012"
[#EUforGeorgia](#)

Mikheil Janelidze

[#EU's](#) 30 million Euros grant 4 [#Georgia](#) is another clear demonstration of great support from our [#European](#) friends & partners
[@EUinGeorgia](#)

REFORMS

Georgia among Top Global Improvers in terms of Doing Business



Georgia received a ranking of 16 among 190 economies in the world in *Doing Business 2017: Equal Opportunity for All*. This year, the country improved its ranking by 7 positions.

Georgia is also among the top 10 global improvers for implementing reforms to their business regulations. Georgia's leading positions are due to the five indicators, including the ease of registering property, the ease of getting credit, protecting minority investors, the ease of starting business and the ease of dealing with construction permits.

More: <http://bit.ly/2eTzkOR>

SOCIAL MEDIA



Giorgi Kvirikashvili

As a result of our reforms [#Georgia](#) is top performer, up 7 places & ranked 16 in [@WorldBank's #DoingBusiness](#) report! [http://www.doingbusiness.org/data/ExploreEconomic/georgia ...](http://www.doingbusiness.org/data/ExploreEconomic/georgia...)

MFA of Georgia

[#Georgia](#) improves its rankings in Doing Business 2017 by 7 positions becomes 3rd in [#ECA](#) region, 9th in [#Europe](#) & 16th in the [#World](#)

Arad Benkö

Good to see [@MFAgovge](#) introducing [#egovernment](#) with support by [@SwedeninGe](#) ID as a cake is a sweet idea!

DIGITAL DIPLOMACY

New Digital Software for Diplomatic Accreditation

The Georgian Foreign Ministry hosted the presentation of new digital software of diplomatic accreditation that is yet another step towards the development of the state e-service.

Georgian Foreign Minister Mikheil Janelidze offered to the members of diplomatic corps in Georgia an innovative, high technological, easily operable programme-based tool that shall enable an excellent service.

More: <http://bit.ly/2eLUTzU>



CULTURE

New Japanese Garden in Georgia



Japanese garden has opened in the National Botanical Garden of Georgia. This is a symbol of long-standing friendship between Georgia and Japan.

The Georgian Foreign Ministry, the Tbilisi City Council, the Japanese Embassy to Georgia and the Japanese private sector were actively involved in the project, which was launched in 2013. According to the Georgian Deputy Foreign Minister, the creation of this garden will promote the strengthening of people-to-people ties and will increase interest in the culture of each other's countries.

Following the opening ceremony of the Japanese garden, Japanese maples were planted to mark the occasion of the tree to mark the World Planting Day.

More: <http://bit.ly/2dSplae>

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