



## Georgian Foreign Minister at the 43rd Session of the UN High Level Segment of the Human Rights Council

24-26.02.2020, Geneva

Foreign Minister, David Zalkaliani delivered a speech at the high-level segment of the 43rd session of the UN Human Rights Council. Minister reiterated the importance of member states' support to the "Otkhozoria-Tatunashvili List" as a preventive step to avoid further aggravation of the situation through imposing the restrictive measures on the individuals responsible for human rights abuses in the occupied regions.



As a member of the group of human rights-minded countries, Georgia presented effective mechanisms for early marriage prevention as its good human rights story. Speaking at the meeting of the Group of Good Human Rights Stories, Zalkaliani highlighted that advancing the human rights protection framework remains the top priority of the Government's agenda.



On the sidelines of the Session, Minister Zalkaliani held bilateral meetings with the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Marija Pejčinović Burić, the President of the UN Human Rights Council, Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi and other high level officials. [MORE](#)

## Austria's Regional Ambassadorial meeting in Tbilisi

26.02.2020, Tbilisi

Georgian Foreign Minister, David Zalkaliani opened Austria's Regional Ambassadorial meeting in Tbilisi. *"This fact stands as a manifestation of the special role currently played by Georgia in regional developments. We are glad to observe that Tbilisi is under close focus of our European partners already established as a host city for regional diplomatic meetings. A couple of years ago, our German and French colleagues held a joint ambassadors' conference in Georgia and so we hope to see such practice continues, serving as an example for other countries"* – stated the Minister in his remarks. He also welcomed the conduction of another round of bilateral political consultations between the Georgian and Austrian Foreign Ministries.



The Minister also highlighted that Georgia's partnership with Austria is based on common values and mutual trust and that Austria stands among Georgia's most reliable partners.

Austria has been demonstrating its strong support to Georgia and has been providing substantial assistance to country's socio-economic and institutional development, as well as in the process of EU approximation. [MORE](#)

## Tbilisi hosted Georgia and the World 2020 Economic Conference

26.02.2020, Tbilisi



Prime Minister of Georgia, Giorgi Gakharia opened the Economic Conference "Georgia and the World 2020". The event was held under the auspices of The World in 2020, The Economist British magazine's annual publication, and it is organized for the second time by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development.

Prime Minister underlined the significance of the conference, pointed out that it enables every delegate and stakeholder firstly to engage in open discussions on the challenges and achievements of Georgia's economy. He also spoke about free trade agreements and emphasized that Georgia is the only country to enjoy such agreements with China, the EU, and all of its neighbors. [MORE](#)

## 99 years since the Soviet Occupation of Georgia

26.02.2020, Tbilisi

Pursuant to the Parliamentary Resolution of 21 July 2010, February 25th is declared the Soviet Occupation Day and in commemoration of the hundreds of thousands of victims of occupation, the State Flags flew half-mast countrywide, as well as at buildings of the diplomatic representations of Georgia abroad.

On 25 February 1921, the Russian Red Army overthrew the Government of Georgia elected by the universal and free elections and annexed the subject of the international law – Democratic Republic of Georgia. [MORE](#)



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"I wish to reaffirm my unequivocal support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of #Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders" - David Zalkaliani, President of the Committee of Ministers

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Great musical interlude by the "Voix de Stras" during the High-Level Conference Environmental Protection and #HumanRights organised under the #GeoPresidency

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Happening Now! High-Level #Conference Environmental Protection & #HumanRights organised under the aegis of the #GeoPresidency of the Committee of Ministers of the #CoE #HREnvironment

Commissioner for Human Rights @CommissionHR

#HumanRights are not just the victim of environmental degradation; they are also the key to rolling it back.

#GeoPresidency #HREnvironment Conference

David Zalkaliani @DZalkaliani

Proud to attend Austria's regional ambassadorial meeting in Tbilisi, that becomes major meeting place for our European partners& one of the world's top venues 4 various international events. Austria remains our strong partner demonstrating support to @MFA\_Austria @AradBenko

Arad Benko @AradBenko

Replying to @DZalkaliani and @MFA\_Austria  
Dear @DZalkaliani, we feel very honored by your presence at the opening of the conference!

Embassy of Georgia in NL @GEombassyNL

#Tbilisi has hosted an economic conference 'Georgia and the World 2020' organised by The #Economist's and Georgian Ministry of Economy to analyse progress made by #Georgia. PM @GakhariaGiorgi opened the conference

David Zalkaliani @DZalkaliani

Today is a time of reverence and recognition of the ultimate sacrifice that was made by those who died for our freedom, in the fight against #SovietOccupation, in 1921. Without their sacrifice, we would not be the nation we are today. We owe our heroes a great debt of gratitude.

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99 years since Soviet occupation of Georgia

Embassy of Georgia to Hungary @BudapestEmb

Ninety-nine years have passed since the day #Georgia lost its three-year #Independence and was ###occupied by the #Bolshevik Red Army.

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