



### Minister of Foreign Affairs David Zalkaliani Paid Official Visit to the Republic of Turkey

28-29.10.2018 ISTANBUL

- As part of his official visit, Minister of Foreign David Zalkaliani held bilateral meetings with his Turkish and Azerbaijani counterparts, Foreign Ministers Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu and Elmar Mammadyarov.
- Discussed:** Strategic partnership between the countries, international transit and energy projects, importance of opening the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway and the Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline, security situation in the region and enhancing cooperation in the areas of economy, energy and transport.
- Within the framework of the visit FM, David Zalkaliani participated in the seventh trilateral meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Turkey as well as in the launch of the new Istanbul airport. The Ministers highly appraised the trilateral format, which, according to them, has transformed into a unique, comprehensive and regional co-operation mechanism allowing the parties to discuss various issues relating to trilateral co-operation. [MORE](#)



### U.S. Congressman Urges United States Trade Representative to Start Negotiations with Georgia on Free Trade Agreement

25.10.2018 TEXAS



- Chairman of the House Georgia Caucus, Congressman Ted Poe sent a letter to the United States Trade Representative Ambassador Robert Lighthizer, urging to consider conclusion of free trade agreement between the United States and Georgia.
- “As a strong supporter of our bilateral relationship with Georgia, I write you to urge consideration of free trade agreement with our Georgian allies, Georgia is a critical strategic partner that has made remarkable progress over the past two decades in enacting political and economic reforms..”* Congressman Poe wrote. [MORE](#)

### Georgia Defence and Security Conference 2018

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- President Giorgi Margvelashvili, Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze and Minister of Defence Levan Izoria opened the 12th annual Georgia Defence and Security Conference hosted by the Ministry of Defence.
- Over the past 12 years, the Georgia Defense and Security Conference has become a unique regional forum, where key themes related to Georgian and Euro-Atlantic security are discussed by senior Georgian and foreign policy-makers, experts, representatives of non-governmental organizations, media and academia. The forum was attended by up to 300 participants.
- The Chairman of the Munich Security Conference Wolfgang Ischinger made a video-address for the participants and announced that in February 2019 Georgia Defense and Security Conference will have a status of an official partner of the Munich Security Conference.



*“It is the high time that we elaborated a roadmap for Georgia’s NATO membership”* Wolfgang Friedrich Ischinger, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference stated. [MORE](#)

### Strategic Communications Structural Units to Be Created in Every Ministry



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- Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze has announced creation of Strategic Communications structural units in all ministries to minimize the impact of anti-Western propaganda, to enhance the population’s awareness about the country’s European and Euro-Atlantic integration and to establish an effective, well-coordinated, proactive system of communications in the country.

“We are creating strategic communications structural units to foster the establishment of an effective, well-coordinated, and proactive strategic communications system in the country. Today, such structures already operate in several ministries. Accordingly, measures to support them will be considered,” Mamuka Bakhtadze stated. [MORE](#)

### The World Bank Doing Business Report 2019: Georgia Ranks 6th Among 190 Countries

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- According to the World Bank Doing Business report for 2019 Georgia has moved up in the Doing Business Ranking to 6th place from 9th place last year among the 190 countries.
- “This means that Georgia is the most credible economy of Europe and Central Asia. It has maintained its strong position in Top 10 Economies..”* Regional Director of the World Bank, Mercy Tembon said. [MORE](#)



**Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu** @MevlutCavusoglu  
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We advance #Turkey-#Azerbaijan-#Georgia Trilateral Cooperation with an understanding of regional ownership, and on the basis of mutual interest and respect. We reiterated our common will to further develop our cooperation especially in the areas of economy, energy, and transport.

**David Zalkaliani** @DZalkaliani  
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Delighted to participate in the seventh #Azerbaijan #Georgia #Turkey Trilateral Ministerial meeting - unique and comprehensive regional mechanism of collaboration, giving excellent opportunity for discussing wide range of issues of our trilateral agenda 🇦🇿 🇬🇪 🇹🇷

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Istanbul Statement of the Seventh Trilateral Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Republic of #Azerbaijan, #Georgia and the Republic of #Turkey was adopted

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U.S. Congressman Ted Poe @JudgeTedPoe Urges United States Trade Representative to start negotiations with #Georgia on Free Trade Agreement. [bit.ly/2Pue72v](https://bit.ly/2Pue72v)

**Mamuka Bakhtadze** @MamukaMamuka  
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Just opened #GeorgiaDefenceandSecurity Conference, in todays multi-connected world we face number of #Challenges that needs to be #tackled on #Global as well as #Regional levels. #GDSC is our effort to address emerging threats to 🇬🇪 & Euro-Atlantic security infrastructure.

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MoD #Izoria: "Our partnership with NATO is really exemplary. The reforms are acknowledged as a success story not only for partner, but NATO member states" #GDSC2018

**Keti Tsikhelashvili** @TsikhelashviliK  
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#Georgia - #NATO membership would sevre good of our nation and #EuropeanSecurity. It's not against anybody. We all agree 🇬🇪 shall become Nato member. But sooner it happens the better! #GDSC2018

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Last week we were honored to watch @MunSecConf chairman @ischinger's speech at #GDSC2018 that encouraged and motivated 🇬🇪 Armed Forces and people.

**Tamar Beruchashvili** @tberuch  
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#Georgia 🇬🇪 remains the best place in emerging #Europe to do #business according to the latest @World Bank #DoingBusiness Report . @ \_EmergingEurope

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