



### Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze Paid a Visit to Strasbourg

#### 10.04.2019 STRASBOURG

- Georgian delegation headed by the Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze visited Council of Europe to mark the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe and the 20th anniversary of Georgia's accession to the organization.
- Within the scope of his visit Prime Minister Bakhtadze delivered a speech at the Parliamentary Assembly where he spoke about Georgia's democratic transformation and reforms over the past 20 years and challenges facing the country's security and territorial integrity, also held meetings with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Liliane Maury Pasquier, Secretary General of the Council of Europe Thorbjørn Jagland, Commissioner for Human Rights Dunja Mijatović and Venice Commission President Gianni Buquicchio.
- **Discussed:** Georgia-PACE relations and Georgia's significant progress toward democratic consolidation, Georgia's upcoming chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, human



rights and humanitarian situation in the occupied regions of Georgia and cooperation with Venice Commission.

- During the visit, Mamuka Bakhtadze opened commemorative star plaque in front of the Council of Europe palace with Former Prime Minister Zurab Zhvania's phrase **"I am Georgian, therefore I am European"** he stated 20 years ago, in 1999, when Georgia was joining the Council of Europe. **MORE**



### 30 Years After April 9 Tbilisi Massacre

#### 9.04.2019 TBILISI

- Minister of Foreign Affairs David Zalkaliani hosted representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited to Georgia to mark the 30th anniversary of 9 April Day of Georgia's National Unity.
- Exactly 30 years ago, the Soviet army brutally dispersed a large pro-independence rally on Rustaveli Avenue, in the heart of Georgian capital. Twenty-one people were killed, including women and youth. Hundreds of citizens were poisoned. The tragedy is referred as the Tbilisi Massacre.
- Minister Zalkaliani spoke before the audience and provided full information regarding the tragedy of 9 April, followed by the exhibition of archival photos. Georgia's diplomatic missions abroad also marked the event and conducted various activities such as public lectures, photo exhibitions, published articles, interviews and OPED's. **MORE**



### Reception Dedicated to the Centennial Anniversary of the Georgian Parliament Held at the U.S. Congress

#### 11.04.2019 WASHINGTON D.C.



- The U.S. Congress hosted a meeting dedicated to the Centennial Anniversary of the Georgian Parliament. The event was co-organized by the Georgian Embassy to the U.S. and the Atlantic Council.
- Ambassador of Georgia to the US David Bakradze and MP Sophie Katsarava, Chairwomen of the International Relations Committee at the Parliament of Georgia attended the event and stated that Georgia's first Constituent Assembly went as a

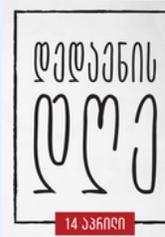
unique case on the record of Georgian modern-type democracy and is considered as part of our national heritage - a pillar of Georgia's current democratic statehood.

- The event highlighted 100 years-long Georgia-US people-to-people exchanges by featuring The New York Times and Georgian Publishing House "Sakhelebi" joint project and awarded some of the most remarkable American friends of Georgia for their invaluable contribution to the Georgia-US friendship and partnership. **MORE**

### Georgia Celebrated Language Day

#### 14.04.2019 TBILISI

- April 14, 1978 marks a date when Georgian nation came together to protect uniqueness of the Georgian language. On this day 41 years ago, hundreds of Georgians protested Soviet regime's decision to remove Georgian as an official language from Constitution. This was an unprecedented case when the regime withdrew and backed down to the demands. 38 years later, Georgian alphabet was added to UNESCO's list of intangible cultural heritage. **MORE**



**Mamuka Bakhtadze** @BakhtadzeMamuka  
Following  
In #Strasbourg to mark the 20th anniversary of #Georgia's @coe membership. Reforms & determination made us a success-story of democratic transformation in the region. As incoming CoE Chair, #Georgia remains committed to advancing democratic norms & values across continent

**Liliane Maury Pasquier** @PACE\_President  
Following  
With PM of #Georgia HE Mamuka #Bakhtadze, who is visiting the @coe to mark the 20th anniversary of Georgia's accession to our organisation. I praised the country for the progress achieved over 20y & for having come a long way in building a stronger and more prosperous democracy.

**CoE Georgia** @CoEGeorgia  
Following  
The photos were taken in Strasbourg in front of the #CoE headquarters on 10 April. The Council of Europe placed a commemorative star plaque in the memory of the former Prime Minister of #Georgia Zurab Zhvania pronouncing the words: I am Georgian, and therefore I am European".

**David Zalkaliani** @DZalkaliani  
Following  
✚ commemorates 30 Years after April 9 Tbilisi Massacre - when Soviet army brutally dispersed a large pro-independence rally on Rustaveli Ave. 9/04/89 became turning point for the future of ✚. unified ✚ people&reinforced national self-awareness. #thankyouforfreedom

**Giedrius Puodziunas** @Puodziunas,G  
Following  
#OTD 30 years ago, ✚ confronted #Soviet terror & stood up 4 its freedom, losing 21 brave souls in the process, yet signaling the beginning of the end of USSR. 2day, 9 April is a symbol of #Georgian unity & ✚ stands together w/ #Georgia with words known 2all- #NeverForget

**Embassy of Georgia** @GeorgianEmbassy  
Following  
Embassy hosted #Congress reception on #Georgia's ✚ Parliament 100 Anniversary. #US Friends: Rep.@GerryConnolly & @JudgeTedPoe, @LukeDCoffey of @Heritage PaulCrego of @librarycongress, Dr. Mamuka Tsereteli of @AmericAGBC & @voage awarded #SaxeLebi Prize 4 ✚ partnership input

**Sophie Katsarava** @SophieKatsarava  
Following  
The steadfast support and concrete actions of the #USCongress and #USSenate speak volumes of depth and breadth of our bilateral relations ✚ 🇺🇸

**Salome Zourabichvili** @Zourabichvili,S  
Following  
Georgian being one of the oldest languages in the world is a symbol of national pride, unity and independence. Yesterday, in remembrance of the heroic 1978 protests that prevented it during the Soviet occupation, I spent the #DayoftheGeorgianLanguage in #Akhalakali with students

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