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POLITICS

Georgian President in Portugal

02.10.2017; Lisbon - President of Georgia Giorgi Margvelashvii discussed the bilateral relations with Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa.

▶ "Ties between Europe's westernmost and easternmost countries should further be strengthened," Margvelashvili told his counterpart. He briefed Portuguese President on the situation in Georgia's Russian-occupied regions.

▶ "Portugal firmly supports Georgia's territorial integrity and integration into NATO"said Portuguese President. More: *http://e.gov.ge/TamVg*

Defence Minister of Germany Visited Georgia

05.10.2017; Tbilisi - Defense Minister of Germany, Ursula von der Leyen was hosted by the Minister of Defence of Georgia Levan Izoria.

▶ ***Discussed:*** Cooperation in defence sphere and future prospects. According to Izoria, Georgia continues to support the international community in terms of strengthening peace and stability. Ursula von der Leyen visited the Defence Institution Building School established by the German assistance in the framework of NATO-Georgia substantial package.

▶ Georgia's ongoing reforms were discussed with PM Kvirikashvili. The German Defence Minister expressed deep appreciation for Georgia's contribution to the Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan. More: *http://e.gov.ge/DaBmC*

Georgia Hosts GUAM Ministerial

08.10.2017;Tbilisi - Foreign Ministers of GUAM member states gathered in Tbilisi regarding the 20th anniversary of the regional organization. This year Georgia is holding GUAM's chairmanship.

▶ "GUAM was established by friendly states that have joint interests and vision for more stability and development. Since its establishment 20 years ago GUAM has managed to develop political, sectoral and inter parliamentary co-operation," said VP, FM Janelidze.

▶ The ministers of GUAM were hosted by the Prime Minister and President of Georgia. More: *http://e.gov.ge/qIOFS*

European Union's PSC Ambassadors Visit Georgia

05.10.2017; Tbilisi - The European Union's Political and Security Committee (PSC) Ambassadors from 28 EU member state countries visited Georgia. At a meeting with VP, FM Mikheil Janelidze and Walter Stevens, Chairman of the PSC, stated that Georgia is a close partner of EU; the visit of the PSC Ambassadors to the country is another clear example of the EU's support to Georgia. More: *http://e.gov.ge/mjtLa*

Canada highly appreciates the democratic reforms implemented by the Government of Georgia

04.10.2017; Tbilisi – Canada's Special Representative to EU and Europe, and Canada's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany Stephane Dion paid a visit to Tbilisi. Dion met with Georgian Prime Minister Kvirikashvili and voiced Canada's firm support for Georgia. ***Discussed:*** Cooperation in the political, economic and defence areas. Georgian Government's plans for economic development. More: *http://e.gov.ge/PlwCg*

ECONOMY

Italian Deputy Minister: "Georgia is a very attractive economic hub, it is an island of democracy and stability"

04-05.10.2017; Tbilisi - The Deputy Minister of Economy of Italy Ivan Scalfarotto accompanied by 40 major Italian companies visited Georgia. PM Giorgi Kvirikashvili informed the Italian businesses about Georgia's "excellent investment climate and impressive success" reflected in the international rankings;

▶***Mr. Scalfarotto noted:*** "Our political friendship is based on Italy's firm support for Georgia's sovereignty & territorial integrity."

▶ Georgian-Italian Business Forum was held in Tbilisi. More: *http://e.gov.ge/pzxfK http://e.gov.ge/iAAQj*

Wizz Air Launches Four New Flights at Kutaisi International Airport

06-10-2017; Tbilisi - Wizz Air will fly from Kutaisi to 16 directions of 11 European countries. Direct flights to Rome, Paris, Barcelona and Prague will start from May 2018. It also doubles the number of flights to the most demanding destinations and the second A320 type aircraft will be on the permanent base in the Kutaisi Airport. More: *http://e.gov.ge/ouYBK*

EVENTS

VP, Foreign Minister shares foreign policy updates with NGO's and Journalists

06.10.2017; Tbilisi – VP, FM Mikheil Janelidze held a meeting with Georgian experts specialized in foreign policy and media representatives summarizing the achievements by the ministry over the past three months.

▶ "Our dialogue with media is regular and we openly answer any question that the civil society may have to us. This format of meetings is very valuable to us and we are determined to keep up this tradition" – Janelidze said. More: *http://e.gov.ge/EfRYU*

SOCIAL MEDIA

President Of Georgia

First official visit to #Portugal - Ties should strengthen between most western & most eastern #European Countries

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's Ursula von der leyen is in

Bilateral relations on the table

GE reaffirms commitment to

Mikheil Janelidze

Comprehensive discussion w/ friends and partners on the vision for GUAM -Thanks to colleagues for the great work

GUAMSecretariat

Thanks to colleagues for support of our common activity. Kindly atmosphere, great work and important decisions about our future cooperation. @GUAMSecretariat #20YearsofGUAM

Mikheil Janelidze

Plsd 2 welcome EU PSC amb-s & 2 have good discussion on existing excellent GE-EU partnership & EU perspective of Georgia. #StrongerTogether

Stéphane Dion

With Prime Minister @KvirikashviliGi , pushing ahead the friendship between Georgia and Canada!

Italy in Georgia

Land of opportunities for companies #ItaGeoBusinessForum @ivanscalfarotto @MinSviluppo @Economygovge @Diplomazia_Ec_I

wizzair.com

#WIZZNews: today we're celebrating the announcements of 4 new routes in our #Kutaisi base!

Mikheil Janelidze

Quarterly dialogue with CSOs and Media reps, established this year, proves to be relevant for all participants. #OpenGovernance @MFAgovge

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