



Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

20.02.2020, Tbilisi

On 28 October 2019, a large-scale cyber-attack was launched against the websites, servers and other operating systems of the Administration of the President of Georgia, the courts, various municipal assemblies, state bodies, private sector organisations as well as media outlets.

The mentioned cyber-attack targeted Georgia's national security and was intended to harm Georgian citizens and government structures through disrupting and paralysing the functionality of diverse organisations, thereby causing anxiety among the public.

The investigation conducted by the Georgian authorities, together with information gathered through cooperation with international partners, concluded that the cyber-attack was planned and carried out by the Main Division of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.

Georgia condemns this cyber-attack, which goes against international norms and principles and infringes country's sovereignty. The USA, the UK and other international partners shared Georgia's concerns through public condemnation of GRU's unlawful act and called for a peaceful, free, open and secure cyberspace. [MORE](#)

Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development visited Belarus

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Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, Natia Turnava met with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, Siarhiey Rumas.

During the meeting, Prime Minister noted that Georgia is "an important and reliable partner" for Belarus.

"Georgia is a vital and established friend to us. It is important that we continually maintain a dialog on a high level. The trade turnover between our countries remains stable and the Georgian side is doing well and your export to Belarus is increasing year by year," - said Prime Minister Siarhiey Rumas.



Within the framework of her visit to Belarus, Natia Turnava participated in the 6th session of Georgia-Belarus intergovernmental commission on the cooperation in trade, agro-industrial sector, transport, information technologies and innovations, tourism, education, culture, IT, health care, regional cooperation, etc.

Natia Turnava, together with the Georgian delegation, also visited the lead electric public transport producer in Belarus, Belkommunmash Holding and China-Belarus Industrial Park in Minsk. [MORE](#)

Tbilisi leading in fDi's magazine's rating

"European Cities and Regions of the Future 2020/21"

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TOP 10 MAJOR EUROPEAN CITIES OF THE FUTURE 2020/21 – COST EFFECTIVENESS

RANK	CITY	COUNTRY
1	Tbilisi	Georgia
2	Minsk	Belarus
3	Sofia	Bulgaria
4	Bucharest	Romania
5	Kyiv	Ukraine
6	Budapest	Hungary
7	Prague	Czech Republic
8	Ankara	Turkey
9	Moscow	Russia
10	Warsaw	Poland

fDi Intelligence, an English-language magazine that provides up-to-date reviews of investment and economic development in different European cities and regions, has put Tbilisi first on the list of its rating of "European Cities and Regions of the Future 2020/2021" in the category of cost-effectiveness.

The compilers of the rating studied 505 locations across Europe. The assessment covers five categories: economic potential, human capital and lifestyle, cost-effectiveness, connectivity and business friendliness. [MORE](#)

Fitch keeps Georgia at 'BB' with stable outlook

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Global rating agency Fitch Ratings keeps Georgia's sovereign credit rating at 'BB' with a stable outlook.

Fitch notes that Georgia's sovereign credit rating is more stable than the median of the BB category countries with its high quality governance, attractive investment, business environment and macroeconomic stability in the face of regional shocks.

The report writes about the increased export of Georgia to major partner countries (Azerbaijan, Russia and Turkey) which was due to diversification of the export market and the depreciation of the Georgian Lari. [MORE](#)



Foreign Office @foreignoffice
NEWS: The UK, Georgia and international partners have exposed Russia's military intelligence service as being responsible for significant cyber-attacks against Georgia last year.

Secretary Pompeo @SecPompeo
We stand with #Georgia in condemning Russia's cyber attack against its people and institutions. Russia must immediately cease this behavior in Georgia and elsewhere. The stability of #cyberspace depends on the responsible behavior of all nations.

MFA Austria @MFA_Austria
EU declaration on responsible behaviour in cyberspace: Austria condemns targeted cyberattacks. Such attacks cannot be accepted as "business as usual". These actions undermine security and stability in cyberspace and are prohibited by international law.

Ann Linde @AnnLinde
Note with concern statements made on cyber-attacks against Georgia. Strongly condemn recurring state sponsored cyber-attacks which violate existing norms for responsible state behavior, erode trust and threaten stability in cyberspace.

Latvian MFA @Latvian_MFA
Latvia joins the international community in condemning a massive cyber-attack against #Georgia on 28 October 2019. The cyber-attack targeted Georgia's government and private companies' websites as well as the national TV stations.

Josep Borrell Fontelles @JosepBorrell
+ Georgia was the victim of a targeted cyber-attack, causing damage to their social & economic infrastructure. The EU calls to promote and conduct responsible behaviour in cyberspace. We will continue to assist Georgia in increasing its cyber resilience

Estonian MFA @MFAestonia
#Estonia supports Georgia, US, UK & several EU members in attributing a large-scale #cyberattack in Oct 2019 against + websites to #GRU. This reckless conduct shows yet again #Russia's disrespect for the norms of responsible state behaviour & reduces stability in cyberspace.

Stef Blok @ministerBlok
We join our international partners in condemning the unwarranted cyber attacks against Georgia on 28 October 2019. The Netherlands shares the assessment that Russia is responsible.

Denmark MFA @DanishMFA
UK & US attribute the serious and disruptive cyber-attacks against Georgia to Russia's military intelligence service (GRU). DK shares deep concern about Russia's disruptive cyber activities and will continue to promote a peaceful, free, open and secure cyberspace.

Czech MFA @CzechMFA
1/2 @CzechMFA condemns cyberattacks on #Georgia from October 28, 2019. While we do not have the primary forensic evidence in this case, we have no reason to doubt the attribution assessment made by our allies -- bit.ly/2V8t3G0 bit.ly/32dD0s8

Ulkoministerio @Ulkoministerio
Finland FM @Haavisto condemns the #cyber-attack against #Georgia. All states need to uphold international law and guarantee global, open, stable, peaceful and secure #cyberspace where human rights, fundamental freedoms and rule of law apply.

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