

Economy Minister Levan Davitashvili Clarifies His Attendance at the 'Belt and Road Forum in China Where Putin Gave a Speech

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On October 18, Economy Minister Levan Davitashvili attended the 'Belt and Road' initiative forum in China, where Vladimir Putin gave a speech. Davitashvili clarified the purpose of his visit to China to journalists, stating that the circulating information regarding his visit to China is unfounded and no closed negotiations were held during the visit to China.

According to Davitashvili, they strictly followed the diplomatic protocol while maintaining their non-acceptance of the Russian occupation of Georgian territories. He added that Georgia has been actively participating in the international forum of the 'One Road, One Belt' initiative since its establishment.

"The forum was held exactly parallel to the commission. We took part in the forum, and Georgia participated in this forum both this year and in previous years. We had an invitation this year as well, and I participated with our delegation. I think there is nothing surprising here. I want to tell you that about 150 countries participated in this forum. The forum was attended, among others, by the Secretary General of the United Nations, as well as several leaders of the European Union and European countries. I think that participation in this forum is a very ordinary thing, and the scandal that they are trying to create with edited and artificially created footage or information is



absolutely baseless because it was important for us to participate with our partner country in the format in which Georgia was represented in previous years," Davitashvili said.

The Economy Minister stated that the placement of heads of state and delegations, including ministers, was separate and was

not known beforehand.

"We were at the invitation of President Xi Jinping. When the host country invites you, it is part of diplomatic protocol that we accept the invitation when we are participants in the forum itself, so we attended the reception that President Xi held. We were unaware of the participant's

whereabouts location. I would like to emphasize that we did not have any negotiations, dialogue, or meetings, and this information is false; they are mere speculations.

Also, the placement of heads of state and delegations, including ministers, was separate. Therefore, the formation of a

single image is a montage. We participated because of the respect we have for our partner country. This respect is towards the host country and not any other gesture, particularly not towards the representatives of the occupying country," said Davitashvili.

Georgian Dream Chairman Mamuka Mdinardze Meets with the Ambassador of Japan to Georgia Ishizuka Hideki

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Chairman of the Georgian Dream, Mamuka Mdinardze, held an introductory meeting with the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan to Georgia, Ishizuka Hideki.

According to the press service of the Parliament of Georgia, the parties discussed the results of the exchange visits of Georgian and Japanese parliamentarians and aspects of future cooperation.

"Many positive experiences can be drawn from Japan. We are similar to each other in many ways - traditions, respect for the past, concern for the future, pro-

gressiveness, and the Ambassador said that he will spare no effort to share this positive experience in the implementation of projects in the economy, technology, medical and other fields. I expressed our gratitude for this promise. Naturally, the representatives of our various agencies will be involved in these projects with great pleasure and we will go to concrete results because we see how impressive the results in these areas are in Japan.

We invited the Japanese ambassador to participate in various formats, which he agreed to, and this positive relationship will naturally continue in the future.

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CONTINUED FROM Page 1 In general, very positive messages are coming from the ambassadors recently. Many good new ambassadors have arrived in Georgia; among them, we have very positive expectations regarding the ambassador of the United States of America, and we can say that a certain reset in this direction has a very positive character. Accordingly, our expectations become even more optimistic," noted Mdinardze.

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Russian Occupation Forces Illegally Detain Another Georgian Citizen



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Representatives of the Russian occupation forces unlawfully arrested a Georgian citizen in the vicinity of the occupied Sinaguri village. The State Security Service

stated that upon receiving information, the European Union Monitoring Mission activated its 'hotline'. Details regarding another instance of illegal detention were promptly communicated to the co-chairs of the in-

ternational discussions in Geneva and international partners. "All available mechanisms have been activated to release the illegally detained Georgian

citizen as soon as possible. Responsibility for all destructive actions committed on the occupied territories of Georgia, as well as along the occupation line, rests with the occupying power," State Security Service noted.

Eurooptimists Call for Vice Prime Minister Levan Davitashvili's Clarification Following Forum with Putin

Khatia Dekanoidze's political group, the 'Eurooptimists', has summoned the Minister of Economy and Vice Prime Minister Levan Davitashvili to Parliament through an interpellation. Dekanoidze asserts that following Davitashvili's attendance at the forum with Putin in China, he should clarify to the Georgian people the benefits that his presence at the forum and

listening to Putin brought to the country, the state, and its people. "Let Davitashvili come forward and articulate where the people's interests lie. Many ques-



tions need answers: What benefit did Davitashvili's attendance at Putin's speech bring to the state and its people?" Dekanoidze said. Levan Davitashvili partici-

pated in the banquet hosted in Beijing on October 18, held as part of the Belt and Road Forum. One of the guests at the banquet was the President of Russia,

Vladimir Putin. Furthermore, Davitashvili was present and listened to Vladimir Putin's address on the opening day of the forum.

Georgian Immigrant culture, on the one hand, is related to Georgia, and on the other hand, it exists independently in the field of international culture. It is always interesting to meet this culture and its representatives.

On November 3, 2023, at 18:00, Baia Gallery (68 Razmadze Street) presents the exhibition of two Georgian artists living and working in France - Daredjane Zourabichvili and Henri Matchavariani. Daredjane will present her sculptures, while Henri will showcase his graphic works.

Master of his line and gesture, carving the surrounding void, aware of the qualities of the mediums utilized, Henri Matchavariani has since a long way back been exploring the essentials.

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from his Georgian origins, his work with the master of the mime art Etienne Decroux as well as his exploration of the Japanese art of drawing, Henri Matchavariani has succeed in

finding his personal way and detached himself from his career as a famous poster designer to follow his path towards a flawless line under the sole guidance of the « mad draftman»

Hokusai. Familiar with the fencing disciplines, his hand, his entire body shape out the space. His line brings equally the obviousness of flesh and fabric, vegetal and

mineral, word and verb. Under Dotremont's tutelage, Henri Matchavariani exudes in form of logograms words finding readily their way on paper. His signs come to life, entering a dialog with the surrounding void, throbbing with an energy confining to otherness.

Daredjane is a French sculptor of Georgian origin. She was born in Belgium and resides in France, where she completed her law studies. She began sculpting 25 years ago, which became her real passion and profession.

She exhibits regularly in France and abroad in solo or art fair exhibitions: Paris, New York, Miami, Brussels, Vienna, Toronto, and Tbilisi.

In 2019, she created the monument "Merani" (First Republic Garden in Tbilisi), which was dedicated to the memory of those who fought in political emigration for the independence of Georgia. One of her sculptures - "Shota," remains in the Georgian National Museum in Tbilisi. Many of her sculptures belong to private collections all around the world.



Weather

Wednesday, November 1

Day Clear High: 23°C

Night Clear Low: 11°C

Thursday, November 2

Day Clear High: 24°C

Night Partly Cloudy Low: 13°C

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