
GEORGIA WILL NOT RECOGNIZE KOSOVO, SAYS GEORGIAN PM

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Georgian Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili has said that his country maintains the position not to recognize the unilaterally declared independence of Kosovo.

Kvirikashvili also urged Serbian businesspeople to take advantage of Tbilisi's incentives offered to foreign investors.

The Georgian prime minister made these comments as he met with visiting Serbian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications Rasim Ljajic and Minister of State Administration and Local Government Branko Ruzic.

They discussed further development of political relations and the enhancement of economic cooperation between the two countries, the two Serbian ministries announced.

Kvirikashvili pointed out that Georgia remains of the position not to recognize the unilaterally declared independence of Kosovo by provisional institutions in Pristina, since the principles of inviolability of borders and non-interference in the internal affairs of other states must be the basis for overall stability in international relations.

Kvirikashvili urged businesspeople from Serbia to take advantage of the incentives for investments that his government has given to foreign investors, and invited construction companies from Serbia to participate in various infrastructure projects in Georgia.

During his visit to Tbilisi, Ljajic signed and Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia Dmitri Kumsishvili signed an agreement on economic and trade cooperation between the two countries, while Ruzic signed a bilateral memorandum on cooperation in public administration reform with Minister of Justice of Georgia Thea Tsulukiani.

It was also agreed to harmonize agreements on stimulating and protecting investments and joint appearance in third markets by June of next year, and that the first meeting of the mixed committee for economic cooperation between the two countries should be held at that time, defining all areas of the future joint activities.

It is also agreed to exchange experiences in the reform of public administration, and in particular to establish single administrative posts for providing administration services to citizens, according to the "one stop shop" model, the statement said.

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