

Open Door - Article 5. NATO, Turkey Back Georgia's Claims on Abkhazia, South Ossetia

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Note the identical arithmetic used by Stoltenberg and Georgia's interior minister.

Russia controls part of Georgian territory, and we will look into how we can provide more support – Jens Stoltenberg

By Rustavi2 March 7, 2022

Excerpt from the article below

Russia controls part of Georgian territory, and we will look into how we can provide more support. Such a statement made today NATO Secretary General ahead of the meeting of NATO Ministers of Foreign Affairs on 6 and 7 April 2022.

"I believe that one of the lessons we all should learn from the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, is that it is important...to provide support to close and highly valued partners like Georgia. It"s better to support them sooner than later. And therefore, one of the issues that will be discussed at the Foreign Ministerial meeting, today and tomorrow, is how can we step up support for other partners which are under Russian pressure and of course, Georgia is one of them. Russia controls part of Georgian territory, and we will look into how we can provide more support both when it comes to everything from cyber to secure communications, capacity building, and other ways to strengthen Georgia in resisting the pressure from Russia. NATO's door remains open.

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NATO Sec Gen: Allies agree to help partners, including Georgia, to strengthen resilience, ability to defend themselves

By Agenda.ge April 7, 2022

NATO allies have agreed to help partners, including Georgia, in strengthening their resilience and shoring up their ability to defend themselves, Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told a briefing on Thursday following a meeting of the alliance's foreign ministers.

Stoltenberg said NATO could increase support for the country through the NATO-Georgia Substantial Package, including "in areas like situational awareness, secure communications and cyber."

He also spoke about the meeting with the Georgian Foreign Minister, pointing out "it is important to have close contacts with Georgia."

"That demonstrates the strength and importance of partnership between Georgia and NATO. We also work on how further to strengthen our partnership. We look into how we can further strengthen both political and practical cooperation and partnership with Georgia," Stoltenberg concluded.

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Georgian, Turkish interior ministers discuss law enforcement cooperation, Ukraine war

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Cooperation in the field of law enforcement, the importance of further deepening relations between Georgian and Turkish agencies, and the ongoing war in Ukraine were in the focus of a meeting between Vakhtang Gomelauri, the Georgian Interior Minister, and his Turkish counterpart Suleyman Soylu in Georgia on Thursday.

Soylu reaffirmed strong support for Georgia's territorial integrity and sovereignty, for which Gomelauri expressed his gratitude, noting "the support is crucial for Georgia as 20 percent of the country is occupied by Russia."

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<u>Irakli Garibashvili meets Minister of Internal Affairs of Turkey</u>

By Rustavi2 March 7, 2022

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Irakli Garibashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia met Süleyman Soylu, Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Turkey today.

Meeting was focused on the friendly and partnerly relations existing between the two nations. It was noted that since regaining independence, Georgia has regarded Turkey as the most reliable friend. Strategic partnership between Georgia and Republic of

Turkey is at a high level and it is important to further advance the current cooperation.

...Discussion was also devoted to the current security environment in the region of South Caucasus, impact of the military activities in Ukraine....

The Head of Government of Georgia expressed his gratitude to the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Turkey for the unwavering support of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and Euro-Atlantic aspirations of Georgia.

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