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Newly Opened PDP Training Center Hosted Seminar on Media Transparency



The Ambassador of UK H.E. Denis Keefe, Deputy Defense Minister Nikoloz Vashakidze and Ambassador of Latvia H.E. Andris Vilcans, cutting the red ribbon

The NATO Professional Development Program together with the Defense Ministry and Ambassadors of leading PDP nations – the UK and Latvia – officially opened the new PDP Training Center on the premises of the ministry Nov. 26.

Deputy Defense Minister Nikoloz Vashakidze, the Ambassador of UK H.E. Denis Keefe and Ambassador of Latvia H.E. Andris Vilcans opened the Center by cutting the red ribbon and made brief remarks to the opening attendees and the media.

Vashakidze remarked on the success of opening the new training center and outlined in his remarks the importance of professional staff on the way of Georgia's democratic development, NATO integration and with respect to building the capable defense system. According to Vashakidze, this was the main reason for selecting the professional development as the main direction in NATO-Georgia cooperation.

Vilcans's speech focused more on the subject of the seminar that served as the inaugural event for the Professional Development Program Training Center. He stressed the importance of the role of civil society in national security matters that is an important component of democratic control of security forces.

"The former prime minister of France Georges Clemenceau said war is too important to be left to Generals. He surely did not mean the civil and democratic control of the Armed Forces," Vilcans remarked. "Nonetheless,

I consider this quotation is applicable exactly to our seminar enhancing media transparency on defense and military issues. For a long time, all the issues of the military policy were not available for society, especially for the states with non democratic regimes. I remember the shock of the publication of a novel by Yuri Poliakov 100 days before the army discharge in 1997 when for the first time the life in the Soviet Army was depicted truthfully. Today a lot has changed and society has much more information how the things are at the military forces. Moreover, awareness of civil society in national security matters in an important component of democratic control of security forces. Unfortunately it is evident that not all questions of communicating information between military and civilian are easily settled. Therefore today's seminar and its objectives look very relevant, the seminar that is the part of the Professional Development Program. I am proud that the Nordic Baltic Initiative countries Latvia and Lithuania, together with the United Kingdom are the co-leads of the program.

The first event hosted by the newly opened center was "Seminar on Enhancing Media Transparency on Military and defense Issues." The purpose of the seminar was to exchange views on these crucial topics, and it served as the beginning of a dialogue among the Georgian Defense Ministry Public Relations Department, Georgian media, interested NGOs, NATO and

NATO nation public relations professionals on related issues. During the seminar, the participants identified possible future areas for more specific cooperation in enhancing transparency on defense and military matters. Discussions during the conference were mainly oriented at the public relations issues and the media role and functions during crisis situations. The representatives of local public relations offices, together with those representing the partner states delivered the reports on three key topics: public relations service functions, media transparency and transparency during conflict and crisis situations.

The conference was opened by NATO PDP Officer David Johnson and Chief of the Press Division, Public Relations Department of Defense Ministry of the Republic of Latvia Kaspars Odins. Among the participants of the meeting were the representatives from both the Georgian and foreign press service offices; from military, civil and media institutions; journalists and experts.

During the event, PDP Program Manager David Johnson shared his views regarding the importance of the event. "Today's seminar is the first event that we are holding in the newly established Professional Development Training Center which was created through a partnership between the Defense Ministry and NATO and nations that support the NATO Professional Development Training Program.

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Polish defense minister visits Georgia

Defence Minister Bacho Akhalaia held meeting with his Poland counterpart, Bogdan Klich, Nov 27 at the Defense Ministry Tbilisi where the two held closed-door discussions. The defense minister made a few comments for representatives of media and stressed political-strategic importance of Poland as our friend country.

"Intensive cooperation between the GAF and Poland is intensively carrying on. We discussed issues regarding strengthening our cooperation. We had talks about Georgia's NATO integration and an encouragement received from Poland in this regard," Akhalaia said.

"For me it was a chance to exchange with the Georgian Defence Minister the views concerning security situation in South Caucasus and Central Europe," Klich said. "I appreciate the opportunity that yesterday I held meeting with President Saakashvili where we discussed the broader view of security agenda in Euro-Atlantic region. I

hope that this meeting with your minister gave us both the prospects to extend and deepen Defence Cooperation. We discussed the variety of issues and we would like to deepen this cooperation by regular consultations that would be held either in Warsaw or in Tbilisi. This meeting supports maintaining of the high level of our strategic dialogue. We discussed also some particular issues of the educational cooperation. We discussed also the issues that are challenges for our countries; I mean modernization

and equipment of the GAF. The cooperation between the industries, the companies from both sides is one of the challenges."

Importance of exchange military-educational programs, experiences and skills stored in this field, deepen bilateral cooperation were stressed at the briefing as well. Later, Klich and other Polish delegation and representatives of the Georgian side laid a wreath at the memorial of the Georgian heroes who made supreme sacrifice for the territorial integrity of Georgia.



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New Season in TV Sakartvelo



TV Sakartvelo is the TV station based on Defense Ministry structure. Since the very beginning, the main concept was to inform society about Defense news, security issues in Georgia as well as worldwide, problems, advances and overall situation in Georgian Armed Force. But TV Sakartvelo is not focused only on informational pattern;

it also provides for its viewers high variety of foreign movies and documentary films on historical, heroically and military themes.

Until now TV Sakartvelo offered to its viewers different programs like "Georgia Today," "World Today," "Profession Soldier," "Archevani," "Arsenal" and others. Now, the team works

on several new projects to broaden TV programming and attract more televiewers with interesting projects. It's certain that Defense issues will still lead the program list, but a lot of new projects will be added as well. These projects will be "Hero of Georgia," "Sink Ship," "For Georgia," "Serving to Georgia," "Defense Today," "This is Georgia," "Army

and Religion" and "NATO: Beginnings, Reality, Perspectives." Some of the programs are already ready to introduce, but several is still under processing.

A television game, "Ship Sink," will start Dec.8 as the station's first attempt to offer entertaining, educational programming. The participants of this show will be military professionals who will compete with each other, answering some questions concerning their profession, with the intent to introduce military persons to the society with new image – the ordinary people, with sense of humor and good education.

The project called "Hero of Georgia" is documentary serial films about historical Georgian heroes, which pays tribute to those who have special merit toward their homeland.

Another series, "For Georgia," will be dedicated to the heroes of last year's warfare in the format of journalist's diary. The show will introduce 170 Georgian soldiers who sacrificed their lives for protecting their country in the August 2008.

"Serving Georgia" is considered to be extensive reportage about successful militaries describing their personal and professional lives, desires, aims, wishes and hopes of those who connect their future to the Georgian Armed Forces.

"This is Georgia" is the new project strays from the station's military theme. TV reporters will visit different regions of our country and explore a lot of interesting, sometimes unknown historical facts, places, people, tradition or folklore of Georgia.

In another new program, "Defense Today," different guests will be invited every week to talk about and evaluate actual issues in Defense field. "Army

and Religion" is also documentary serial dedicated to the role of Orthodox Church in the life of Georgian Army. The two latter projects are still under production.

The format of the news programs "Georgia Today" and "World Today" will be as well modified. They will be introduced in more frequent schedule and cover not only Defense and military but all important political, economic or cultural information in Georgia and worldwide.

"NATO: Beginnings, Reality, Perspectives" is the final new program, featuring a circle of documentary films about history, modernity and future of North-Atlantic Alliance. Despite the popularity of NATO issues in Georgia, recent sociologist research suggests that knowledge about the alliance in the society is quite low. Thus, the main aim of the project is to deliver more substantial information about organization to the broad society.

The author of the project is Anatol Korepanov. It will provide six independent films, including 55 episodes. Through interviews with experts, politicians, historians and rich video material the films will perform and analyze NATO related themes, such as NATO's origins and development of the organization, its principles, values and challenges.

As TV Sakartvelo's wide coverage area gives an opportunity for about two million citizens of Georgia to get familiar with NATO member state's culture and history, military and economic capabilities, their path toward alliance, benefits and experience of NATO membership.

Ana Alania



Chief of the Press Division, Public Relations Department of Defense Ministry of the Republic of Latvia Kaspars Odins and NATO PDP Officer David Johnson

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This event that we are holding today is the first step in establishing the area focus on enhancing media transparency on defense and military issues and assisting the Defense Ministry in doing this. So today, we brought together the representatives of Defense Ministry Public Affairs Department, independent professional journalists, significant non-governmental organizations that work in the media field, as well as representatives of State Minister's Office on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration and the National Security Council. We are working to establish the ongoing broad dialogue among these representatives to identify the practical areas of

work that can be taken forward in enhancing the media transparency. We are doing this because, it is the fundamental principle that NATO supports that the knowledge and involvement of civil society in national security issues is an important element of democratic civilian oversight and control of security forces. So we would like to assist Georgia's ongoing efforts towards that end."

The Public Relations Department of the Defense Ministry brought up an initiative and requests to all the conference attendees and other professionals with relevant competence concerned and organizations to cooperate with the ministry and provide consultations and remarks on a regular basis.

Thea Chonishvili

Consultations held in MoD

A delegation from the U.S. paid an official visit to Tbilisi this month to discuss bilateral strategic collaboration with Georgia. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Celeste Wallander met with Defense Minister Bacho Akhalaia to hold consultations on defense cooperation issues.

Within the frames of the visit, Celeste Wallander took a view of the ongoing military trainings aimed at preparation of the Thirty-First Battalion of the GAF for participation in the ISAF operation in Afghanistan.

Meetings were arranged as well with Deputies of Ministry Nikoloz Vashakidze and Nodar Kharshiladze. Participants in the meeting also included Deputy Chief of the Joint Staff Brigadier Gen. Davit Nairashvili, commanders of the Ground and Air Forces and the JS and Defense Ministry departments' leadership. The sides evaluated U.S. assistance during 2009 and considered in detail future cooperation prospects between 2010-2011. Under the visit agenda the U.S. high-



ranking official met with the Security Council Secretary, Eka Tkeshelashvili, State Minister for Reintegration, Temur

Iakobashvili and Parliamentary Defense and Security Committee members. The U.S. delegation left Georgia Nov. 22.

Vision of the National Guard

The Defense Ministry brought up the National Guard Vision for public discussions, led by head of the National Guard Department of the GAF, Zurab Arsoshvili, with the parliamentary minority.

Plans for the reserve system reorganization were introduced to the non-governmental sector at first. Currently, all sides agree that the reserve service 2007-2008 was inefficient. According to the statement of Arsoshvili, the new vision of the National Guard is founded on all explored mistakes and shortcomings. The Vision makes provisions for NATO member and partner countries experiences and remarks as well.

"We've introduced our vision to the public for further observation, as their attitude and opinion are very significant. I hope that our deplorable lessons have been learned and we will create qualitative reserve system together," Arsoshvili said.

For finding the Vision of the National Guard all persons concerned are free to visit official web-pages of the Defense Ministry and the National Guard Department. The Defense Ministry asked non-governmental sector representatives as well as all interested parties for sending remarks and questions via e-mail. One of the priorities of the Vision of the National Guard is preparation of the

personnel and reservists and new programs of military trainings. Regarding the project the reserve system will be divided in two parties: compulsory and voluntarily services. The compulsory service will be manned by former military servicemen under 45 regardless of military rank. The voluntary reservists' service provides for age limitations, together with required criteria applicants should be above 27. The National Guard's Vision is a subject of public discussions. After taking into consideration all remarks, the second stage of discussions will imply debates around the law-in-draft.

NATO Research and Technology Organization Human Factors and Medicine Research Task Group (HFM RTG -194) meeting in Georgia

The NATO Research and Technology Organization Human Factors and Medicine Research Task Group's (HFM-194) first meeting was held in Tbilisi Nov. 25-27, committing representatives of NATO member states (Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, the UK, the Netherlands and the U.S.) and Georgia to the development of "evidence-based guidelines for the management of severely burnt patients."

HFM-194 covers several topics including burn prevention, medical evacuation of burn patients, fluid resuscitation, inhalation injury, burn wound management (dressings, creams, excision skin allografts, etc.), plastic surgery for hands and face, pain management (replace opioids), antimicrobials (new therapies, bacteriophage therapy, etc.), infection control, chemical and blistering agents, performance improvement program with performance indicators and policy with regard to host nation patients.

The importance of the work of this Task Group derives from the fact that in current warfare, military personnel as well as civilians are increasingly exposed to terrorist attacks with explosive devices, which may often cause severe burn injuries. An important element in the work of HFM-194 concerns the effective treatment of burn wound infections. In particular, the treatment of multi-drug resistant bacteria outbreaks is proving to be a considerable challenge. In this regard, the development of new types of antimicrobials like bacteriophages is of crucial importance. The Eliava Institute for Bacteriophage, Microbiology and Virology is a world-known institute working in this field, and was host to the first HFM-194 meeting.

Improvement in surgical and critical care permits survival of more and more severely burned patients. These improvements bring new challenges, amongst which the treatment of multi-drug resistant bacteria outbreaks.

The worldwide emergence of antimicrobial resistance among bacterial burn wound pathogens like *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and



Acinetobacter baumannii, limits the available therapeutic options for effective treatment of burn wound infections. Wounded soldiers repatriated to a Role 4 hospital are often infected with microorganisms. There are indications to assume that incidence is unacceptably high. An increasing number of *A. baumannii* (bloodstream) infections are observed in injured soldiers repatriated from Iraq and Afghanistan. *A. baumannii* has been found in military hospitals in Germany (Landstuhl Regional Medical Center), the UK (civilian hospitals) and the U.S. (Walter Reed Army Medical Center and others), the destinations of wounded soldiers from the Iraq and Afghanistan war zones, and it has now spread to civilian hospitals.

Multidrug resistant *A. baumannii* infections are getting a lot of attention in the media, especially in the U.S. and the UK, but also in BE. Because this bacterium has developed multidrug resistance, treatment of infections attributed to *A. baumannii* has become increasingly difficult. The relatively high number

of MDR infections underscore the importance of infection control during treatment in Roles 1 to 3 and the need to develop new antimicrobial drugs to treat these infections. New types of antimicrobials like bacteriophages should be developed, but bacteriophage cocktails are inexpensive and robust and have been used in the treatment of wound infections, including burn wounds, particularly by the military.

The EIBMV became a world-known institution working in the field of Applied Microbiology, Virology and Infectious Immunology. The main direction of the Institute since its establishment in the early 1920s is the study of bacteriophages and phage therapy. The EIBMV operates under the authority of the Ministry of Science and Education of Georgia. Because the bacteriophage therapy as a promising alternative to antibiotics in the treatment of MDR burn wound infection, particularly in a military setting, and Georgia joined the Task Group as a PFP Nation, the Eliava Institute was asked to host the first HFM-

194 meeting, and the Institute kindly accepted.

The sessions in Eliava Institute were provided with hospitality and professionalism. Director of the Institute Dr. Revaz Adamia and head of the Institute's Scientific Council Dr. Mzia Kutateladze warmly welcomed the RTG members to the Institute.

Dr. Nina Chanishvili, head of the laboratory, provided an informative presentation about the history of bacteriophages research in the Institute.

Institute Scientist Dr. Maia Mera-bishvili, who is currently working in the Phage Laboratory of Queen Astrid Military Hospitals' Burn Centre has been nominated as Georgian member of RTG.

During the sessions it was described the draft of the design and content of final product of the groups' three years of work and national representatives were invited to contribute in this product.

On Nov. 26, RTG members visited the Military Hospital in Gori where a short documentary about the events in

hospital during the 2008 August War. Afterward, Prof. Guram Gvasalia provided a presentation about his 30 years of experience of bacteriophage use in treatment of infected wounds.

The short guided tour of the hospital was provided for guests to allow the HFM-194 members to witness at close quarters the clinical possibilities of the hospital. The day concluded in Gori at the restaurant named after the city. During dinner, guests were expressing the sincere appreciation and thankfulness to the hosts. They were convinced that the cooperation between NATO nations and Georgia in this important area will serve to further strengthen the already fruitful cooperation on military medical issues in the HFM Panel.

Dr. Cornelis J.E. Wientjes, RTA executive partner of activities, also participated in the HFM-194 meeting. He used this opportunity to meet personnel from Georgian Armed Forces and discuss the defense R&T cooperation with Georgia on Nov. 24. Georgian officers of the Joint Staff of GAF were taking part in this meeting: The RTO Georgian Point of Contact, Col. Avtandil Khvadagiani, Georgian HFM Representative, Major Dr. Goderdzishvili, Col. David Mamula-Shvili (J8), Lt. Col. Dr. Z. Golodze (Georgian National Military Academy), Col. Dr. D. Iashvili, Lt. Col. Dr. G. Bibilashvili, Capt. Z. Lomidze, Capt. Dr. V. Beridze, (J4 Medical Planning Division), Prof. Dr. Guram Gvasalia (Gori Military Hospital).

Dr. Wientjes provided the presentation showing the missions, role and opportunities of NATO RTO. Dr. Liza Goderdzishvili has shortly presented the history of Georgia-RTO HFM Panel collaboration and its products since 1999. Georgia contributes significantly to military medical research projects conducted by the HFM Panel and this contribution is highly appreciated. During this meeting it was discussed how it can be involved Georgian scientists and engineers across a wider range of RTO activities, because enhanced defense R&T cooperation between Georgia and NATO nations will be of benefit for both sides.

Liza Goderdzishvili

Immediate Response 2010 Finished



Joint American and Georgian military exercises "Immediate Response 2010" finished on Nov. 6, ending a series of efforts to improve the joint interoperability of Georgian and U.S. forces, train for the counterinsurgency mission in Afghanistan and provide support to local health care providers by treat-

ing the local population in three Georgian communities.

"We acknowledge the significant contribution of Georgia as a key partner with coalition forces in Iraq and our focus here has been on the future and our collective potential to work together in preparing for deployments as part of the

international security assistance forces in Afghanistan," Col. Randy Rosenberg, director of the exercises, said.

During exercises, U.S. Marines and Georgian soldiers marched together. Headquarters and base operations staffs worked as one to carry out command and control, force protection, operations, sig-

nal, logistics, public affairs, protocol and life-support functions, just to name a few. Soldiers from both countries increased their proficiency and interoperability as companies swapped soldiers, allowing a Georgian platoon to be attached to an American unit, and a U.S. platoon trained as part of a Georgian company.

The teams, made up of both American and Georgian health care professionals, provided medical and optometry services to those who have limited or no access to such care. In one case, an elderly man was fitted for glasses and was able to see clearly for the first time in over 40 years. The man, with tears streaming down his face, thanked the

madcap team for what they had done for him.

The Rosenberg stated that from day one, their Georgian friends accepted them as colleagues and equals. "Granted, our tactics, techniques, and procedures are tailored to our individual militaries, but we quickly realized that we are all human, sharing the same values of honor and integrity, dedication to country, service and most importantly, dedication to family," he said. "I found that we had more in common than I ever thought possible."

At the closing ceremony, co-directors of the exercises, Rosenberg and Col. Tomauri granted distinguished soldiers by presents and certificates.



Medal from the World Championship

The Sachkhere Mountain Training School team of six men from Georgia competed successfully and earned third place in the World Championship, which was held in alpinism in the Switzerland town of Dubendorf. First and second places were occupied by teams from Belgium. Though the event was not held for the first time, the scale of the competition was unprecedented.

The championship involved as well the sportsmen from 12 countries' mountainous sub-units, including teams from France, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, Great Britain, Rumania, Bulgaria, Germany and Denmark. The competition was held in three disciplines: fast climbing, without protection and in technical climbing. After the end of the contest, the Georgian winners were awarded with bronze medals.

The Georgian alpinists competed

with opponents from different countries in both individual and team styles. The mountain climbers had to overcome the various kinds of difficulties and hardships across the artificial wall.

"Two teams consisting of three alpinists each took part under the Georgian flag in the championship," Georgian participant Shota Skhirtladze said. "We tried to group the teams considering the experience and strength of each member. The participants of the championship were very experienced. Some of them were professional guides, some rock climbers. So the outcome achieved by our group is really a great success for us. We did not spare our efforts to achieve the best possible result. The organizers of the event were even surprised with our motivation. We were lucky and our hard work was appreciated."

It was for the first time the Sachkhere



School sport team participated in the world-level championship. Their participation was decided very unexpectedly, which was the main reason why the military servicemen did not undergo the special training course beforehand.

"From the very beginning we were disappointed when we saw that other participants were well prepared," Sachkhere team chief Maj. Lasha Beridze said, "but our team members Sgt.

Markoz Nozadze and Amiran Gogotishvili did their best. So the hope for success emerged. In fast climbing the most important factor was to be the first at the finish. The team consisted of three members and participants competed stage by stage. In technical climbing the sportsmen were to show their technical skills. As to the climbing without protection we don't have such wall in Georgia and our soldiers lacked experience

in this discipline. The championship was well organized. There were four to five instructors on each wall and the results were summarized very quickly."

Next year, the championship will be held in Austria. The military servicemen of Sachkhere Mountain Training School have one year ahead to improve their professionalism and achieve success in all disciplines of mountaineering.

Eka Gakhokidze

Cadets Military Lyceum



The decision on establishing military lyceum of cadets was made by the Defense Ministry of Georgia. Project of planned activity for discussion was delivered to the Parliamentary Defense and Security Committee. The committee meeting, which was attended by Defense Ministry Bacho Akhalaia, his deputies and representatives of the Training and Military Education Command, was held at the educational center of Vaziani military base.

The main aim of lyceum is defined to be delivering cadets general education and prepare them for serving in Georgian armed forces. Interested persons will have an opportunity to continue studying at National Defense Academy.

As defense minister, he declared that a new lyceum will serve to the very im-

portant purpose – to start preparing staff for military forces since the early ages that will logically guarantee higher level of military education.

"Only the Military Academy, regardless of how well-organized, cannot guarantee sufficient professionalism of our military," noted Akhalaia.

Cadets Lyceum will educate candidates motivated to continue further military education and have acknowledged choice regarding their serving in Armed Forces. Learning methodology of the lyceum should offer to the cadets necessary skills for easily adapting respective course at Defence Academy. Strengthening of learning of foreign languages, physical exercises and preliminary military education is as well put in the learning schedule of the lyceum. According to the project, the ly-

ceum campus will include studying building, sport complex, cafeteria and lodging.

Professors of the lyceum will attend special training courses in Georgia as well as abroad at similar institutions of partner countries.

Establishment of the Cadets Lyceum considers several amendments to the legislation.

"The reform concerning new initiative about Cadets Lyceum is already under processing," Zaza Gelashvili, Georgia's deputy head of the Parliamentary Defense and Security Committee said, "possibility to integrate this issue with in the whole education reform process is also discussing. For the current time, Finance Ministry is working on the financial aspects of the project."

Tea Ivanishvili

Film screening in the cinema house

The Amirani cinema house held a screening of the documentary film "House is Empty." The film reflects the life of the Georgian soldiers who perished as heroes in the Georgian-Russian military war in 2008. The film show was attended by representatives from Defense Ministry and the patriarchate as well as the family members of the deceased.

"For the film material we chose six fallen soldiers and obtained all the necessary material directly from their fam-

ilies," Tinatin Tchabukiani, the film's producer, said. "The film presentation has already been held at the Orthodox Film Festival organized in Batumi and deserved the award of the St. Andrea Cross. Furthermore, we intend to present the film to various international film festivals."

The organizational support for the occasion was provided by the Georgia TV company through support of the Defense Ministry and patriarchate subordinated TV company.

Memorial Day of Hundred Thousand Martyrs

Family members of the 2008 August war's fallen soldiers and Defense Ministry representatives participated in a ceremony dedicated to the memory of the Hundred Thousand Martyrs, accompanied by the chaplain and Defense Ministry honor guard.

The procession, which started from the Defense Ministry ended on the Metekhi Bridge by the public prayer of the Catholicos-Patriarch of all-Georgia Ilia II. In commemoration of such an important religious day, a special thanksgiving service was held in the

St. George Church.

Following the sermon, Ministry representatives and the deceased soldiers' family members assembled at the Mukhatgverdi Military Cemetery, where the chaplain conducted a special prayer in tribute to the remembrance of the hero soldiers. "Our military servants sacrificed their lives to the defense and security of Homeland and deserved the eternal place among the souls of thousands of Georgian Martyrs in the heaven," Father Davit stated in an address to the people.

