

Tax authorities to seize hotel owned by Golden Dawn leader's wife

Tax authorities in Greece are about to confiscate a hotel that belongs to wife of far-right Golden Dawn leader Nikos Michaloliakos due to unpaid debts, according to reports.

Ethnos newspaper reported on Sunday that the company which owns the New Dream hotel owes the state 36,000 euros in taxes.

The firm that owns the hotel is managed by Michaloliakos's wife, Eleni Zaroulia, who is also a Golden Dawn MP and her brother.

The newspaper also reported that the personal tax statements of Zaroulia and her brother are being investigated.

Police search two homes in Athens linked to fugitive Velvento bank robbers

Police were searching in Athens on Monday two homes of suspected fugitive bank robbers.

The properties are thought to be linked to two of the four suspects that allegedly evaded police during a double bank robbery in Velvento, northern Greece, earlier this month.

Four suspects were arrested after the robberies. The four, aged 20 to 25, declared themselves to be anarchists and said the robbery was a political act.

Police have linked the four men to urban guerrilla activity, particularly the Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire group.

Officers think that four other suspects made off in a stolen car.

University students in UK raise money for Greek schools to pay heating bills

University students from all over the world have taken part in a soccer tournament at Leeds University to raise money so Greek schools can pay for their heating.

Speaking to the Athens-Macedonia News Agency on Monday, organizer Kyriakos Kyriakopoulos said the tournament, held on Saturday, had gone according to plan.

"We hope that this proves an inspiration to all Greeks abroad so they can become active and offer whatever they can to their homeland and those who need help," he said.

Some 170 players and 24 teams took part in the tournament, which raised money for the Desmos NGO, which will pass they funds raised to Greek schools that have had trouble meeting their heating bills due to a rise in heating oil tax this year.

Joint ministerial council between Greece and Turkey on March 5

With contacts in Ankara, Greek Foreign Minister Dimitris Avramopoulos and his Turkish counterpart Ahmet Davutoglu prepared the ground for the meeting of the Supreme Council of Cooperation between Greece and Turkey.

The proceedings of the council will be held in Constantinople on March 5, while on the same day there will be a business forum with the participation of Greek and Turkish businessmen.

During these meetings on March 5, with the participation of ten Greek and an equal number of Turkish ministers and the prime ministers of the two countries, the two sides will sign at least ten bilateral agreements to

promote cooperation between Greece and Turkey on «mild» political issues.

At 1 pm on Monday, Avramopoulos met with his Turkish counterpart, Ahmet Davutoglu, with the presence of the general secretaries of the Greek and Turkish ministries of Foreign Affairs. The Greek foreign minister also had a meeting with Turkish premier Tayyip Erdogan.

The two sides did not discuss the issues of terrorism or the EEZ, but focused on the preparation of the Council of Cooperation, as well as issues concerning the Balkans, the Middle East and Turkey's European prospect.

According to sources, Davutoglu thanked



Avramopoulos for the Greek support for Turkey's accession course, and during the present day and within the framework of entrenching a positive climate between the two sides, there was no activity of the Turkish Air Force over the Aegean.



Greek community in Lebanon stops screening of offensive Turkish film

A story that went unnoticed is that of Turkish film production «Fetih 1453» (ie Conquest 1453, as is its English title) being pulled off movie screen in Lebanon, thanks to the efforts of the local Greek Orthodox community. Bearing in mind that Lebanon is a largely muslim country, the achievement of the Greeks living there is not only commendable, but also something of a small miracle.

Fetih 1453 is a Turkish epic action film released in 2012. The story is based on the events surrounding Constantinople conquest by the Ottoman Turks during the reign of Sultan Mehmed II.

The topic was covered extensively by the French, with one particular article going to great lengths to unveil the story. Written by Natalia Trouiller, the article was published on October 10, 2012 entitled «Un film turc divise le Liban» («A Turkish project divides Lebanon»).

The article refers to the effective response (by clever use of the internet) of the Lebanese Greek community against this Turkish production, as well as the efforts of our compatriot from America, John Fitanaki, former chairman of the now dissolved Hellenic

League of America.

The article, after a lengthy historical reference, uses statements made against «Fetih 1453» and the \$ 17 million that was spend in order to basically garble history and well researched facts, portraying Christianity as a corrupt religion. The article went on to blame the project of causing a major conflict between Christians and Islamists. An excerpt from the article reads as follows: «... one scene displays Mehmed II, entering the Hagia Sophia where there were millions of refugees, taking a small boy in his arms and declaring himself winner and defender. We all know that this is not true. The massacre of more than 3,000 Christians and the rape women are historical facts that cannot be garbled.

The patriotic response of our community in Lebanon and the successful outcome not only deserves congratulations, but should also be used as an example to the rest of Hellenism. And especially those who assert and those who attend such Turkish productions helping to spread the Turkish expansionist policy against Hellenism and Christianity.

Greek tax authorities will even check the gym...

The supervisory authorities will now check all transactions so that the relevant authorities can gather information and carry out cross checks on taxpayers. They will not only check and file electronic deposits, cards, loans, stocks but also transactions between citizens and banks, stock exchanges, hospitals, funds, private insurance companies, phone companies, electricity providers and water companies.

The deadline given by the Finance ministry to private hospitals, schools, banks and other public utilities to submit statements and data at the General Secretariat of Information Systems expires today.

The GSIS is asking all businesses to send the tax identification numbers of their customers, including dance schools, martial arts academies and gyms. Along with the Taxpayer

Identification Number they are now required to send the amount of subscription they receive from their customers. All data collected will be used at cross checks in order to identify taxpayers who declare small incomes but have large consumer expenditures. GSIS is preparing a new special program through which the supervisory authorities will be able to view the full financial profile of all the relatives of a taxpayer under audit.