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Britain's Channel 4 airs documentary on Golden Dawn

A documentary focusing on extreme right Greek party Golden Dawn was presented on Britain's Channel 4 on Tuesday.

Shot by Konstantinos Georgousis, a student at London's National Film and Television School, "The Cleaners" follows the practices of Golden Dawn members in central Athens. In the film, party members talk openly about beating up illegal immigrants, while one Golden Dawn member refers to migrants as «subhuman.»

"I was terrified that these members were proud to express their extreme ideas during campaigning openly in public. I was shocked by their hostility and by the way they treated immigrants in the Athenian squares," said Georgousis, writing about his experiences

while on location. He also noted that at times he was "concerned by the level of support from the Greek people."

Speaking to Channel 4 News New Democracy MP Andonis Georgiadis said that the opinions expressed by Golden Dawn supporters in the documentary were not "the opinion of the majority of the Greek people."

Deeming the extreme right party "a disgrace for our society and our democracy," Georgiadis added that Greek society was under major pressure and that this prompted some voters to cast their ballot for Golden Dawn.

"As my country faces financial and social ruin, Golden Dawn has become the prime outlet for public anger," noted Georgousis.



The 31st Greek Festival of Sydney in conjunction with the Australian Museum proudly presents

EAST OF ATHENS A WORLD IN MUSIC AND IMAGES

Sample the melodies and songs of the eastern Greek, Turkish and Arab lands, interspersed with stories created by their peoples, whose individual traditions are linked by geography, history and cultural exchange. English translations and images will help us enter the spirit of the event. The program includes music by Kostas Polydoropoulos and Karlos Giourtalas; the Diaspora Ensemble; Sounds of Mesopotamia and songs from the Arab world with Ghada and Friends. Readers: Ahmad Shboul, Christine Kanellakis. Co-ordinator: Alfred Vincent.

INFO

Date: Saturday 9 March TIME: 7.30 pm
VENUE: Atrium, Australian Museum, William St, Sydney
ENTRY COST: \$27 (concession \$25), bookings essential
BOOKINGS: 02 9750 0440 or email greekfestival@gpc.com.au
LANGUAGE: Presented in English; items in other languages have English translations



TROIKA IN SUCCESSIVE TALKS IN VIEW OF MARCH BAILOUT TRANCHE RELEASE

Representatives of the troika – as officials from the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund are collectively known – were scheduled on Wednesday to participate in successive meetings held at the Finance, Development and Labor ministries in Athens.

The country's international creditors were expected to discuss pressing issues such as their demands for layoffs in the public sector with Finance Minister Yiannis Stoumaras, as well as the opening of so-called closed professions, market deregulation and privatizations with Development

Minister Costis Hatzidakis.

The coalition government is currently in the process of identifying civil servants who have violated the code of conduct or used false documents to obtain their position, for instance.

According to the Greek press, the Ministries of Finance and Administrative Reform expect that this monitoring will enable the selection of about 7,000 to 8,000 employees who will leave the public sector by 2014.

The measures being discussed are required for the disbursement of the March tranche of the bailout package, worth 2.8 billion euros.



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NURTURING HELLENIC HERITAGE THE AUSTRALIAN WAY EXHIBITION

Since the 19th century, each generation of Greek Australians has blended their Australian upbringing with their Hellenic heritage, creating a sense of duality and a unique Hellenic Australian culture. The Hellenic Lyceum, Sydney, invited 15 artists across different media to interpret and visually showcase this cultural duality. Using their perspective as Australian born Greeks or Australians married to Greeks, a thought-provoking and diverse result is ensured.

INFO

Date: Thursday 7 March – Monday 25 March
TIME: 9.00am – 5.00pm
VENUE: NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street Sydney
ENTRY COST: Free
CONTACT: www.helleniclyceum.com.au

NURTURING HELLENIC HERITAGE EXHIBITION

The Hellenic Lyceum, Sydney, is dedicated to the promotion of Hellenic culture through dance, costumes, jewellery, textiles and decorative arts. Its extensive collection of Greek costumes and jewellery reflects Hellenic heritage following the Greek War of Independence in 1821. Much of the collection is over 100 years old. A selection of items from the collection is displayed, along with a documentary and short lectures, to complement the exhibition".

INFO

Date: Thursday 7th March – Friday 8th March 2013
TIME: 9.00am – 5.00pm
VENUE: NSW Parliament House - Theatre, Macquarie Street, Sydney
ENTRY COST: Free
CONTACT: www.helleniclyceum.com.au

GREEK WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO AUSTRALIAN CULTURE AND ECONOMIC A SYMPOSIUM

The first Greek woman to arrive in Australia in 1835 was Mrs James Crummer, née Aikaterine Plessis, and ever since then Greek women have played an active role in Australian cultural and economic development. The Symposium showcases the experiences of Greek Australian women through to the current generation.

INFO

Date: Saturday 9 March TIME: 9.30am – 4.30pm
VENUE: Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens in the Madsen Building, Sydney University
ENTRY COST: \$50 general admission, \$40 members, students and pensioners
CONTACT: www.helleniclyceum.com.au