

# Girģens after a conversation with the Prime Minister: it is a national decision - to strengthen or not the capacity of the State Police

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”I am pleased with the talk with the Prime Minister and agree with his position that internal security in the country needs to be strengthened. Significant reforms have been launched in the last two years in the areas of home affairs, and the result is also a reduction in organized groups and organized crime. However, I emphasize that many important steps still need to be taken to strengthen the work and capacity of the State Police, and in many matters it is a national decision, such as the issue of salaries in the interior services, the renovation of the police academy and the improvement of facilities. ”

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It has already been reported that today, April 19, together with the Chief of the State Police Armands Ruks, we met with Prime Minister Kriģjānis Kariņģš to discuss topical issues of the country's internal security.

During the conversation, I emphasized to the Prime Minister that my priorities were, are and will be to increase the low salaries of employees of the Interior Ministry, as well as to improve the infrastructure, working conditions and equipment of the State Police, the State Fire and Rescue Service and the State Border Guard.

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I also emphasize that more effective policing requires political support for the home affairs services, especially in the fight against corruption, smuggling and staff shortages in the home affairs sector.

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During the meeting, I and the Chief of the State Police A.Ruks provided the Prime Minister with information on the current situation in the country in the field of crime prevention.

We agreed with the Prime Minister that in order to significantly improve the work of the State Police in detecting crimes, it is necessary to restore a higher education institution in the field of law enforcement, which would train high-level professionals to work in the police.

Consequently, the issue of further steps in the renewal of the Latvian Police Academy will be considered within the framework of the Action Plan of the Crime Prevention Council of the Cabinet of Ministers for the period from 2021 to 2026.

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