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Deputy Speaker receives Bulgarian Ambassador on a farewell visit

Deputy Speaker Claudette Buttigieg received a farewell call by Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria Marin Raykov, whose tenure of office is drawing to an end.

Deputy Speaker Buttigieg expressed her appreciation to Ambassador Raykov for his hard work to enhance the already strong bilateral ties that existed between Malta and Bulgaria.

The Deputy Speaker also conveyed her condolences to the Bulgarian people following the killing of the investigative journalist Victoria Marinova, who was found dead last weekend after being reportedly raped and then strangled.

The Ambassador referred to Bulgaria's Presidency of the Council of the European Union which followed after the Maltese and Estonian Presidency. He said that they worked hard on the migration issue, although they had to keep in mind the situation in the Western Balkans.

The Ambassador mentioned the Bulgarian community in Malta and said that it amounted to roughly five thousand. He noted that his compatriots had integrated very well in Malta.

Culture also featured in the discussion between the two dignitaries.