

News in Portugal

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A weekly summary of the headline news from Portugal in English, every Wednesday.

Six-day nurses' strike to demand proper nursing career structure

Portugal's nurses will begin today the first of six strike days to pressure the Government to table a new negotiating proposal on nursing careers in line with expectations and commitments it has already made.

"The strike is essential to require the Government to present a career proposal that meets the expectations of nurses, but, more than that, to meet the commitments that were made by the Government and the Ministry of Health in the agreed negotiating guidelines, which aimed precisely to determine within what framework the assessment of the nursing career would be made," Guadalupe Simões, leader of the SEP nurses' union, told Lusa News Agency.

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IMF maintains Portuguese deficit forecast at 0.3% in 2019

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) maintains the estimate for the Portuguese deficit, predicting a negative balance of 0.7% in 2018 and 0.3% next year, according to the "Fiscal Monitor" released today. According to the report with world budgetary forecasts, the IMF maintains projections for the Portuguese deficit by 2023 released by the institution in September, as part of the assessment made in the Article IV report. By 2018, the estimate of a deficit of 0.7% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is in line with the Government's target for the 2018-2022 Stability Program, but for next year the IMF continues to forecast a tenth above the 0.2% forecast by the executive.

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"Golden Visas" exposed to "abusive" use by criminals and the corrupt

The program of "golden visas" in Portugal presents a serious risk of being used "abusively" by corrupt or criminals, for lacking "clear criteria", according to a report. The report published by Transparency International, in Brussels today, called "European Escapade – Inside the Obscure World of Gold Visas", stresses that due to the lack of "clear criteria" and "due diligence requirements", the program is at "a greater risk of being misused by corrupt or individuals who may be investing from the proceeds of crime or hiding from justice."

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Government prepared to take steps to provide more affordable housing

The Government “continues to be fully committed to its own proposals” for new housing legislation, which is currently being debated in Parliament. Ana Pinho, the Portuguese Minister for Housing, made this statement to journalists during a break from an event in Lisbon on local housing strategies. Pinho said that the proposed change “establishes new measures aimed at correcting situations of imbalance for landlords and tenants, reinforcing the safety and stability of urban rentals and protecting tenants in especially fragile situations.”

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