

Exterior review of Stret Merdhin

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This is the official Department of Exterior Affairs review of the Republic of Stret Merdhin, following a request to establish relations from a representative of the nation.

Overview

Stret Merdhin was founded on the 7th November 2023 by an individual who goes by the name 'Ashley'. According to the nation's MicroWiki page, which is the only discoverable source of information about the nation, 'Ashley' acts as the nation's Prime Minister and Head of State. The nation's territory is located within Cornwall, a region of the UK.

Politics

The nation is a republic, although no democratic elections have taken place to our knowledge. It's not been made aware to us whether it's the nation's intention to hold any elections in the near future. At this current moment, the nation appears to be a dictatorship with some democratic elements such as a parliament. The nation doesn't appear to have any political parties or unions and has little public representation.

History

The nation joined the Imperial Levinian Commonwealth relatively close to its foundation and remained a part of it until it left on the 26th December 2023. It's understood by the Department of Exterior Affairs that this was not necessarily on good terms.

According to the government of Stret Merdhin, the leader of the Imperial Levinian Commonwealth attempted to annex and erase the identity of Stret Merdhin. These claims have been denied by the leader.

The plans by the Imperial Levinian Commonwealth show that the leader wanted to make reforms to the commonwealth, including that the leader would become the Head of State of all nations that are a part of the commonwealth. Provisions were made so that governments would retain control over their nations. It's the Department of Exterior Affairs' opinion that the commonwealth did not attempt to prevent any nations from leaving the commonwealth if they did not wish to participate with these reforms. It was also part of the reforms that support would be offered to each nation in allowing their individual cultures to thrive.

We have seen no evidence that suggests the Imperial Levinian Commonwealth desired to erase national culture or 'take over' its nations.

According to the leader of the Imperial Levinian Commonwealth, the leader of 'Stret Merdhin' was not professional in their response to the reforms. The matter was serious enough for Stret Merdhin's leader to be removed from the commonwealth Discord server. These claims have not been publicly denied by Stret Merdhin's leader.

Following its declaration of independence from the Imperial Levinian Commonwealth, Stret Merdhin's leader contacted the United Empire of Opstandia's government and requested for it to become a 'colony' of the nation. On the same day, the Stret Merdhin became "a protectorate" of Opstandia meaning that Opstandia retained some special powers within Stret Merdhin. It was a protectorate of Opstandia from the 26th December 2023 to the 1st January 2024 when it forcibly removed all Opstandian officials and declared independence from Opstandia. It's understood that Opstandian officials were discussing the annexation of Stret Merdhin, although Opstandia has not been contacted for comment.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Department of Exterior Affairs should not establish relations or recognise the Republic of Stret Merdhin. This is due to factors which include:

- A lack of professionalism from representatives
- A lack of independence/over-reliance on foreign nations
- A lack of care towards diplomacy
- A lack of development of the nation
- Participation in 'micronational conflict'
- Allegations of harmful interactions against representatives

Please refer to the **Exterior Policy for Micronational Relations** for further advice.



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