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310 new cases of Covid-19 reported in Georgia over the weekend



Most of the cases were reported in the Adjara region.

BY NIKA GAMTSEMLIDZE

The epidemiological situation in Georgia has worsened over the weekend. In total, there were 310 new cases of the virus reported in the country in the last two days, out of which, 158 were reported on Saturday, and 152- on Sunday.

The head of the National Center for Disease Control Amiran Gamkrelidze explains the rapid increase in the number of people infected with the Coronavirus and says there is no reason

to panic. Gamkrelidze calls on citizens to follow the regulations that exist to protect themselves from the spread of the virus.

Gamkrelidze also emphasizes the increased rate of testing, which helps to detect cases early. On September 11th and 12th, a record increase in the number of people infected with coronavirus was observed in Georgia, with the number of confirmed cases exceeding 2,000 in total.

On September 11th, by the decision of the government, the start of the educa-

tional process in the big cities of Georgia was postponed until October 1st. The closure order was also given to those schools that had been allowed to work since September 1st.

On September 10th, it was forbidden to organize social events (weddings, birthdays, etc). Gatherings of more than 200 people at cultural and sports events have been banned.

2025 PCR tests were conducted in Adjara on Saturday, confirming 88 new cases. There are 277 patients in the hos-

pital and quarantine: 136 in the Republic Hospital; Infectious - 21; In Medalfa - 42; 2932 persons (non-positive) are quarantined.

In total, there are 2227 confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in the country, including 1369 recoveries and 19 deaths. 5882 people are in quarantine, 390 are under hospital supervision.

According to the representatives of the Solidarity Alliance of Georgia, the executive secretary of the party, Gedevan Popkhadze was also tested positive for the COVID-19.

"Gedevan Popkhadze was taken into the Republic Hospital of Tbilisi with a high temperature. The political secretary of the party, Levan Gogichaishvili, and his wife were also tested positive for the coronavirus a few days ago," reads the statement of the party.

The virus is spreading fast in the neighboring countries of Georgia as well. Armenian authorities have announced a four-month quarantine across the country due to an increase in the COVID-19 cases. The decision was made because the state of emergency imposed on March 16th expired on September 11th.

The quarantine will be in effect in Armenia from September 11th to January 11th next year.

Worldwide, the number of people infected with COVID-19 is increasing daily. As of now, there are more than 29 million confirmed cases around the world, with the US (6.6 million) and India (4.7 million) having confirmed the most cases.



Amiran Gramkrelidze says that there is nothing to panic about.

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poles there and now they are doing additional work, the illegal installations are underway,” says the State Security Services.

The EUMM has been informed about this fact and the “hotline” has been activated. Information was also provided to the co-chairs of the Geneva International Discussions and to Georgia’s international partners.

Borderization has been a problem since the war of 2008. Many have lost their homes to the process.

The illegal process of ‘borderization’ represents a severe problem for those living near the so-called border. After the war of 2008, Georgian and Russian authorities signed a six-point ceasefire agreement. As the agreement mandates, Russian armed forces should have been “pulled back on the line, preceding the start of hostilities.” But even after 11 years since the war, the occupation force continues the process of so-called borderization.

BY NIKA GANTSEMLIDZE

visited by the police and the European Union Monitoring Mis-

sion in Georgia.

“They have continued the pro-

cess beyond the so-called occupation line. They have planted

The Office of the State Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality says that while the whole world is fighting the epidemic, the Russian occupation forces are activating the so-called borderization process on the occupation line.

According to the statement of the Office of the Minister of State, next week, the State Minister will meet with the co-chairs of Geneva and representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Georgia.

The State Ministry for Reconciliation and Civic Equality of Georgia forbids the illegal steps taken by the occupation forces. It notes that even in today’s situation when the whole world is fighting against the virus, Russian forces are still very actively stealing the land from Georgia.

The same information was also confirmed by the State Security Service of Georgia. According to them, the place was



The illegal process of ‘borderization’ represents a huge problem for those living near the occupation line.

Weather

Monday, September 14

Day ☀ Clear
High: 32°C
Night 🌙 Clear
Low: 20°C

Tuesday, September 15

Day ☀ Clear
High: 31°C
Night 🌧 Showers
Low: 20°C

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Georgia ranks 8th in the world economic freedom

BY NIKA GAMTSEMLIDZE

The Economic Freedom of the World index measures the degree to which the policies and institutions of countries are supportive of economic freedom. These include personal choice, voluntary exchange, freedom to enter markets and compete, and security of the personal choice.

In total, there are 162 jurisdictions that the index reviews. Among the 162 countries, Georgia was put in the 8th place, which is considered as “most free.” The economic freedom annual report is published by the Fraser Institute.

There are five broad areas of economic freedom that this ranking reviews, including the size of government, legal system and property rights, sound money, freedom to trade internationally, and regulatory frameworks. Georgia was in the 9th place in the 2019 report.

The minister of Economy of Georgia commented on this matter and noted that in recent years, Georgia has always been among the leading countries. “This year, we are ahead of many highly developed countries, which includes the United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, and many others. All of the post-soviet countries, and many others,” said Turnava.

World Economic Freedom was developed with the participation of the Canadian Fraser Institute and member organizations of the World Economic Freedom Network. The rating measures the quality of the political course and institutions implemented in the country, which determines the economic freedom of the country.

The data, which is processed annually, is based on data provided by a third party and an independent survey of 162 countries. Part of the data used in the ranking is based on research and evaluations of such authoritative international organizations as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Economic Forum, and others.

The Fraser Institute is a Canadian public policy think tank and registered charity. It has been described as politically conservative and libertarian. The



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Minister of Economy considers the result as “a huge success for the country.”