

Australian citizen found dead in Tbilisi after hours of search

She lived and worked in Georgia as an English teacher for over a year



Australian citizen was reported missing on Friday evening

BY NIKA GAMTSEMLIDZE

Australian citizen, Shanae Brooke, who lived and worked in Georgia as a teacher disappeared on Friday, July 30. Even though there was no official information available on the disappearance of the woman, her friends were talking about her being kidnapped. Her body was found in Mtatsminda park later on Saturday.

Brooke had lived in Georgia and worked as an English teacher for over a year. She left her house on Friday to take a walk in Mtatsminda Park. Shortly after talking to her friend on the phone, she called again. The friend reported that the victim was screaming at someone, asking them to take their hands off of her.

The police confirmed the identity of the body found on Mtatsminda later Saturday. The investigation is underway under the article of premeditated murder.

"Officers of the Tbilisi Police Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs are investigating the death of an Australian citizen under Article 108 of the Criminal Code. Law enforcers are actively conducting operative investigations to identify and arrest the culprit," reads the statement of the MIA.

Elene Khoshtaria, the founder of the party Droa, stated that in Georgia, many have lost the feeling of safety and security after the events of July 5.

Tbilisi mayoral candidate Nika Melia, chairman of the United National Movement, also responded to the murder of an Australian citizen in Tbilisi. He said that every day, Tbilisi is becoming a danger-

ous city to live in. Melia said that Tbilisi 'is full of life only for criminals.'

The information about the Australian citizen missing was spread on Facebook, with thousands of people involved in the

searches. Locals in Tbilisi as well police and firemen were looking for the woman for hours.

The body of the woman was transferred to the National Bureau of Examination.

At the time of writing, there are no official statements made by officials about the details of the murder.

The woman, 31, was working in Georgia as an English teacher for over a year.



After hours of search, the young woman's body was found in Mtatsminda park

Additional Pfizer doses arrive in Georgia as the number of confirmed cases increase

There are four vaccines available in Georgia: Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Sinopharm, and Sinovac

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A total of 5850 cases of Covid-19 were reported over the weekend. Out of this, 2654 were reported on Sunday, and 3196 on Saturday. On Sunday, 33 people died because of Covid-19, 27 on Saturday.

As of August 1, a total of 495,381 doses of Covid-19 vaccines were administered. 161,069 people have received both doses of the vaccine. In total, 5853 people have died because of Covid-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. As for the total reported cases, it is at 422,188 cases as of Sunday.

On Saturday, July 31, Georgia has received additional 162,630 doses of the Covid-19 Pfizer vaccine. The Minister of Health of Georgia, Ekaterine Tikaradze said that the immunization process in the country would fasten as a vaccination center will be built in the Tbilisi Medical University building.

The Deputy Minister of Health, Tamar Gabunia, also talked about the vaccination process in the country, saying that the Ministry of Health will make additional statements regarding the vaccination process on August 2-3.

The ministry is planning to come up with a special virtual cabinet in the vaccination centers, where people will be able to go and register for the vaccine. One of the discomforts that the Ministry is discussing for this type of vaccination procedure is long lines, because of which, the ministry is calling on people to call the vaccination centers before going there.

The Deputy Minister also discussed the additional vaccination center which was established in Medical University. According to her, there will be a special space created for teachers, who will be able



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to receive vaccines without registration. The Deputy Minister also said that the country has enough vaccines and there are new vaccination centers and places added every single day in Tbilisi as well as other parts of the country.

Georgia has received 500,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine from the US government as a gift on July 24. In addition, Georgia has also bought 1 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine directly from the company.

Out of the one million doses, the country has already received 28,000 on July 15, and 162,630 on July 31. The representatives of the Health Ministry are saying that the 1 million doses should arrive in the country before October.

There are numerous vaccination centers where people can get Pfizer jabs. At first, it was only available in 7 hospitals. The number of vaccination centers is increasing very fast in the country.



A total of 495,181 vaccines have been administered in Georgia, 161,069 people are now fully vaccinated

Weather

Monday, August 2

Day Partly Cloudy

High: 33°C

Night Clear

Low: 19°C

Tuesday, August 3

Day Clear

High: 35°C

Night Clear

Low: 20°C

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