

## Signs of War Crimes in Ukraine, Georgian Parliament Speaker says

By KHATIA BZHALAVA

Georgian Parliament Speaker Shalva Papuashvili announced on Monday that Georgia would not be the country that Russia can use to bypass international sanctions for its invasion of Ukraine. Papuashvili said that the Georgian financial sector is part of the international sector, therefore, is automatically part of the restrictions that exist in this sector.

Papuashvili and a Georgian Parliamentary delegation visited Ukraine on Saturday to demonstrate Georgia's support for Ukraine. Parliament Speaker deemed the Ukraine visit 'warm, and friendly,' adding that this visit 'helped the sides to clarify many issues'. He also noted that the previous misunderstandings between Georgian and Ukrainian politicians had been resolved.

Papuashvili stressed that in a crisis situation, the information space is particularly vulnerable to disinformation, adding that Georgia, which went through three wars that involved Russia, is particularly sensitive to the claims about side talks with



According to Parliament Speaker Shalva Papuashvili, Georgia is not a country where Russia can bypass international sanctions.



The Georgian Parliamentary delegation headed by Papuashvili paid a solidarity visit to Ukraine.

Russia. In this regard, the speaker stressed the importance of proactive communication, "so that the Ukrainian society has full information on how Georgia stands by it".

As Papuashvili announced yesterday, the Georgian parliamentary delegation observed "signs of war crimes" during their visit to Ukraine. According to him, the damage to civilian buildings and the human casualties among civilians requires a legal assessment, stressing that the International Criminal Court is "the very instance" where all the evidence of war crimes committed by the Russian military in Ukraine must be documented.

"No words can describe the suffering and misery in Bucha and Irpen, an unspeakable and shocking tragedy in the heart of Europe in the 21st century," Papuashvili tweeted.

The Speaker said the Georgian and Ukrainian politicians also discussed the Associated Trio format (Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova). According to him, the Verkhovna Rada Chair, Ruslan Stefanchuk, emphasized the need to maintain this very format, stressing that "the EU should not be focused only on Ukraine but on the trio and the region as well."

"The first stage now is the issue of EU candidacy, then comes the next and more long-term stage of EU membership," Papuashvili noted.

Exchange Rates: US Dollar - 3.0613; Euro - 3.3053; GBP - 3.9873; 100 Russian Ruble - 3.7775; Swiss Franc - 3.2484

BY NATALIA KOCHIASHVILI

# Three Songs By Georgian Gori Women's Choir to Be Sent to the Moon

Georgian performers have joined the Lunar Codex project, digital archive created by Incandence Corp. The works of the Gori Women's Choir will be sent to the moon in the framework of US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Space X and Astrobotic Technology joint project designed by Dr. Samuel Peralta.

Works from Gori Women's Choir from Georgia are among various paintings, books, films, and composition pieces by artists from 91 countries that will be sent to the moon via a time capsule.

Tamar Gogatishvili, former member of the Gori Women's

Choir was contacted by a friend associated with the project.

"That's why, when one of the members of the project, my Filipino friend Romana Go contacted me, searching for Art from Georgia, the first thing that came to my mind was the Gori Women's Chamber."

Gogatishvili expressed her gratitude to the Tbilisi women's team led by Omar Burduli, the Gori Girls Team led by Nino Tsiklauri and Tamar Buadze 'Tutarchela' for their constant support.



Founded in 1970 as a musical school girl's choir in Georgia by maestro Shalva Mosidze and the director of the school Alexandre Katcharava, the choir has seen great success in international festivals, awarded for outstanding performance in Debrecen 1986 and Marktoberdorf 1989.



Georgian choir conductor, choirmaster, and teacher Shalva Mosidze also carries the status of People's Artist of Georgia (1988) and Professor Emeritus of Tbilisi State Conservatory (2020). He is the laureate of Shota Rustaveli and Zakaria Paliashvili Prizes.

— Why Gori Women's Choir?

— There was no limitation in the specters of art, anything could have been recommended, however, personally for me, as for the former member of the Gori Women's Choir, art, culture, music, and professionalism are associated with the Grand Maestro, Mr. Shalva Mosidze.

For more than 40 years, Maestro Shalva, despite many difficulties, managed to transform the sound and the emotion that he brought to the listener heavenly experiences, earning the admiration and indelible impres-

sion on the audience.

Tamar emphasized that Mosidze raised generations with devotion to their craft and professionalism, and did so when Georgia was not even on the world map.

The artistic director of the choir Teona Tsiramua accepted the offer with an open heart. She managed to overcome the difficulties caused by the Covid Pandemic and completed three songs with the support of Leno Records: Georgian choral music classic, genius Ioseb Kechakmadze's "Exercise", "Lasharis Gzaze" (On

the road to Lashari) and Georgian (Abkhazian) folk "Varado". All these works will be placed in the second capsule and the digital archive is projected to land in the southern part of the moon in 2024.

Along with the works, the history of the choir, founded by Shalva Mosidze and Sandro Kacharava, was also sent. These three works recorded by the women's choir for the moon have been released as EPs through Leno Records and can be streamed on all digital platforms (Apple Music, Spotify, etc).

## The News in Brief

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### Former Vice-President of Gazprombank Found Dead in Apartment Wife and Children

Former vice-president of Gazprombank Vladislav Avaev was found dead in his apartment

### Weather

Tuesday, April 19

Day Partly Cloudy  
High: 24°C  
Night Partly Cloudy  
Low: 13°C

Wednesday, April 20

Day Cloudy  
High: 19°C  
Night Mostly Cloudy  
Low: 8°C

with his wife and children, Russian media outlets report.

Tass quoted a source, saying that Avaev first killed his wife, then his son and finally committed suicide.

The bodies of Avaev and his wife and children were found by a family member in a Moscow apartment after the driver and nanny informed him that the Avaevs were not in contact and that the door of the apartment was locked from the inside.

An investigation has been launched into the incident. The prosecution is considering several directions.

### Rikoti Tunnel Closes for 10 hours

According to the Department of Highways, all types of traffic will be prohibited in the Rikoti Tunnel from 21:00 on April 19 to 07:00 on April 20.

According to them, the ban on traffic is related to inspection works.

"During the closure of the road tunnel, the flow of vehicles will be switched to the Rikoti Tunnel Revenue Road. The Department of Roads urges residents to drive properly and obey the statement issued by the De-

partment of Roads."

### Central Bank of Russia: Time When we Could Live on Supplies is Coming to an End

The head of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, Elvira Nabulina, says that "the period when Russia could live on supplies is coming to an end."

As Nabulina noted in a speech to the State Duma, under the terms of the sanctions, the country's economy will still be able to function for some time,

given the existing reserves, although these reserves are running out.

Nabulina says that already in the 2nd, 3rd quarter, the Russian economy will be structurally transformed and new business models will be found.

"As the central bank, we understand very well that there will be a significant increase in prices for certain goods during this period. Therefore, inflation will be higher than the target number. ... We must go through this period of adaptation. "We hope to return to 4% inflation by 2024," Nabulina stated.

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